

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

EMERGENCY MEETING  
HELD MARCH 31, 2023

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MET IN EMERGENCY SESSION REGARDING RENEWAL OF THE DISPATCH CONTRACT. CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00AM BY CHAIRPERSON GREG KESSEN, KEVIN COX PRESENT, JACK NEAL RESENT. ROLL CALL BY FISCAL OFFICER. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

### GUESTS:

RON MCELWAIN JUST HERE TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON.

GREG KESSEN SAID REASON FOR EMERGENCY MEETING IS TO TAKE ACTION ON THE DISPATCH CONTRACT.

GREG KESSEN ASKED FOR MOTION TO TAKE ACTION UPON ALLEN COUNTY DISPATCH CONTRACT, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

GREG WANTS TO MAKE CLEAR A VOTE OF YES MEANS YOU ACCEPT CONTRACT, NO – YOU DO NOT ACCEPT CONTRACT.

GREG OPENED UP FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION.

KEVIN COX STATED THAT HE ALWAYS TRIED TO PRESENT PERRY TOWNSHIP AND PERRY SCHOOLS IN THE BEST LIGHT. SOMETIMES RIGHT, SOMETIMES WRONG. HE WANTS EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND HE TRIES TO MAKE PERRY TOWNSHIP LOOK GOOD NOT DRAG US DOWN.

ROLL CALL ON CONTRACT- JACK NEAL – NO; KEVIN COX – ABSTAIN; GREG KESSEN – NO.

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES DO NOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSED CONTRACT OF \$33,365.24.

JACK NEAL SAID TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS OF PERRY TOWNSHIP HE HAS TALKED TO ARE ALL OPPOSED TO THE 80% INCREASE DUE TO NO FORMULA GIVEN TO JUSTIFY NUMBERS. EXAMPLE: SOME LOCALITIES ARE PAYING UPWARDS OF \$15 PER CAPITA AND SOME ARE PAYING UNDER \$1.

KEVIN COX SAID PRICE IS BASED ON CALLS PER SERVICE VS. PRICE PER RESIDENT. KEVIN SAID WE CAN'T STOP THAT.

GREG KESSEN VOTED NO DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE TOOK AN OATH TO BE A GOOD STEWARD OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS. TO SUPPORT THIS INCREASE OF 80% WOULD NOT BE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE.

GREG EXPLAINED CONTRACT ISSUES TO MR. MCELWAIN.

GREG KESSEN WOULD LIKE FURTHER DISCUSSION TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO; WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE SOMETHING BACK TO COMMISSIONERS. WE ARE 5<sup>TH</sup> HEAVIEST USER – NOT 4<sup>TH</sup> AS PER DATA PROVIDED BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. GREG KESSEN WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT WE PAY \$22,243.49. THIS IS THE AMOUNT THE 5<sup>TH</sup> HEAVIEST USER IS BILLED.

KEVIN STATED THERE IS MORE TO THIS. HE IS THE ONE THAT PUSHED FOR A MEETING WITH THE ALLEN COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION TO VOTE AGAINST PAYING THE CONTRACT. THEY ALL SAID THEY WEREN'T PAYING BUT THEY WENT AHEAD AND PAID. KEVIN WANTS TO MAKE CLEAR THERE IS MORE TO THIS THAN JUST THIS. KEVIN DOESN'T HAVE THE ANSWERS.

JACK SAID FOLLOWING UP ON THEIR TIMELINE BY THE 31<sup>ST</sup>. JACK LOOKED INTO LEGAL ADVICE FROM GREG BECK. THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS WITHIN THE ORC AND DECISION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

JACK THINKS AN 8% INCREASE OF \$20,000.00 IS A FAIR OFFER. THINKS WE SHOULD PRESENT TO THEM AND SEE WHERE WE GO FROM THERE.

GREG KESSEN STATES THAT OUR DEBATE WITH THE ALLEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE IN THE TOP 4 HEAVIEST USERS. SO IN DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD,

TRUSTEE KESSEN FEELS AN INCREASE OF 20% THAT WOULD EQUATE TO 5<sup>TH</sup> HEAVIEST USER AND PAYMENT \$22,243.49 IS FAIR.

KEVIN FEELS THAT BY PAYING THE \$22,243.49 WE ARE AGREEING THAT WE HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THEM. JACK SAID HE HEARD KEVIN SAY WHEN THEY TALKED TO THE BOC, COREY NOONAN, THAT KEVIN FELT THAT WE SHOULDN'T BE PAYING FOR THE SERVICE PERIOD.

JACK SAID HE AGREES WITH KEVIN THAT IT SHOULD BE A COUNTYWIDE LEVY VERSUS BILLING EACH ENTITY. THE ONLY REASON HE WOULD AGREE TO PAY THE 20% INCREASE AS LONG AS THEY ACCEPT THE REST OF PROPOSAL THAT WE START NEGOTIATIONS IN 6 MONTHS, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, TO COME TO SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT MOVING FORWARD.

GREG PUT A LETTER TOGETHER TO GIVE OUR PROPOSAL TO THE BOC. A COPY IS ATTACHED.

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO CALL FOR A 1 YEAR CONTRACT OF \$22,243.49 WITH ALLEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR DISPATCH SERVICES, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

GREG STATED THAT HE FEELS THIS IS A FAIR OFFER FOR THE YEAR OF 2023.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:49AM, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.