

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD MAY 16, 2023

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 BY CHAIRPERSON GREG KESSEN. KEVIN COX PRESENT, JACK NEAL, PRESENT, ROLLCALL BY FISCAL OFFICER. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 18, 2023, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLLCALL.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 5, 2023, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 3, 2023, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

SANDY HOFACKER, FISCAL OFFICER –

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$117,752.15, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLLCALL.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE APRIL BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 2023, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

GREG KESSEN MADE RESOLUTION #2023-0516.01 TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ALLEN-CHAMPAIGN-HARDIN-MADISON-SHELBY-UNION JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE INSURANCE PROPOSAL FROM VFIS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AT A COST OF \$36,779.00, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL

SANDY GAVE DRAFT OF NEWSLETTER TO ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR REVIEW. WILL SENT TO PRINTER ON THURSDAY.

STILL WORKING WITH HR BUTLER TO GET PAYROLL PROCESSING SWITCHED TO THEM. NEXT STEP IS TO COMPLETE DIRECT DEPOSIT AND EMPLOYEE INFORMATION FORMS. RADER REITERATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THEM TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT PROCESSES AND HAVE SOME TRAINING BEFORE WE GO LIVE. SANDY WILL REACH OUT TO HR BUTLER TO COORDINATE. SANDY REMINDED EVERYONE WE NEED TO START THING ABOUT THE BUDGET FOR 2024 AND ALSO CHANGES TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. SUGGESTED WE HAVE DEPARTMENT HEADS ATTEND A FRIDAY MEETING TO WORK ON THIS.

GUESTS:

JIM CLEMENTZ

PAUL CURTIS- SAID HE MISSED THE MAY 5, 2023 MEETING – THOUGHT IT WAS ON MAY 11TH. HE SAID THERE ARE SEVERAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES THAT DON'T MEET THE SETBACKS. HE SAID HE IS STILL PAYING TAXES AS COMMERCIAL BUILDING. HE WILL FILE AN APPEAL. WOULD LIKE A COPY OF EVERYTHING FROM THE MEETING AND THE MINUTES. ALSO SAID SOMEBODY KEEPS DUMPING IN THE STREET IN FRONT OF HIS DUMPSTER ON 13TH STREET. ALL KINDS OF STUFF - BAGS OF LEAVES, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, ETC.

JACK NEAL ASKED IF THERE IS A PATTERN. PAUL SAID IT'S BEING DUMPED EVERYWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

DIETER WIREMAN – HAS LICENSE BUREAU AT EASTGATE. SAID THERE IS AN INCREASE IN HOMELESS POPULATION ON EAST SIDE. HE HAS TO RUN THEM OFF ALL THE TIME. THEY ARE DUMPING TRASH AND GARBAGE EVERYWHERE. ASKING PEOPLE FOR MONEY, ETC. IT'S BECOME A BIG PROBLEM FOR THE BUSINESSES AT EASTGATE. DIETER SAID HE GIVES \$39 TO ONE OF THE HOMELESS TO PICK UP TRASH BECAUSE IT GETS SO BAD.

ALSO HAS A NEIGHBOR ACROSS THE STREET FROM HIM ON BOWAN ROAD WHO IS MAKING A MESS A – THE FRAIL PROPERTY. GREG KESSEN SAID JOHN BREWSTER IS WORKING ON THIS TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.

THIRDLY, WHEN THE FIELD SOLD BEHIND THEM, DIETER SAID THE PERSON PUT UP A BUILDING AND THERE ARE 20+DOGS BACK THERE THAT BARK CONSTANTLY. DIETER HAS SENT THE OWNER EMAIL MESSAGES BUT GOT NO COOPERATION. HE DOESN'T THINK THE OWNER LIVES THERE. JOHN BREWSTER SAID IT'S A BARNDOMINIUM.

BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF

BOB MET WITH KAYLA CAMPBELL ABOUT NOISE ORDINANCE. KAYLA SAID NOISE ORDINANCE WAS STARTED UNDER TONY AND KAYLA CORRESPONDED WITH NATALIE AND TONY BUT NOTHING WAS EVER DONE. BOB SAID KAYLA IS WORKING ON IT – STUDYING CASE LAW TO FIND OUT BEST WAY TO WRITE ORDINANCE. KAYLA'S PLATE IS REALLY FULL BUT WILL WORK ON IT AS SOON AS SHE CAN.

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR –ABSENT

GREG SAID COREY INFORMED HIM THAT THEY DID ADD CONCRETE TO THE DITCH ON THAYER ROAD MIDWAY DOWN THE ROAD IN 4 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS TO SLOW DOWN THE EROSION OF THE DITCH ON BOTH SIDES.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR

RECEIVED COMPLAINT FROM THOMAS WOODS ABOUT WATER RUNOFF WHEN IT RAINS FROM NEW HOUSES BEING BUILT IN DELMAR NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR HIS HOUSE.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT ZONING PERMITS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE HERE TO TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT OR DENY THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING COMMISSION FROM THEIR SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 5, 2023. THE BOARD IS REQUIRED TO TAKE ACTION WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER MEETING. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST ADOPT OR DENY RECOMMENDATION OF ZONING COMMISSION.
ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDED DENIAL.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING COMMISSION AT THEIR SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 5, 2023 TO DENY ZONING CHANGE REQUEST, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF

KEVIN WILL BE ON VACATION FROM 5/18/23 AT 0800 THROUGH 5/22/23 AT 0800
JASON SMEDLEY WILL BE ACTING CHIEF DURING HIS ABSENCE.

RADER WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO GIVE 10 CENTS PER HOUR RAISE TO IAN BRUCE WHO COMPLETED HIS FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO APPROVE 10 CENT PER HOUR RAISE FOR IAN BRUCE FOR FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

DRAINS AT FIRE DEPT WERE CLEANED. THERE WAS LOTS OF SLUDGE WHICH WAS TAKEN CARE OF AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE. RADER WILL MAKE IT AN ANNUAL CLEANING TO AVOID FUTURE ISSUES.

ETHAN HULL AGREED TO SIGN CONTRACT TO PAY BACK THE COST FOR HIS TRAINING IF HE LEAVES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 12 MONTHS. ETHAN IS NOW A LEVEL II FIREFIGHTER.

RADER WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF A STEEL AIR TANK AIR CHISEL. IT'S OBSOLETE AND DOESN'T WORK PROPERLY.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO DISPOSE OF AIR TANK/AIR CHISEL, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

RADER WILL TAKE IT OFF INVENTORY LIST.

RADER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CREWS AT FIREHOUSE. RADER HAS RECEIVED LOTS OF COMPLIMENTS FOR THE JOB THEY DO AND ALSO RECEIVED ANOTHER \$100 DONATION TO THE AUXILIARY.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF DOING FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHES.

LUKE KORWIN PASSED EMT BASIC TRAINING. LUKE IS CURRENTLY A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER. RADER WOULD LIKE A MOTION TO HIRE LUKE AS PART-TIME EMT BASIC.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO HIRE LUKE KORWIN AS PART-TIME EMT BASIC AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

RADER WILL ADD LUKE TO THE SCHEDULE AS SOON AS HE COMPLETES TRAINING.

RADER PRESENTED BOARD WITH NOTES FROM EMERGENCY MEETING FOR DISCIPLINE OF EMPLOYEES FOR BOARD TO SIGN.

RADER SAID A COMPANY CALLED 33 WEST PRODUCTIONS HAS RENTED OUT THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR A CONCERT FEATURING JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY & EDDIE MONTGOMERY ON JUNE 3, 2023 FROM 3 P.M. TO 11 P.M. RADER PROPOSED A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE 2 EMT'S AND SQUAD FOR TOTAL OF 8 HOURS AT A COST OF \$2,262. THE PRODUCTION COMPANY IS BRINGING A SECURITY DETAIL WITH 30 PEOPLE.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR \$2260 WITH 33 WEST PRODUCTIONS 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

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KEVIN COX SAID JUNE 8TH WILL BE ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

GREG KESSEN RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING DISPATCH CONTRACT AND FEES. GREG READ LETTER WE RECEIVED. GREG STATED THAT IN THE PAST WE'VE ALWAYS SIGNED ONE YEAR CONTRACT AND PAID FOR ONE YEAR. THE NEW CONTRACT IS A 3 YEAR CONTRACT WITH A 3% INCREASE BUILT IN FOR 2024 AND 2025. THE INITIAL INCREASE IS 80%. THE ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KEEP HITTING US UP FOR MORE MONEY.

KEVIN COX SAID THEY HAVE US AND WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE OTHER THAN TO PAY.

JACK NEAL TALKED TO _____ FOR ADVICE. THEY SAID WHEN AND IF WE SIGN CONTRACT WE CAN THEN TAKE IT BEFORE A JUDGE AND VOID OR ADJUST CONTRACT.

GREG SAID WE PAID THE \$33K WE WERE BILLED UNDER DURESS. WE WERE HIT WITH AN 80% INCREASE AND WE'RE UNABLE TO FIGURE OUT HOW THEY CAME UP WITH THAT NUMBER. AVERAGE INCREASE SINCE 2010 HAS BEEN 3%.

JACK IS QUESTIONING HOW THEY CAME UP WITH FEE FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. HE WANTS TO REQUEST OPEN MEETING RECORDS.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO APPROVE PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FROM ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND ALLEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON HOW THEY CAME UP WITH THE COST FOR OUR DISPATCH CONTRACT , 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO PAY AND SIGN CURRENT CONTRACT UNDER PROTEST, KEVIN COX 2ND ROLL CALL – JACK NEAL -YES, KEVIN COX- YES, GREG KESSEN -NO.

TRUSTEES WILL BE MEETING WITH COMMISSIONERS THURSDAY, MAY 18TH AT 9:00 AM.

GREG KESSEN REMINDED EVERYONE ABOUT CLEAN UP DAY ON JUNE 17TH AT 3 LOCATIONS.

ALSO, JULY 4TH IS 1ST TUESDAY OF MONTH.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO CANCEL JULY 4TH TRUSTEE MEETING , 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:40 PM, SECOND BY JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.