

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD AUGUST 1, 2023

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

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 18, 2023, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

SANDY HOFACKER, FISCAL OFFICER –

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$82,945.31, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 2023, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MOVED FOR RESOLUTION 2023.0801-01 TO PROCEED WITH THE RENEWAL OF THE 0.5 MILL FIRE LEVY THAT WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER 2023, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

SANDY GAVE ESTIMATE FROM MIKE MILLER OF M&D COMPUTERS TO TRUSTEES FOR NEW POLICE IN-VEHICLE COMPUTERS. ESTIMATE IS GOOD UNTIL 9/1/2023 AT WHICH TIME THERE WILL BE A PRICE INCREASE. TRUSTEES WILL DISCUSS FURTHER AND TALK TO BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF, BEFORE MAKING A DECISION.

SANDY SAID BI-ANNUAL AUDIT WILL BE WRAPPING UP SOON.

GREG KESSEN REMINDED EVERYONE THAT NO ONE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FILLING THE FISCAL OFFICER OPENING. SANDY'S TERM IS UP 3/31/2024 AND SHE IS NOT RUNNING IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. IF ANYONE KNOWS OF SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

GUESTS:

JIM CLEMENTZ – SAID NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN QUIET

LARRY SIDENER – SAID SCHOOLER ROAD IS BEING USED AS 117 DUE TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION. LARRY HAS ALREADY SEEN LOTS OF EXTRA TRAFFIC. HE SUGGESTED POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE A PRESENCE DURING 6 MONTHS OF CONSTRUCTION. LARRY SAID HAVING A CRUISER PARKED ALONG SCHOOLER ROAD AT TIMES DURING CONSTRUCTION ON 117 MAY DETER SPEEDERS. KEVIN RADER SAID SEVERAL RESIDENTS HAVE MADE COMMENTS TO HIM ABOUT TRAFFIC ALSO.

JOE MAYS – ASKED IF COREY WAS STILL MOWING THE AREA AROUND THE SHELTER HOUSE ON REESE AVE. KEVIN COX SAID YES. JOE ALSO ASKED ABOUT LOT AT 1608 ZEITS AVENUE. JOHN BREWSTER SENT MOWING LETTER AND TOWNSHIP WILL MOW. JOHN STATED THAT THE PROPERTY IS IN FORECLOSURE SO TOWNSHIP WILL PROBABLY EAT THE COST OF MOWING. JOE ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT EASEMENT MAINTENANCE ON CENTRAL AVENUE FROM 13TH THRU 17TH. LAID OUT AS FUTURE DEVELOPED STREET. JOE IS SICK OF SEEING THE JUNK EVERYWHERE IN THE TOWNSHIP.

BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF – ABSENT DUE TO ATTENDING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. JACK NOTED THAT PERRY TOWNSHIP HAD GOOD PARTICIPATION AND PUT ON A GOOD SHOW. JACK SAID THE PERRY PERSONNEL SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH THE KIDS.

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR – ABSENT DUE TO ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WITH HIS DAUGHTER WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR –

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT ZONING PERMIT FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$811 FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

JOHN SAID HE WENT BY FRAIL PROPERTY ON BOWMAN ROAD AND IT LOOKS LIKE CARS ARE BEING MOVED.

TALKED TO OWNER OF PROPERTY ON CORNER OF MCPHERON AND SCHOOLER ROAD. HE PUT UP A SHED ON HIS PROPERTY AND REFUSES TO GET PERMIT. WE WILL TURN IT IN TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. JOE MAYS SAID HIS NEIGHBOR'S DAUGHTER AND HER BOYFRIEND ARE MOVING IN WITH HER DAD AND SHE'S WORKING ON GETTING DAD TO CLEAN UP HIS PROPERTY. JOHN BREWSTER NOTED THAT THIS NEIGHBOR INQUIRED ABOUT GETTING A FENCE PERMIT. THEY NEVER APPLIED FOR THE PERMIT BUT ARE PUTTING UP A FENCE. JOHN WILL CHECK ON THIS. JOHN IS ALSO WORKING ON PERMITS FOR PERRY AUTO WRECKING. THEY HAVE BEEN CALLING JACK NEAL AS THEIR EMAILS WON'T GO THROUGH TO JOHN BREWSTER.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF

RADER PRESENTED LETTER FROM RANDY KETTERER RESIGNING EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AS HE HAS OBTAINED DIFFERENT EMPLOYMENT. GREG KESSEN READ RESIGNATION LETTER.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT RANDY KETTERER'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

RADER PRESENTED RESIGNATION LETTER FROM ETHAN HULL EFFECTIVE 8/10/2023. HE IS RESIGNING FROM FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT BUT WOULD LIKE TO STAY ON AS A PART-TIME EMT AT THE APPLICABLE RATE AND BE APPOINTED AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER EFFECTIVE 8/10/2023.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER FROM ETHAN HULL EFFECTIVE 8/10/2023, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO KEEP ETHAN HULL ON PAYROLL AS A PART-TIME EMT AT APPLICABLE RATE AND APPOINT HIM AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

RADER SAID THAT ETHAN HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE ASSET TO THE FIRE DEPT AND HE HATES TO SEE HIM GO.

RADER PRESENTED A PURCHASE ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF RADIO EQUIPMENT AT COST OF \$17,513.58. TRUSTEES WILL REVIEW AND MAKE DECISION AT NEXT MEETING. RADER PRESENTED ANOTHER PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOOL BOX AT COST OF \$1799.99. THE TOOL BOX IS NEEDED AS THEY ACQUIRE MORE TOOLS TO TAKE CARE OF SOME OF THE REPAIRS AROUND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RADER REDID CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS FOR TRUSTEES TO REVIEW. CONTRACT EXAMPLES HE PROVIDED SHOW WHAT IS CHANGING. THERE WILL BE ONE UNIVERSAL CONTRACT FOR ALL VENDORS EXCEPT THE FAIRGROUNDS. THIS WILL HELP US PROVIDE CONSISTENCY IN PRICING AND CONTRACT LANGUAGE. TRUSTEES ASKED SOME QUESTIONS AND WILL REVIEW PROPOSED CONTRACTS. TRUSTEES ASKED RADER TO ADD 30 DAY EXPIRATION DATE FROM DATE OF CONTRACT.

RADER WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST CREDIT CARD FOR HIS ADMIN, NICK ROHRS. SANDY WILL REDO CREDIT CARD POLICY AND PRESENT FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING.

RADER WANTS TO THANK EVERYONE FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. EMPLOYEES DID AN AMAZING JOB TONIGHT.

RADER MET WITH CLEMONS-NELSON ON EMPLOYEE ISSUE AND EVERYTHING HAS BEEN RESOLVED. RADER SUBMITTED GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH FEMA. GRANT WRITER INDICATED IT MIGHT BE A HARD SELL WITH ALL OF OUR TURNOVER.

RADER SAID COMPANY WE CURRENTLY GO THROUGH FOR OUR EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM IS GOING BANKRUPT. COMPANY THAT TOOK OVER, ESO, SENT HIM SOME INFORMATION ON PRICE OPTIONS AND FEATURES. WE WILL NEED TO MAKE A DECISION IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. ESO IS PRETTY MUCH THE ONLY OPTION.

GREG KESSEN SAID THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT CONTRACTS BEING SIGNED BY EMPLOYEES. GREG FEELS WE TALKED ABOUT RECOUPING TRAINING FEES OF UP TO \$2,000. HE FEELS THAT A MORE FAIR NUMBER IS \$1,000 AND ABOVE. WE HAVE SPENT A LOT OF MONEY TO TRAIN NEW FIREFIGHTERS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO RECOUP SOME OUR MONEY FROM EMPLOYEES WHO LEAVE.

RADER WANTS THERE TO BE SOME CONSISTENCY IN HOW WE HANDLE EMPLOYEES WHO LEAVE. RADER WOULD LIKE THE NUMBER TO BE \$1500 TO \$2000. EXAMPLE IS BILL FOSTER. HE'S BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS. TRUSTEES DISCUSSED WHAT PROPER AMOUNT AND CONTRACT LANGUAGE SHOULD BE. WE SHOULD RESERVE THE RIGHT TO FOREGO FEES FOR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE PUT IN YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT. RADER STATED THAT CONTRACTS ARE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD SO RADER FEELS IT SHOULD BE THEIR DECISION. DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE AND DECISION WILL BE MADE AT A LATER DATE.

TRUSTEES:

KEVIN COX HAD A MEETING WITH NORTHWEST PERRY NEIGHBORHOOD. JOHN BREWSTER BOB PHILLIPS AND JOHN ITEN ALSO ATTENDED.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WANTS TO HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD FUN DAY ON OCTOBER 9TH. THEY WANT TO BLOCK OFF 15TH ST FROM REESE TO MAIN STREET FOR THAT PARTY.

JACK NEAL STILL FOLLOWING UP ON PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST. HE WAS TOLD HIS REQUEST HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO A SECRETARY TO GET RECORDS. IT HAS BEEN 10 WEEKS SINCE WE FIRST REQUESTED THE ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSION RECORDS SHOWING THEIR FORMULA TO DIVIDE THE DISPATCH BILLING. GREG TALKED TO JOE GEARING AT ENGINEERS' OFFICE REGARDING AIRPORT RUNOFF. JOE GEARING AND NATHAN DAVIS AND JOSH FOSTER WERE ALL THERE. PRODUCTIVE MEETING.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:39 PM, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.