

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING  
HELD SEPTEMBER 5, 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 PAY BILLS OF \$141,319.24, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLLCALL.***

***KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 15, 2022, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLLCALL.***

**SANDY HOFACKER, FISCAL OFFICER –**

ASKED FOR RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

***KEVIN COX MOVED FOR RESOLUTION #2023-0905-01 TO CERTIFY RATES TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR NEXT SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2024, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.***

### **GUESTS:**

**LARRY SIDENER-** LARRY SAID CARS ARE GETTING FASTER ON SCHOOLER ROAD. HE ASKED IF WE CAN DO A TEMPORARY 45 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THAT PART OF SCHOOLER ROAD. GREG KESSEN SAID HE DOESN'T THINK WE CAN DO THAT; BOB PHILLIPS AGREED WITH GREG. GREG SAID THE PROBLEM IS ON OTHER ROADS AS WELL. ALL WE CAN DO IS HAVE PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE PATROL MORE. BOB PHILLIPS SAID HE IS HAVING THEM PATROL THERE WHEN THEY ARE NOT OUT ON OTHER CALLS; HOWEVER, BOB SAID THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF OTHER CALLS RECENTLY. ONE EXAMPLE IS CALLS TO WALMART. LARRY SIDENER GAVE BOB PERMISSION TO HAVE POLICE PARK IN HIS DRIVEWAY TO MONITOR TRAFFIC. KEVIN COX SAID HE CAN HEAR THE TRAFFIC FROM HIS HOUSE. BOB SAID THERE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE MORE STATE PATROLS OUT IN THAT AREA. JACK NEAL SUGGESTED WE LOOK INTO RENTING ONE OF THE SPEED TRAILERS TO REMIND PEOPLE WHAT THEIR SPEED IS VS. SPEED LIMIT. **RON MCELWAIN-**HAS BEEN SEEING SEMI'S DOWN ON WRESTLE CREEK ROAD.

### **MATT WILDER-**

**BILL MAYS-**ASKED WHAT IS HAPPENING ON 911 BILL. GREG KESSEN SAID WE ARE STILL WAITING ON A RESPONSE TO OUR PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST. WE PAID BILL BECAUSE ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WERE VERY HEAVY HANDED AND WE WERE GIVEN NO CHOICE BUT TO PAY FULL BILL OR LOSE SERVICES. WE ARE STILL WORKING TO GET AN EXPLANATION FOR HIGH CHARGES TO PERRY TOWNSHIP.

### **BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF**

BOB RECEIVED NEW COMPUTERS AND WILL TAKE THEM UP TO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO GET THEM PROGRAMMED SO WE CAN USE THEM ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SIDE.

BOB REACHED OUT TO CRIDERSVILLE AFTER LAST MEETING TO SEE HOW WE CAN WORK WITH THEM FOR SPEED CONTROL ON AMHERST. SINCE AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>, 6 SPEEDING CITATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR AMHERST ROAD – 1 BY PERRY TOWNSHIP, 6 BY CRIDERSVILLE.

MARY WILLIAMSON CONTACTED BOB TO CLOSE 15<sup>TH</sup> ST. FROM REESE AVE. TO MAIN ST. ON SEPT. 9<sup>TH</sup> FROM 12-4PM FOR NEIGHBORHOOD FUN DAY BEING PUT ON BY THE NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.

***KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ROAD CLOSURE OF 15<sup>TH</sup> ST. FROM REESE AVE. TO MAIN ST. ON SEPT 9<sup>TH</sup> FROM 12PM-4PM FOR NEIGHBORHOOD FUN DAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.***

GREG KESSEN SAID HE TALKED TO CODY FROM REGIONAL PLANNING ABOUT CHANGING SPEED LIMIT ON AMHERST ROAD. HE IS WORKING WITH THEM TO SEE WHAT PROCEDURE IS.

GREG ASKED WHERE WE WERE AT ON CLEANING UP THE RIGHT OF WAY IN FRONT OF WILLIE KNIGHT PROPERTY. BOB SAID ALL BUT ONE CAR HAS BEEN MOVED.

GREG KESSEN ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF MANDATORY TRAININGS. BOB SAID SOME TRAINING IS COMPLETE BUT THERE IS STILL SOME TRAINING REMAINING TO BE DONE. JACK SAID A LOT OF THESE TRAININGS ARE TO KEEP UP WITH LATEST RULES.

**COREY LEHMAN- ROAD SUPERVISOR**

COREY ATTENDED THE PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING FOR DOMINION. REPLACING THE GAS LINE ON LENNOX FROM 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO ALMOST 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET. PUTTING IN 12 INCH HIGH PRESSURE PIPELINE. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO GET STARTED TODAY AND BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>. DOMINION WILL RESURFACE THE WHOLE ROAD AFTER THEY COMPLETE THE PROJECT.

COREY FOUND A BETTER DEAL ON STONE USED FOR BERM REPAIR - \$8.50 VS. \$16.00.

COREY WILL START ON TREE TRIMMING.

COREY INCURRED A BIG EXPENSE WHEN MOWING ONE OF THE UNMOWED LOTS SUBMITTED TO HIM BY ZONING. NICK RAN OVER A TREE STUMP THAT DAMAGED A MOWER AND THEY HAD TO HAVE IT TOWED. TRUSTEES SUGGESTED WE ADD COST OF REPAIRS TO MOWING ASSESSMENT FOR THAT PROPERTY AND LOT NUMBER. SANDY WILL CHECK TO SEE IF WE CAN DO THAT.

**JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR**

***KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO APPROVE PERMIT FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,207.00 FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.***

JOHN FINALLY GOT HIS COMPUTER FIXED. HE WAS HAVING ISSUES GETTING ZONING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED ONLINE. M & D COMPUTERS WORKED ON IT AND THE ISSUE IS NOW RESOLVED.

**KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF**

KEVIN ORDERED A TOOL BOX FROM HARBOR FREIGHT FOR \$1350. THIS WILL LEAVE THEM \$450 OF THE \$1800 TRUSTEES HAD APPROVED TO BUY TOOLS.

IOI NOW HAS RADIO SIGNAL IN NEW FACILITY SO THEY CAN TRANSMIT FROM THERE TO COVER LIFE SAFETY.

STILL WORKING WITH GRANT WRITERS TO OBTAIN GRANT FOR PURCHASE OF NEW VEHICLES.

RADER SAID THE FAIR WENT VERY WELL. JACK ASKED HOW MANY HOURS WE PUT IN. KEVIN REPORTED THAT 38 HOURS WERE WORKED.

KEVIN RADER ASKED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL.

JACK NEAL ASKED ABOUT 11 EMERGENCY CALLS TO MAX WATER DOG DAYS. RADER SAID LAFAYETTE COVERED THE EVENT AND WE ONLY TRANSPORTED 2 PEOPLE. RADER AND JACK DISCUSSED HOW THE LOGISTICS WORKED FOR THAT.

**TRUSTEES**

KEVIN COX MENTIONED FUN DAY FOR NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WILL BE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH FROM 1-3PM. THEY WILL HAVE FREE FOOD, MEDICAL SCREENINGS AND MORE. COX SAID WE RECEIVED ANNUAL REPORT FROM ALLEN COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU.

GREG KESSEN READ NOTICE WE RECEIVED REGARDING CHANGES TO COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE STARTING OCTOBER 2024.

GREG ORDERED APPRAISAL FOR PROPERTY WE TALKED ABOUT LAST WEEK ON STATE ROUTE 65 SOUTH OF 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET THAT WE MAY BE INTERESTED IN FOR RETENTION POND. KEVIN COX SAID THERE IS A PIPELINE THAT RUNS THROUGH THERE AND ALSO THERE ARE DESIGNATED WETLANDS. GREG SAID WE WILL ADDRESS THIS WITH APPRAISER.

***KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL AT 8:13PM WITH FIRE CHIEF, KEVIN RADER AND DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF, JASON SMEDLEY AS GUEST, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.***

***GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:01 PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.***

NO ACTION TAKEN.

BOB PHILLIPS MENTIONED THAT HE RECEIVED \$100 CASH DONATION FROM RESIDENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

***GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:24 PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.***

