

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 3, 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 LYNN HANSON. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLLCALL.

LYNN HANSON HERE FOR FISCAL OFFICER, SANDY HOFACKER –

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$73,917.80, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLLCALL.

LYNN PROVIDED COPIES OF THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION STATUS FOR THIRD QUARTER TO TRUSTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS TO REVIEW.

GUESTS:

BLAIN BROCK- HERE TO TALK ABOUT LIFEWISE ACADEMY. THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE PERRY SCHOOL BOARD TO OPEN A LOCATION IN THE DISTRICT. THEY ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A TEMPORARY LOCATION UNTIL THEY CAN FIND SOMETHING PERMANENT IN THE TOWNSHIP. THEY ARE ASKING IF THE BOARD WOULD CONSIDER ALLOWING THEM TO USE THE RENTAL HALL. LIFEWISE IS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM THAT HAVE MANY LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREA. THEY PICK UP THOSE STUDENTS WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE WEEK. THEY DO PUT UP POSTERS AND WOULD NEED TABLES SET UP BUT CAN TAKE THEM DOWN IF THE HALL WAS RENTED DURING THE WEEKEND.

JOE WASSINK-HERE WITH BLAINE FROM LIFEWISE. THEY ARE LOOKING TO GET STARTED SEPTEMBER 2024 OR COULD BE EARLIER IF A LOCATION IS FOUND. ELIDA HAS 10 CLASSES A DAY WITH 540 STUDENTS BUT THEY AREN'T SURE HOW MANY STUDENTS FROM PERRY WOULD ATTEND. PERRY'S FREE PERIODS RANGE FROM 11:40 AM TO 2:20 PM SO THEY WOULD NEED TO USE THE HALL FROM 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM DURING THE WEEKDAYS. THEY COULD MISS ONE DAY IF NEED BE DUE TO VOTING OR OTHER EVENTS WHERE THE RENTAL HALL WOULD BE NEEDED. THE TRUSTEES WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS IF THE RENTAL HALL WOULD WORK FOR LIFEWISE.

JIM CLEMENTZ-WANTED TO KNOW MORE IF THERE WAS ANY MORE UPDATES ABOUT THE NOISE ORDINANCE. THEY HAVE BEEN FIRING UP THE TRUCKS DURING THE WEEK OCCASIONALLY BUT IT HASN'T BEEN THAT BAD. HAVE NOTICED MORE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL IN HIS AREA AND HAVE BEEN SEEING THEY HAVE PEOPLE PULLED OVER DUE TO SPEED. GREG FOUND THE RESOLUTION DRAFT THAT KAYLA AND BOB HAVE WORKED ON AND THE TRUSTEES WILL BE REVIEWING THIS TO DETERMINE IF THEY WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS.

BROOKE HEDGES- ASKING WHEN THE RECYCLING WILL COME BACK. GREG SAID THE TRUSTEES HAVE DISCUSSED HOW TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. THE TRUSTEES WOULD LIKE TO AVOID HAVING THE GARBAGE THAT GETS PILED UP AROUND THE DUMPSTER. THEY WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE RECYCLING PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP BUT WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP KEEP TRACK OF IT.

ETHAN HULL

LUKE KORWIN

LARRY SIDENER

JASON SMEDLEY

BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF

THE PATROLS THAT HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON AMHERST AND OTHER TOWNSHIP ROADS TO WATCH FOR SPEEDING HAVE BEEN GOING ON. THEY HAVE PATROLLED 3 DIFFERENT TIMES IN THE AREA AND HAVE GIVEN OUT 2 TICKETS. BOB SAID THIS COULD BE JUST THE TIME OF THE DAY WHEN THEY ARE PATROLLING. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS AS THEY HAVE HAD COMPLAINTS ABOUT SPEEDERS ON VARIOUS ROADS IN THE TOWNSHIP.

GOT NEW TIRES ON THE PATROL TRUCK AT MILLER BROTHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,030 SINCE THE CURRENT ONES WEREN'T IN GOOD SHAPE AND NEEDED REPLACED.

THE COUNTY FINISHED WORKING ON THE COMPUTERS LAST THURSDAY. MIKE FROM M & D HAS TO COME BACK NEXT WEEK TO FINISH THE REST OF THE INSTALLATION.

ORDERED NEW MISDEMEANOR CITATION BOOKS THAT CAN BE USED FOR THINGS SUCH AS THEFT REPORTS. THE PATROLMEN WON'T HAVE TO WRITE A REPORT BUT JUST FILL OUT THE CITATION INSTEAD.

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ABOUT THE LIQUOR PERMIT FOR VICTORY LOUNGE THAT SAID THEY WERE DENIED. THEY HAVE 30 DAYS TO APPEAL THIS.

ASKING THE TRUSTEES TO SET A DATE FOR TRICK OR TREAT AT THE TOWNSHIP

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO HOLD TRICK OR TREAT ON OCTOBER 26TH FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLLCALL

GREG ASKED ABOUT THE OCTOBER SCHEDULE TO CLARIFY BOB'S TIME THAT WAS LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE. BOB SAID THOSE WERE WHEN THE TRUSTEE MEETINGS ARE.

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD DEPT.-ABSENT

KEVIN SAID SOMEONE CALLED HIM ABOUT THE CURVES ON KERR AND MADDEN ROADS AND IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO PUT UP SIGNS. COREY WAS ASKING THE COUNTY AS THIS IS SOMETHING THEY WERE PUTTING UP SINCE THESE ARE COUNTY ROADS.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2023 ZONING COLLECTIONS OF \$1,926, 2ND JACK NEAL. ROLLCALL.

HAS HEARD NOTHING BACK FROM HEALTH DEPT ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE LIVING IN CAMPERS ON ST JOHNS, 17TH ST. AND 13TH ST. HE WAS TOLD THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE SENDING SOMEONE OUT TO LOOK AT THEM BUT THEY HAVEN'T YET. JOHN WILL FOLLOW UP.

HAS HAD MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT BUILDING BARNDOMINIUMS IN THE TOWNSHIP. JOHN TALKED TO REGIONAL PLANNING WHO SAID THEY HAVE NOTHING SET IN PLACE. HE IS WORKING WITH KAYLA ABOUT THIS TO GET SOMETHING IN PLACE FOR THE TOWNSHIP.

ALSO HAD A QUESTION ABOUT PUTTING UP BARNs ON EMPTY LOTS AND JOHN TOLD THEM THAT THEY NEED TO HAVE A PRIMARY RESIDENCE ON THE LOT FIRST.

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM KAYLA SAYING THAT THE TOWNSHIP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RIGHT-OF-WAYS ON UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES THAT ARE IN THE TOWNSHIP.

RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM RACHEL GILROY THAT MONEY IS AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY VIA THE LAND BANK TO KNOCK DOWN ABANDONED PROPERTIES. JOHN IS ADDING PROPERTIES AT 12TH ST. AND STATE ROUTE 65 TO THE COUNTY'S LIST.

JACK SAID HE GOT SOME BLANK CARDS WITH THE TOWNSHIP LOGO PRINTED IF JOHN WANTED TO SEND ANY OUT TO THOSE WHO CLEANED UP THEIR PROPERTIES AS REQUESTED.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF

NICK MEYERS AND NICK ROHRS ARE NOW AT THEIR 6 MONTHS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT. THEY ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE 6 MONTHS SICK AND VACATION TIME WHICH WILL BE ON THEIR NEXT PAYCHECK.

FIRE SAFETY WEEK IS OCTOBER 9TH THROUGH 14TH. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE GOING TO THE SCHOOL TO EDUCATE THE STUDENTS. KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE CLASSES WILL COME DOWN TO THE STATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TRUCKS AND DEPARTMENT.

TALKED TO KAYLA ABOUT THOSE COMPANIES WHO HAVE TAX ABATEMENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP IN REGARD TO PROVIDING THEM WITH PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES. SHE SAID THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM WITH THOSE COMPANIES BEING EXEMPT FROM THESE SERVICES BUT SHE WILL CONFIRM TO MAKE SURE. WHEN NEGOTIATING FUTURE ABATEMENT CONTRACTS, THE TRUSTEES COULD PUT IN CONTRACT THAT THESE COMPANIES WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM FIRE SERVICES AND THEN WOULD BE TAXED LATER. THIS IS JUST AN OPTION TO HAVE PUT IN THESE CONTRACTS.

THE CREW WORKING LAST NIGHT GOT STRANDED AT HOSPITAL DUE TO A FLAT TIRE BUT WAS ABLE TO GET BACK TO THE STATION AND GET THE TIRE PATCHED AT MILLER'S AUTO.

HAD AN ELECTRICIAN COME AND FIX THE EXTERIOR LIGHTS ON THE STATION. THE LIGHTS WERE JUST STAYING ON ALL OF THE TIME BUT NOW THE TIMERS AND PHOTOSENSORS ARE FIXED TO GO OFF DURING THE DAY.

ALSO HAD THE BAY HEATERS UPDATED NOW TO HAVE MANUAL SHUT OFFs SO THEY AREN'T RUNNING AS MUCH WHEN THE DOORS ARE OPEN TO CLEAN THE BAYS OR PUT IN TRUCKS.

REQUESTING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR EMPLOYMENT.

TRUSTEES

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION AT 8:35PM TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH KEVIN RADER AND LARRY SIDENER FOR EMPLOYMENT, 2ND JACK NEAL. ROLLCALL.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION AT 9:44PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

ACTION TAKEN:

THERE WAS MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EXPANDING FULL TIME STAFF WHILE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE PART-TIME AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS.

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO ADD A FULL-TIME E-SHIFT FOR THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF 2 YEARS WITH NO INCREASE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT BUDGET, 2ND KEVIN COX. ROLL CALL NEAL-YES, COX -YES, KESSEN-ABSTAIN.

THE TRUSTEES SHARED THAT THE FIRE CHIEF MADE IT KNOWN HOW THE TOWNSHIP IS GROWING BOTH IN STRUCTURES AND IN INDUSTRY. RADER EXPLAINED HOW THERE IS A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING DUE TO THIS GROWTH.

CHIEF RADER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN GROWING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:48PM, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.