

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2023

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

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 17,2023, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLLCALL.

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE EMERGENCY MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2023, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL: NEAL-YES, COX – YES, KESSEN- ABSTAIN.

SANDY HOFACKER, FISCAL OFFICER

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$132,564.52, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLLCALL.

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

KEVIN COX MOVED FOR RESOLUTION #2023.1121-01 TO INCREASE THE LIGHTING ASSESSMENT TO \$13.80 PER LOT FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP LIGHTING- ST. JOHNS, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MOVED FOR RESOLUTION #2023.1121-02 TO INCREASE THE LIGHTING ASSESSMENT TO \$16.90 PER LOT FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP LIGHTING DISTRICT-GLENN AVE., 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MOVED FOR RESOLUTION #2023.1121-03 TO \$12.95 PER LOT FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP LIGHTING DISTRICT, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

SANDY STATED THE LIGHTING DISTRICT FUND DOESN'T HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COVER PART OF NOVEMBER AND ALL OF DECEMBER ELECTRIC BILLS.

KEVIN COX MOVED FOR A RESOLUTION #2023.1121-04 TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER LIGHTING DISTRICT BILLS FROM THE GENERAL FUND, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

SANDY STATED THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING HOW THE H.R. BUTLER SERVICE WILL WORK FOR THE TOWNSHIP. TRAININGS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK WILL BE POSTPONED.

WE HAVE AN INTERESTED CANDIDATE TO FILL THE FISCAL OFFICER POSITION. THE CURRENT FISCAL OFFICER TERM WILL END 3/31/2024. CHRISTINE STOMBAUGH SUBMITTED HER RESUME TO THE TRUSTEES LAST WEEK.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO SUSPEND ADVERTISING FOR THE FISCAL OFFICER POSITION AS OF 12/1/23, JACK NEAL 2ND ROLL CALL.

SANDY ASKED IF TRUSTEES WANTED TO PURCHASE 2024 TRAINING PROGRAM FROM OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION AT A COST OF \$250. TRUSTEES WANT TO LOOK INTO IT FURTHER AND WILL DECIDE AT NEXT MEETING.

SANDY SUGGESTED WE MOVE MONEY FROM OUR CHASE SAVINGS INTO OUR STAR OHIO ACCOUNT. STAR OHIO IS CURRENTLY EARNING 5.71% APY WHILE CHASE PAYS ALMOST NOTHING. TRUSTEES WILL LOOK INTO THIS AND DECIDE AT NEXT MEETING.

GUESTS:

CHRISTINE STOMBAUGH-JUST HERE SPECTATING

LARRY SIDENER-LARRY INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS THE NEWLY-ELECTED TRUSTEE TO FILL 2 YEAR TERM STARTING JANUARY 1, 2023. HE ASKED FOR PATIENCE WHILE HE'S LEARNING. LARRY SAID HE WILL ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EVERYONE.

JOE MAYES – ASKED IF WE HEARD ANYTHING FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON DISPATCH BILLS. TRUSTEES INDICATED THEY HAD RECEIVED INFO FROM FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (1400+ PAGES AT COST OF \$73). TRUSTEES NEED TIME TO REVIEW.

JOE ASKED ABOUT NEW HOTEL BEING BUILT. TRUSTEES STATED IT'S IN THE CITY; HOWEVER, IT IS IN PERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT SO THE SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE SOME FUNDING FROM IT. JOE WANTED TO KNOW WHERE RUNOFF FROM THE NEW HOTEL GOES TO. TRUSTEES WEREN'T SURE – THOUGHT THERE WAS A RETENTION POND SOMEWHERE.

JOE ALSO ASKED ABOUT 1807 ZEITS – THERE IS A NEW OWNER AND THE PROPERTY IS A WRECK. JOHN BREWSTER IS WORKING ON THE SITUATION. OWNER HAS NOT OBTAINED A PERMIT FOR THE WORK HE IS DOING. JOHN WILL WORK WITH ASSISTANT COUNTY PROSECUTOR, KAYLA CAMPBELL, TO ADDRESS ISSUE.

ANGIE CLARK & KEVIN CLARK – CHECKING ON POND PERMIT HE SUBMITTED FOR 4225 HANTHORN ROAD NEXT TO THE AIRPORT. BREWSTER SAID IT IS UNDER REVIEW RIGHT NOW.

JASON SMEDLEY-

BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF-

BOB TALKED TO VERIZON. HE ASKED THEM ABOUT FRONT-LINE SERVICE WHICH GIVES FIRST RESPONDERS FIRST PRIORITY ON CELL TOWERS. THIS WON'T COST US ANYTHING AND THE SERVICE JUMPS OUR CALLS AHEAD IN THE EVENT OF HIGH CELL TRAFFIC. BOB IS IN PROCESS OF SETTING THIS UP IN ANTICIPATION OF ECLIPSE NEXT YEAR. HE SAID OUR PHONE BILL WILL GO DOWN.

BOB GOT AN EMAIL FROM SHAUNNA BASINGER. HE IS NOW ON A PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR OUTLYING POLICE DEPARTMENTS. SHAUNNA HAS A LOT OF IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

BOB GAVE UPDATE ON SHOP WITH A COP. THEY WILL DELIVER GIFTS ON DECEMBER 2ND THIS YEAR.

PERRY IS TAKING CARE OF 2 FAMILIES THIS YEAR. EACH CHILD GETS \$250 COORDINATED WITH FOP.

BOB TALKED TO RADER ABOUT GOING WITH THEM TO DELIVER PRESENTS. PARENTS AND KIDS GET A KICK OUT OF DELIVERIES WITH LIGHTS AND SIRENS.

BOB STILL MONITORING AMHERST ROAD FOR SPEEDERS. THEY WROTE 2 TICKETS AND CRIDERSVILLE WROTE 4 LAST MONTH. THEY ARE GETTING COMPLAINTS NOW ON 309 AND ALSO ON 15TH AND MAIN AND REESE AVENUE. THEY ALSO PICKED UP A COUPLE TRUCKS ON MCPHERON ROAD.

TRUSTEES ASKED ABOUT TRACKING WHERE OUR CARS ARE PATROLLING AT ANY GIVEN TIME. JACK IS CURIOUS ABOUT IT DUE TO UPGRADED SERVICE THEY SUPPOSEDLY PROVIDE.

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD DEPT.

THE PAVING OF LENNOX AVENUE WILL BE DONE IN THE SPRING. COREY TOLD DOMINION IT'S TOO COLD AND IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL SPRING.

THE COUNTY DID NOT GET ANY OF OUR VARIOUS HOT MIX PUT DOWN. THIS MEANS JUST UNDER \$15K NOT SPENT THIS YEAR. THIS AMOUNT SHOULD TRANSFER TO NEXT YEAR'S ROAD PROGRAM BUDGET.

COREY WANTS TO START LOOKING ONLINE FOR AN IN STOCK 2023 TRUCK SINCE HE DOESN'T FORSEE US GETTING THE ONE WE ORDERED ALMOST A YEAR AGO. COREY FOUND ONE ONLINE TO PURCHASE. IT'S A 2023 RED CAB AND CHASSIS. HE COULD BUY IT AND THEN GET WITH KALIDA TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT TO ADD NEEDED EQUIPMENT. THE ONE HE FOUND ONLINE WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS THE ONE HE ORDERED. COREY WILL STOP AT REINECKE AND GIVE THEM ONE MORE OPPORTUNITY TO GET HIM THE TRUCK HE ORDERED. BOARD WILL TAKE ACTION NEXT MEETING.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT ZONING RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,681.60, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

WORKING ON VARIANCE WITH SIGNS OHIO FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR BANK SIGNS- ASKING FOR VARIANCE OF 5 FEET TOWARDS SHOPPING CENTER.

JOHN TURNED IN ALL PERMITS TO AUDITOR ISSUED FROM NOVEMBER 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 2023.

JOHN TALKED TO KAYLA CAMPBELL REGARDING 1807 ZEITS AVENUE. SHE ADVISED TO ISSUE PERMIT AND TAKE ACTION LATER. JOHN SAID WILL PROBABLY END UP BEING A LEGAL MATTER.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE DEPARTMENT

JACK NEAL SAID WE SHOULD NOT BE SENDING OUR PEOPLE TO FOR PROFIT NURSING HOMES TO DO LIFT ASSISTS. RADER STATED THAT THE APARTMENTS NEXT TO LOST CREEK NURSING HOME ARE NOT PART OF NURSING HOME. THEY ARE HUD RENTALS FOR LOW INCOME ELDERLY RESIDENTS. RADER GAVE JACK NEAL NUMBERS FOR LIFT ASSIST AS REQUESTED.

REGARDING THE ECLIPSE IN 2024, RADER IS WORKING WITH OTHER AREA FIRE CHIEFS TO GET PREPARED FOR INFLUX OF PEOPLE.

RADER PRESENTED PURCHASE REQUEST FOR NEW RIP (RAPID INTERVENTION BOTTLE) AT COST OF \$1145. NO NEED TO ACT ON IT TONIGHT.

PERRY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT WENT DOWN TO SCHOOL WITH ALLEN COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE AND DID DISTRACTED DRIVING SAFETY SESSION.

RADER PRESENTED LETTER FROM EMPLOYEE, COURTNEY COX, DATED 11/7/24 ASKING FOR 6 MOS, LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO APPROVE 6 MOS LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR COURTNEY COX STARTING 11/7/2023. 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

RADER SAID ZACK STEWART IS OUR NEW VFIS REP SINCE DARLENE RETIRED. CURRENTLY OUR COVERAGE RATE IS \$4,015 ANNUALLY. WE HAVE THE OPTION TO ADD \$25,000 OFF DUTY BENEFIT THAT CAN BE ADDED FOR APPROXIMATELY \$386 EXTRA ANNUALLY. THIS COVERS THE FIRST FIVE YEARS BEFORE EMPLOYEE QUALIFIES FOR OPERS OR OP&F RETIREMENT. TRUSTEES THOUGHT IT SOUNDED GOOD BUT THEY WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION BEFORE MAKING A DECISION.

KEVIN WENT LINE BY LINE THROUGH COVERAGE WITH ZACK. HE SAID THERE ARE LOTS OF TRAININGS OFFERED THAT WE COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF. RADER SAID OUR OVERALL BENEFIT OFFERINGS ARE PRETTY GOOD. HE SAID IT WAS A GOOD INFORMATIONAL MEETING WITH ZACK.

RADER SAID HE HAS BEEN GETTING CREWS A LOT OF OUTSIDE FREE TRAINING WITH DOMINION AND MID WEST ELECTRIC. HE'S ALSO WORKING WITH AIRPORT FOR TRAINING ON HOW TO FREE PASSENGERS FROM SEATBELTS, ETC.

APPLIED FOR MARCS GRANT FROM STATE FIRE MARSHALLS OFFICE.

TRICK OR TREAT WENT WELL

TOYS FOR TOTS BOX AVAILABLE AT FIRE STATION.

DONATION OF \$200 FOR TOYS FOR TOTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY AUXILIARY.

RADER ASKED ABOUT RAISES FOR FULL-TIMERS- % BASED PAY RAISE. IAN BRUCE WAS DUE FOR A RAISE IN NOVEMBER. WE WILL AT LOOK AT AND THEN MAKE IT RETRO ACTIVE BACK TO ANNIVERSARY DATE.

RADER SAID ENGINE 1404 IS CURRENTLY DOWN – THIS IS A 25 YEAR OLD ENGINE. MARKET TIGHT ON REPLACEMENT ENGINES.

RADER WENT TO LOOK AT POSSIBLE NEW FIRE TRUCK – DISCUSSED PARTICULARS OF NEW TRUCK WITH TRUSTEES. TRUCK IS IN LOUISIANA BUT WILL BE ABLE TO USE LOCAL REPS TO FIX TRUCK. WILL SEND A REP OUT FOR A DAY TO TRAIN FIREFIGHTERS ON NEW TRUCK.

NEW TRUCK WOULD HAVE TO ADD PROPAK FOR \$1100 FOR FOAM. BIGGEST DOWNFALL FOR TRUCK IS DECK GUN PLACEMENT. DECK GUN ON NEW TRUCK IS UP TOP. WITH CURRENT TRUCK. 1 PERSON COULD RUN 2 PUMPS. TO DO THAT ON THE NEW TRUCK WE WOULD NEED REMOTE CONTROL WHICH WOULD COST UP TO \$15K TO INSTALL. THE PRICE OF THIS TRUCK IS \$200K LESS THAN A NEW TRUCK. IT MEETS ALL OUR NEEDS FOR RESIDENTS PLUS HAS SOME EXTRA FEATURES. VERY USER FRIENDLY. PRETTY SIMPLE TO RUN. ONE BIG BOARD FOR DRIVER TO RUN.

EVERYTHING ACCESSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE. SHOULD COST LESS FOR REPAIRS. ORIGINAL PRICE \$689K NOW \$674K PLUS \$1100 EXTRA FOR PROPAK AND \$3,000 DELIVERY FEE TO HAUL IT HERE.

SIMILAR NEW TRUCKS FROM PIERCE START AT \$900K. RADER FEELS ITS BEST DEAL FOR MONEY TO REPLACE ENGINE 4. WE COULD GET TRUCK WITH 2 WEEK LEAD TIME AND DECALS INSTALLED AT NO EXTRA COST.

RADER STATED THAT FIRE DEPARTMENT CARRYOVER BALANCE IS HURTING OUR ABILITY TO GET GRANTS.

GREG KESSEN ASKED HOW RADER PROPOSES TO PAY FOR NEW TRUCK. RADER SAID HE WOULD TAKE \$538,000 OUT OF CAPITAL OUTLAY (2024 BALANCE), PLUS A PORTION OF ARPA FUNDS ALONG WITH \$24K GENERAL FIRE FUNDS. RADER WILL CHECK TO SEE IF WE CAN MAKE 2 PAYMENTS.

RADER SAID THAT ENGINE 1406 IS 33 YEARS OLD AND TRUCK SOMETIMES JUST DIES ON SCENE. IT IS NOT RELIABLE. OUR FLEET IS AGING AND PRICE-WISE THIS TRUCK IS BEST OPTION.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO EMPOWER KEVIN RADER TO OFFER \$685 AND NOT TO EXCEED \$690K FOR 2023 FIRE TRUCK WITH ALL DECALS AND DECK GUN AND DELIVERED WITH FULL TANK OF GAS, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN RADER THANKED THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THEIR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. HE SAID ALL 13 FIRE PERSONNEL VOTED YES ON NEW TRUCK.

RADER REQUESTED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:43 PM FOR HANDBOOK VIOLATION.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:43PM FOR PERSONNEL/HANDBOOK VIOLATIONS, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:51 PM, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- NO ACTION TAKEN.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:52PM, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.