

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING  
HELD DECEMBER 5, 2023

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

GREG KESSEN REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:35 PM.

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION AT 7:35PM TO GO INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USE WITH JACK NEAL, KEVIN COX AND LARRY SIDENER, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.**

**JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:56PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.**

NO ACTION TAKEN.

**JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2023, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.**

**SANDY HOFACKER, FISCAL OFFICER**

**JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$44,581.76 , 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT BANK RECONCILIATION FOR NOVEMBER, 2023, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A LONGEVITY RAISE OF \$.05 PER HOUR FOR COREY LEHMAN, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.**

THE DATE FOR THE YEAR END MEETING HAS NOT BEEN SET. THE TRUSTEES DISCUSSED DATES AND TIMES.

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO HOLD THE YEAR-END MEETING ON 12/29/23 AT 1:00 PM AND YEAR END EVALUATIONS FROM 8:00AM TO 11:30 AM, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.**

**KEVIN COX MADE MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2023.1205-01 TO PURCHASE A 2023 U.S. FIRE CUSTOM PUMPER FROM U.S. FIRE PUMP FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$685,902. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE FROM ARPA FUNDS AND CAPITAL OUTLAY FROM FIRE FUNDS., 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL – NEAL -YES, COX- YES, KESSEN -NO.**

**KEVIN COX MADE MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2023.1205-02 TO TO HAVE ALLEN COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF REMAINING UNALLOCATED ARPA FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,639.74 TO BE USED TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK AND DUMP TRUCK FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL – NEAL-YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ADD ACCOUNT CODE 2273-760-740 TO BUDGET AND MOVE \$242,639.74 TO THIS ACCOUNT FROM 2273-519-000 TO BE USED TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK AND DUMP TRUCK FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.**

**KEVIN COX MADE MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2023.1205-03 TO TRANSFER \$115,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND 2031, NOT TO BE REPAID TO COVER REMAINING YEAR BILLS AND COVER PARTIAL 2024 EXPENSES FOR THE ROAD PROGRAM, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.**

SANDY REMINDED TRUSTEES THAT SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED & RE-ELECTED TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, AT 1:30PM IN JUDGE TERRY KOHLREISER'S COURTROOM (COURTROOM A) AT THE ALLEN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

HEALTH DEPT. RATE INCREASE WILL BE ABOUT 2% FOR 2024.

SANDY ASKED ABOUT THE OTA TRAINING SUBSCRIPTION. TRUSTEES WANT TO LOOK INTO IT A LITTLE MORE AND WILL DECIDE AT NEXT MEETING.

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ELECTION LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 2024, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.**

SANDY ASKED DEPARTMENT HEADS TO UPDATE THEIR INVENTORY LISTS AND TURN THEM IN AT THE NEXT MEETING. SANDY ALSO NOTED POSTING FOR FISCAL OFFICER ENDED 12/1/23. THERE IS ONE CANDIDATE, CHRISTINE STOMBAUGH. TRUSTEES WILL INTERVIEW AND HIRE HER AT NEXT MEETING. NATALIE SCOTT ATTENDED UAN YEAR-END WEBINAR WITH SANDY AND HAS OFFERED TO HELP CLOSE OUT YEAR-END FOR THE TOWNSHIP.

**GUESTS:**

**LARRY SIDENER**-HAPPY THAT TRAFFIC ON SCHOOLER ROAD HAS SLOWED DOWN.

**JOE MAYS**- ASKED ABOUT DISPATCH CONTRACT. GREG STATED WE WILL BE PAYING \$33K AGAIN NEXT YEAR. TRUSTEES ARE CONTINUING TO LOOK INTO THIS. JOE ALSO ASKED ABOUT 1807 ZEITS WHERE OWNER IS ADDING UPSTAIRS ADDITION WITH NO PERMIT. JOHN BREWSTER NOTED HE HAS SENT THEM A LETTER. WILL FOLLOW UP WITH CERTIFIED LETTER IN 3 DAYS. AFTER THAT, NEXT STEP WILL BE TO CONTACT OUR LEGAL COUNSEL, KAYLA CAMPBELL.

JOE ALSO SAID THE ROOF CAVING IN ON HOUSE ACROSS FROM BEN HEFNER'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE ON LENNOX.

**CHRIS STOMBAUGH**- SHE IS HERE TO OBSERVE. HAPPY TO BE THE ONLY CANDIDATE FOR FISCAL OFFICER.

**JENNY AND BILL YOUNG**- JENNY YOUNG SAID SHE AND BILL PURCHASED PROPERTY AT 2070 BOWMAN ROAD IN JUNE 2021. THE PROPERTY WAS IN A STATE OF DISREPAIR AND THERE WAS A SQUATTER LIVING THERE. THEY HAVE SINCE TORN DOWN THE HOUSE AND CLEANED UP THE PROPERTY. THEIR NEXT STEP WILL BE TO PAINT THE BARN, INSTALL A SEWER SYSTEM AND GET WATER HOOKED UP. GREG KESSEN EXPRESSED THAT HE APPRECIATES THEM BUYING THE PROPERTY AND CLEANING IT UP. GREG ASKED ABOUT PLANS TO BUILD A HOME THERE. JENNY SAID THEY WANT TO BUILD THEIR DREAM HOME THERE IN A FEW YEARS WHEN THEIR ANNUITY COMES DUE AS MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES ARE TOO HIGH RIGHT NOW. THEY JUST WANT TO PUT A TOILET AND SINK IN THE BARN RIGHT NOW WHILE THEY'RE WORKING ON PROPERTY. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO LIVE THERE UNTIL THEY BUILD A HOUSE.

**KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO APPROVE SINGLE BATHROOM IN OUTBUILDING AT 2070 BOWMAN ROAD SUBJECT TO SEWER AND WATER APPROVAL BY HEALTH DEPT., 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.**

**DOUG MOONEY**-ASKED ABOUT CURRENT SITUATION ON NEW DOLLAR GENERAL STORE ON 117. KEVIN COX ISN'T SURE WHAT CURRENT STATUS IS. GREG SAID ODOT IS DOING STUDY ON IT RIGHT NOW. DOUG FEELS THAT'S A TERRIBLE LOCATION FROM A SAFETY STANDPOINT. JACK NEAL HAD LIST OF ALL THE CRASHES THAT HAVE HAPPENED NEAR THERE THAT HE SHARED WITH DOUG. DOUG ALSO ASKED IF WE HAD HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT GOOGLE COMING TO LIMA. TRUSTEES SHARED THEY HAVE NOT.

**BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF:** BOB SAID SHOP WITH A COP WENT WELL. THANKED RADER FOR THE HELP FROM HIS GUYS. NO TICKETS HAVE BEEN ISSUED ON SCHOOLER ROAD SINCE 117 BACK OPEN.

**COREY LEHMAN, ROAD DEPT:** COREY TALKED TO REINECKE ABOUT TRUCK WE ORDERED MONTHS AGO. THE REP THERE SAID 2023'S ARE ALL GONE. REP WILL SEE IF THEY CAN HONOR 2023 PRICE. COREY NEEDS NEW PURCHASE ORDER SO REINECKE CAN PLACE NEW ORDER TO TRY AND GET DEAL MOVING AGAIN. TRUSTEES SIGNED NEW PURCHASE ORDER TO ALLOW COREY TO MOVE AHEAD.

**KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE REQUEST FOR ESTIMATED \$140,000 FOR NEW DUMP TRUCK, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.**

COREY ALSO HAS QUOTE FROM KALIDA TRUCK FOR \$65K FOR DUMP BED.

TOOK TRUCKS TO ODOT FOR INSPECTION. WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE CUSTOM MADE PARTS FOR REPAIRS TO 2005 STERLING DUMP TRUCK AS THEY NO LONGER MAKE PARTS FOR THAT YEAR TRUCK. THE YELLOW TRUCK IS ALSO BEING INSPECTED.

CREPS ROAD IS SUPPOSED TO BE BERMED BY SHELLEY CORP. DUE TO THE BEATING IT TOOK DURING CONSTRUCTION. THEY SHOULD BE OUT SOMETIME SOON.

**JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR**

NO PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER

JOHN SENT A LETTER TO 1807 ZEITS. JOHN RECEIVED MORE COMPLAINTS FROM NEIGHBORS. HE WILL SEND CERTIFIED LETTER IN 3 DAYS AND FROM THERE NEXT STEP WILL BE TO CONTACT KAYLA CAMPBELL.

JOHN DISCUSSED APPLICATION FOR A POND ON HANTHORN ROAD – APPLICATION SAYS POND WILL BE USED FOR AGRICULTURAL USE AND RESOLUTIONS SAY 5 ACRES NEEDED. THEY ONLY HAVE 1.9 ACRES. THE POND WAS DESIGNED BY A LICENSED ENGINEER. COX SAID IT NEEDS TO BE FENCED IN. NOT ENOUGH ACRES TO PUT IN AGRICULTURAL USE POND. THEY WILL NEED TO RE-APPLY FOR RESIDENTIAL POND.

JOHN IS GOING BACK AND FORTH WITH SIGNS OHIO AND MATT PICKERING WITH ODOT REGARDING SIGN REQUEST BY NEW BANK AT EASTGATE. JOHN GAVE ODOT INFO TO DAVE FROM SIGNS OHIO SO HE CAN COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH ODOT. ODOT IS MAKING NO EXCEPTIONS FOR PLACEMENT OF SIGNS IN RIGHT-OF-WAY.

JOHN ALSO RECEIVED REQUEST TO CONFIRM THAT COLONY MOBILE HOME PARK IS A MOBILE HOME PARK AND THAT THEY CAN PUT A NEW MOBILE HOME ON EXISTING PAD. THEY ARE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW CAMPERS, ETC.

**KEVIN RADER, FIRE DEPT:**

RADER ASKED WHEN CHECK COULD BE ISSUED FOR NEW FIRE TRUCK. TRUSTEES ARE OKAY WITH ISSUING CHECK TOMORROW AFTER SANDY SENDS RESOLUTION TO ALLEN COUNTY AUDITOR. RADER ASKED WHAT THE BOARDS' PLEASURE IS REGARDING ENGINE 4. THE MOTOR IS BLOWN AND HE IS THINKING OF LISTING IT FOR SALE ON GOVDEALS.COM FOR \$15K. IF NO INTEREST THERE, WE COULD SELL FOR SCRAP METAL.

***JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO SELL ENGINE 4 ON GOVDEALS.COM FOR \$15K, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.***

RADER ASKED ABOUT PAY RAISES. HE IS NOT ASKING TO RAISE RUNNERS' PAY OR DEPUTY CHIEF PAY.

RADER ALSO ASKED ABOUT PURCHASE REQUEST HE SUBMITTED LAST MEETING FOR \$1445 TO REPLACE RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM BOTTLE.

***KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO APPROVE \$1445 FOR THE PURCHASE OF RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM BOTTLE, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.***

RADER SUBMITTED LETTER FROM DANA DAUGHTERY WHO RESIGNED EFFECTIVE 12/5/23.

***KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF DANA DAUGHTERY EFFECTIVE 12/5/23, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL ROLL CALL.***

RADER ASKED FOR A MOTION TO HIRE JASON HELTON AS A PART-TIME EMT BASIC AT THE APPLICABLE RATE.

***KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JASON HELTON AS A PART-TIME EMT BASIC AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL***

RADER CHECKED THE HANDBOOK REGARDING THE REHIRE OF ETHAN HALL. THE HANDBOOK STATES THAT BOARD CAN ELECT TO GRANT SERVICE CREDIT FOR ETHAN'S PREVIOUS 10 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT. RADER NOTED THAT ETHAN HAD ONLY A 2 MONTH BREAK IN SERVICE. IF BOARD GRANTS SERVICE CREDIT, THIS WOULD GIVE HIM 1 YEAR FOR PURPOSES OF VACATION TIME.

***JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO REINSTATE 10 MONTHS SERVICE CREDIT TO ETHAN HULL, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.***

JASON SMEDLEY SAID THE HANDBOOK SECTION C 4.04 UNDER CREDIT FOR YEARS OF SERVICE STATES THAT BOARD CAN GRANT VACATION BASED ON YEARS OF FULL TIME SERVICE WITH ALL OP&F EMPLOYERS. KEVIN RADER HAS OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE COUNTING OVERALL FIRE EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING 5 YEARS WITH PERRY TOWNSHIP. SMEDLEY HAS A RECORD OF ALL OF HIS SERVICE: 13 YEARS WITH ALLEN COUNTY, 1 YR 6 MOS WITH STRYKER, AND 2 YEARS IN MARION COUNTY. THIS WOULD GIVE RADER 4 WEEKS VACATION.

SMEDLEY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO GRANT 4 WEEKS VACATION TO KEVIN RADER BASED ON OVERALL SERVICE PER THE HANDBOOK. THE TRUSTEES WILL DISCUSS AND MAKE ACTION AT NEXT MEETING. SENIORITY SECTION C SECTION 4.04 OF HANDBOOK.

RADER NOTED THAT LADDER 7 IS CURRENTLY OUT OF SERVICE DUE TO ISSUES WITH AIR BAGS AND BUSHINGS. HE IS GETTING COST ESTIMATES TO REPAIR. STAFF WOULD NEED APPROVAL FROM RADER OR SMEDLEY TO TAKE LADDER 7 OUT UNTIL REPAIRS ARE MADE.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SPENT \$255 ON TOYS FOR TOTS. THE FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY DONATED TO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY AT FAIRGROUNDS. WE HAVE A DISPLAY WITH OUR LOGO ON IT. THEY DID A NICE JOB WITH OUR DISPLAY AND THE WHOLE LIGHT SHOW.

**TRUSTEES:**

COX TALKED ABOUT CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT THE MUSEUM. HE WOULD LIKE FOR US TO HAVE A TOWNSHIP TREE UP THERE NEXT YEAR WITH EVERYONE'S PICTURES ON IT.

KESSEN REVIEWED SCHEDULE FOR EVALUATIONS.

***KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:22PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.***