

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 19, 2023

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

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 5, 2023, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

SANDY HOFACKER, FISCAL OFFICER

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$870,029.04, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE JANUARY 2, 2024 TRUSTEES MEETING, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

SANDY REMINDED DEPARTMENT HEADS TO TAKE ANNUAL INVENTORY OF THEIR EQUIPMENT AND GET IT TO THE FISCAL OFFICER BY THE 12/29/2023 MEETING.

GUESTS:

CHRIS STOMBAUGH

DEB HOWBERT- DEB WANTS TO KNOW WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT ROBEY'S ICE CREAM STAND ON BELLEFONTAINE. THE PROPERTY IS AN EYESORE AND FULL OF JUNK. DEB ALSO MENTIONED DRAY'S SOUTHSIDE AUTO – THIS PROPERTY IS OVERGROWN AND A MESS. BOTH PROPERTIES NEED CLEANED UP. DEB IS A LONG TIME RESIDENT ON BELLEFONTAINE AVE. AND WANTS TO SEE THESE PROPERTIES CLEANED UP.

GREG KESSEN SAID WE'LL WORK ON IT. JOHN BREWSTER SAID THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER COMPLAINTS ON THESE PROPERTIES. HE WILL WORK WITH TRUSTEES TO ADDRESS.

LYDIA ARCHAMBO- HERE TO DISCUSS PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PERRY TOWNSHIP AND ALLEN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. (SEE ATTACHED COPY OF CONTRACT). CONTRACT STARTS 7/1/2024 AND OUR SHARE WILL BE DUE THEN.

LYDIA TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS SHE'S BEEN WORKING ON. SHE IS DOING AN OUTREACH PROGRAM WITH SCHOOLS AND TOWNSHIP. SHE HAS REACHED 40 2ND GRADERS AND 49 ADULTS WITH EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. LYDIA STATED SHE WILL NEED SIGNED CONTRACT NO LATER THAT 4/1/2024. TRUSTEES SIGNED THE CONTRACT AND GAVE TO LYDIA AT MEETING. SHE WILL SEND US A BILL.

BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF

BOB GOT IN CONTACT WITH VERIZON REGARDING THE FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM. HE IS WAITING TO HEAR BACK. VERIZON SHOULD UPGRADE OUR PLAN AND LOWER THE COST.

BOB HAS BEEN LOOKING AT REPLACING A CRUISER FOR LAST FEW YEARS. GOT IN TOUCH WITH TIM LEY CHEVROLET UP BY CLEVELAND TO GET STATE BID QUOTE. THEY ARE NOT TAKING ANY NEW ORDERS FOR 2024.

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD DEPARTMENT:

COREY HAS PURCHASE REQUEST FOR FLAIL MOWER. PRICE WENT UP 25% SINCE WE LAST PURCHASED ONE IN 2018. PRICE THROUGH STATE BID CONTRACTING WITH TRADE IS \$9,171.90. USUALLY TAKES 3 OR 4 MONTHS TO GET MOWERS IN.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF FLAIL MOWER FROM STREAKER TRACTOR AT A COST OF \$9,171.90, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEER IS OUT REPLACING SOME TOWNSHIP BRIDGES WITH CULVERTS. ONCE THEY'RE CONVERTED TO CULVERTS THEY BECOME RESPONSIBILITY OF TOWNSHIP TO MAINTAIN AND WILL NOT BE INSPECTED BY ALLEN COUNTY GOING FORWARD SINCE THEY WILL NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED BRIDGES. COREY STATED HE'S NOT A LICENSED INSPECTOR AND WILL CONTACT THEM TO SEE IF THEY WILL CONTINUE TO INSPECT. COREY WILL LOOK INTO GETTING CERTIFIED TO INSPECT. COREY FORESEES THAT MORE BRIDGES WILL BE CHANGED TO CULVERTS DOWN THE ROAD.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR

JOHN REPORTED ON ZONING ISSUES HE IS WORKING ON:

1807 ZEITS – JOHN PUT A STOP WORK ORDER ON THE DOOR ON 12/10/23. THE CURRENT OWNER CALLED JOHN LAST FRIDAY AND SAID HE HAS BEEN IN JAIL IN KENTUCKY. ASKED JOHN TO ISSUE PERMIT. JOHN SAID NO PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL THE EXTERIOR OF PROPERTY IS CLEANED UP. JOHN HAS SET UP A ZONING APPEALS BOARD MEETING FOR JAN 5 AT 6PM FOR SIGNS OHIO FOR SIGN PERMIT FOR NEW BANK AT EASTGATE. REQUESTING VARIANCE TO PLACE SIGN IN RIGHT-OF-WAY. JOHN HAD SEVERAL LETTERS SENT BY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR PROPERTY CLEAN UP. JOHN ALSO SENT LETTER TO BEN HEFNER FOR PROPERTY AT 1607 ZEITS. THERE ARE MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS ON THAT PROPERTY. JOHN ALSO SENT MR. HEFNER VIOLATION LETTERS FOR ALL BUT ONE PROPERTY THAT HE OWNS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. JOHN IS WORKING ON PERMITS FOR 2 BUILDINGS AT ALLEN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. JOHN RECEIVED PHONE CALL ON 2 ACRES ON THAYER ROAD THAT ARE FOR SALE. THEY HAVE BUYER READY TO MAKE AN OFFER. PROSPECTIVE BUYER HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT A BARNDOMINIUM. PERMIT REQUEST FOR THE POND ON HANTHORN ROAD WAS DENIED. JOHN ADVISED THEM TO GO THROUGH ALLEN SOIL AND WATER FOR ASSISTANCE AND THEN RESUBMIT PERMIT APPLICATION.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEW FIRE TRUCK IS TO BE DELIVERED ON DECEMBER 21ST. RADER DID FINAL WALK THROUGH TODAY. THE OLD ENGINE 1404 IS STORED OVER HERE FOR NOW. IT IS LISTED ON GOVDEALS.COM BUT NO INTEREST YET. NEW TRUCK SHOULD BE IN SERVICE 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF DELIVERY. THIS WILL ALLOW TIME FOR TRAINING. ENGINE 1407 IS BACK IN SERVICE AFTER HAVING ANOTHER VENDOR LOOK AT IT. RADER GAVE TRUSTEES NEW ROSTER AND PAY SCALE. KESSEN HAD QUESTION ABOUT A SHIFT – NICK MYERS CURRENTLY WORKING A SHIFT UNTIL KORTNI POMAVILLE FINISHES FIRE SCHOOL IN APRIL. OHIO FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MADE A CHANGE TO MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT. THEY WILL GIVE 2 TONES THEN MUTUAL AID WILL BE DROPPED. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM 3. WILL ALLOW QUICKER RESPONSE TIME.

ALL GRANTS FOR EMS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED INCLUDING THOSE FOR FEMA AND MARCS RADIO. RADER WILL KEEP TRUSTEES UPDATED. RADER WOULD LIKE A MOTION TO DESTROY 10 HELMETS, 9 COATS AND 9 PANTS. NO VALUE. WOULD LIKE TO DESTROY AND TAKE OFF INVENTORY. THEY ARE UNUSABLE BECAUSE THEY'RE OUTDATED. COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATION -RADIOS EXPIRE IN JULY 2025. RADER WILL WORK WITH SANDY TO FIND \$57K+ IN 2024 BUDGET TO BRING EVERYTHING UP TO DATE. NEEDS TO FIND \$37,500 FROM BUDGET BY END OF YEAR.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO REMOVE OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT, 10 HELMETS, 9 SETS OF GEAR, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

JACK MENTIONED THERE ARE SOME 3RD WORLD COUNTRIES THAT COULD MAYBE USE THE EXPIRED EQUIPMENT. JACK ASKED IF RADER HAD THOUGHT ABOUT DOING PUBLICITY OR A PUSH IN CEREMONY FOR THE NEW TRUCK. JACK SAID IT COULD HELP WITH RECRUITING. TRUSTEES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT RADER HAS DONE A NICE JOB WITH NEW TRUCK.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES HAVE NOT HAD CHANCE TO LOOK THROUGH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PAPERWORK WE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED FROM ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. WE HAVE THE BILL FOR 2024 FOR \$33,865.72

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO PAY UNDER PROTEST THE 2024 DISPATCH BILL OF \$33,865.72, 2ND KEVIN COX. ROLL CALL – NEAL-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN – NO.

JACK HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO WORKING WITH SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP IN THE FUTURE FOR DISPATCH SERVICES. RADER LIKES THE IDEA OF SHARING DISPATCH WITH SHAWNEE. THINKS IT WOULD HELP BUILD THAT BOND. GREG WOULD LIKE TO THANK JACK NEAL FOR HIS SERVICE AND WISHED HIM THE BEST. GREG MENTIONED WE HAVE ONE APPLICATION FOR FISCAL OFFICER-CHRIS STOMBAUGH.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO GO INTO EXEC SESSION AT 8:28PM FOR EMPLOYMENT, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:50 PM, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL, ROLL CALL..

ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO HIRE CHRIS STOMBAUGH AS PART-TIME ASSISTANT TO FISCAL OFFICER AS OF 1/1/2024 FOR 10-20 HOURS PER WEEK AT A RATE OF \$16 PER HOUR, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO PURCHASE OTA TRAINING PROGRAM AT COST OF \$250 FOR 2024, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO PURCHASE \$50 GIFT CARDS FROM WAL-MART FOR 11 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:55 PM, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.