

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30PM BY CHAIRPERSON LARRY SIDENER – GREG KESSEN, PRESENT, KEVIN COX PRESENT, ROLL CALL BY FISCAL OFFICER. A TRUSTEE’S PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

**CHRIS STOMBAUGH, ASSISTANT TO FISCAL OFFICER**

***GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2024, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.***

***KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT JANUARY, 2024 BANK RECONCILIATION, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.***

***KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENSES FOR CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH TO ATTEND THE LOCAL GOVERNEMENT OFFICIALS CONFERENCE (LGOC) IN COLUMBUS OHIO MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> THRU MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.***

***KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,297.43, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.***

#### **GUESTS:**

JEFF CAROLUS

JOE MAYS

PAUL CURTIS – PAUL PRESENTED A BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,538.42 FOR DAMAGE TO HIS MOWER DECK CAUSED BY THE BARREL OF AN OLD FIRE HYDRANT ON HIS PROPERTY. HE SAID RAIN HAS WASHED AWAY THE SOIL AROUND THE HYDRANT PIPE AND HE, NOT KNOWING IT WAS THERE, RAN OVER IT WITH HIS MOWER. HE FEELS THE TOWNSHIP SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS BILL. THIS HAPPENED IN JUNE OR JULY OF LAST YEAR. COREY LEHMAN SAID HE WAS UNAWARE THERE WAS EVER A HYDRANT AT THAT LOCATION UNTIL PAUL CURTIS CALLED HIM. KEVIN COX SUGGESTED THAT THE FISCAL OFFICE CONTACT OUR INSURANCE REGARDING POSSIBLE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE MOWER REPAIR BILL.

PAUL SAID THAT HE ALSO NEEDS TO REAPPLY FOR A ZONING VARIANCE FOR HIS PROPERTY AT 146 E. 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET. PERRY TOWNSHIP DENIED HIS VARIANCE APPLICATION AND HE MISSED HIS WINDOW TO FILE A LEGAL APPEAL.

**JACK NEAL**

**GARY SHAW**

**BOB PHILLIPS- POLICE CHIEF**

BOBBY INTRODUCED HIS GUEST, CLAYTON EICHMAN. HE WOULD LIKE THE TRUSTEES TO CONSIDER HIRING CLAYTON AS A PART-TIME PERRY TOWNSHIP PATROLMAN. LARRY SIDENER ASKED BOBBY HOW MANY OFFICERS WE NEED. HE ALSO ASKED IF BOBBY EVER PATROLS THE TOWNSHIP. BOBBY SAID HE SPENDS HIS 80 HOURS DOING PAPERWORK AND ANSWERING PHONE CALLS AND DOES NOT PATROL. IF

WE WANT HIM TO PATROL, HE SAID HE NEEDS TO BE PAID MORE. LARRY SIDENER ALSO ASKED FOR THE TRAINING PAPERWORK FOR HIS OFFICERS THAT TRUSTEES REQUESTED. BOB INDICATED THAT HE PUT THE PAPERWORK IN THE TRUSTEES' MAILBOX. LARRY SAID HE CHECKED THE MAILBOX BUT THERE WAS NOTHING THERE. RESIDENT, GARY SHAW, SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD IDEA FOR BOBBY TO TEXT LARRY WHEN HE PUT THE INFORMATION IN THE MAILBOX. BOBBY ASKED IF HE COULD GO AHEAD AND HIRE CLAYTON EICHMAN AND THEN WORK ON CUTTING SOME OF THE OTHER PATROLMEN WHO AREN'T PUTTING IN ANY HOURS. GREG KESSEN SAID HE APPRECIATES MR. EICHMAN FOR HIS INTEREST IN WORKING FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP, HOWEVER, HE DIDN'T FEEL WE WERE READY TO APPROVE ADDING ANY ADDITIONAL STAFF UNTIL SOMETHING CHANGES WITH THE CURRENT STAFFING. KEVIN COX SAID THE STARTING COST TO HIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF IS HIGH. BOBBY SAID HE IS TALKING TO 2 OR 3 OF HIS CURRENT EMPLOYEES ABOUT RESIGNING. PART OF HIS ISSUE HAS BEEN THAT A COUPLE OF HIS OFFICERS HAVE MEDICAL OR PERSONAL ISSUES THAT ARE KEEPING THEM FROM WORKING. BOB ALSO NOTED HE IS NOT RENEWING OUR CONTRACT WITH LIMA SABRES. RESIDENT JACK NEAL SAID HE HAS SEEN THE PAPERWORK THAT IS REQUIRED FOR TRAINING RECORDS FOR THE OFFICERS AND IT'S A LOT. RESIDENT JEFF CAROLUS ASKED IF SOME OF THESE OFFICERS WERE ELIGIBLE TO PATROL. BOB SAID YES BUT THEY AREN'T PATROLLING BECAUSE OF THERE OTHER JOBS. COREY LEHMAN SUGGESTED WE HIRE CLAYTON EICHMAN WITH THE CONDITON THAT THE OTHER OFFICERS BE REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER WITHIN 2 WEEKS.

***KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO HIRE CLAYTON EICHMAN AS A PART-TIME PATROLMAN. THERE WAS NO 2<sup>ND</sup> AND MOTION FAILED.***

BOBBY SAID THAT HE IS ALLOWED TO HAVE UP TO 15 EMPLOYEES ON HIS ROSTER WITH TRUSTEES APPROVAL. HE SAID HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ASK ONE OFFICER TO RESIGN BECAUSE THERE MAY HAVE TO BE AN INVESTIGATION FIRST. BOBBY GAVE TRUSTEES AND FISCAL OFFICER A LIST OF AVAILABLE TRAINING CLASSES. THE MANDATED COURSES AREN'T AVAILABLE ONLINE YET. GREG KESSEN ASKED HOW MANY HOURS OF TRAINING THEY WILL GET. BOBBY SAID THEY WILL HAVE 23.75 HOURS OF TRAINING WHICH THEY WILL GET PAID FOR.

**COREY LEHMAN- ROAD DEPT.**-COREY WILL BE DRIVING THE TOWNSHIP ON FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> FOR 2024 ROAD PROGRAM. HE SAID HE ISSUED A ROAD CUT PERMIT TO SUNOCO FOR WORK THEY ARE DOING AT 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND GREELY CHAPEL. COREY INCREASED THE ROAD CUT FEE AND GAVE THEM THE COUNTY SPECS. COREY ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE ROAD STRIPPING FOR 2024.

***GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ROAD STRIPING FOR AMHERST ROAD, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.***

**JOHN BREWSTER-ZONING INSPECTOR**-JOHN ASKED TRUSTEES TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM ZONING APPEALS BOARD MEETING HELD ON 1/5/24 FOR SIGN SETBACK FOR SIGNS OHIO. JOHN ALSO NEEDS APPROVAL FOR THE MINUTES OF THE ZONING APPEALS BOARD MEETING HELD ON 2/6/24 FOR A PARTIAL PROPERTY SPLIT AT 1617 PERRY CHAPEL ROAD.

***GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ZONING APPEALS BOARD MINUTES FROM 1/5/24 AND 2/6/24, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.***

COREY INFORMED JOHN THAT THERE IS A BIG SIGN BEING CONSTRUCTED AT PERRY AUTO WRECKING. JOHN SAID THEY HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR A PERMIT AND HE WILL CONTACT THEM.

JOHN NOTED THAT HE IS WORKING WITH KAYLA CAMPBELL TO ISSUE A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER FOR THE PROPERTY AT 1708 ZEITS AVENUE.

**KEVIN RADER-FIRE CHIEF**-RADER SUGGESTED WE ADD LANGUAGE TO OUR NEW HANDBOOK TO ADDRESS THE AVAILABILITY OF OUR PART TIME EMPLOYEES TO WORK. SOME OF OUR PART TIME WORKERS ARE NEVER AVAILABLE TO WORK REQUIRED SCHEDULES. WE NEED TO HAVE RULES THAT WE CAN POINT OUT TO THE EMPLOYEE THAT SHOWS THEY ARE IN VIOLATION.

ALSO, RADER THOUGHT THAT FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> WAS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ESO BUT WE ACTUALLY HAVE UNTIL MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>. IF WE CONTRACT WITH ESO BY THAT DATE, WE WILL GET A DISCOUNTED RATE. RADER SAID THAT MOST LOCAL FIRE CHIEFS ARE GOING WITH ESO AND WE DON'T REALLY HAVE OPTIONS. HE HAS CUT OVER \$6,000 OFF THE BILL SO FAR BY ELIMINATING NON-ESSENTIAL SERVICES. RADER WILL AUDIT THEIR BILLINGS.

RADER IS SAVING MONEY BY ORDERING FEWER SETS OF GLOVES. WE ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO HAVE 8 SETS, 2 OF EACH SIZE WHICH IS A SAVINGS OF \$3000.

FIRE ENGINE 1404 WAS SOLD FOR \$6,300 BUT WE ARE STILL AWAITING CONFIRMATION.

EMPLOYEE, BRANDI WEBER, REQUESTED 6 MONTHS LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

**KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO APPROVE 6 MONTHS LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR BRANDI WEBER, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.**

**GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO APPROVE ESO CONTRACT FOR \$5,500, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.**

#### **TRUSTEES**

KEVIN COX SAID ALLEN COUNTY ACCESS MANAGEMENT WANTS TO TAKE OVER ISSUING DRIVEWAY PERMITS ON TOWNSHIP ROADS. TRUSTEES HAVE DISCUSSED AND THEY PREFER TO KEEP RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUING OUR OWN PERMITS. WE WILL GO BY COUNTY SPECS.

**KEVIN COX CALLED FOR RESOLUTION 2024.0220-01 TO RETURN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL DRIVEWAY CUTS ON PERRY TOWNSHIP ROADS FROM ALLEN COUNTY ACCESS MANAGEMENT TO PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.**

KEVIN COX SAID THAT GREG KESSEN'S TERM ON THE ALLEN WATER DISTRICT IS EXPIRING.

**KEVIN COX MADE MOTION FOR GREG KESSEN TO CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER TERM OF 3 YEARS ON THE BOARD OF THE ALLEN WATER DISTRICT, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER, GREG KESSEN ABSTAINED. ROLL CALL.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:38PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:57 PM.**

NO ACTION TAKEN.

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:58PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.**