

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2024

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

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 16, 2024, 2ND BY GREG KESSEN, ROLLCALL.

SANDY HOFACKER, FISCAL OFFICER –

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$145,165.03, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLLCALL.

W2'S AND 1099'S HAVE BEEN FINISHED AND SENT OUT. END OF YEAR IS ALMOST COMPLETE.

CLEMONS, NELSON WORKING ON FINAL REVISIONS TO HANDBOOK.

SOME OF THE EMPLOYEE PAYSTUBS HAVE BEEN PRINTING WITH REDACTED INFORMATION. SANDY CALLED UAN. THIS IS A FONT COMPATIBILITY ISSUE THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF. IT WILL BE CORRECTED WITH AN UPDATE IN MARCH OR APRIL.

GUESTS:

GARY SHAW – WANTS TO KNOW IF ANYTHING IS HAPPENING WITH THE ISSUE DISCUSSED AT THE JANUARY 16TH MEETING. HE ASKED IF WE HAD HEARD FROM AEDG. JOHN BREWSTER SAID HE HAS TALKED TO CINDY LEIS FROM AEDG BUT IT WAS JUST ABOUT REZONING A PROPERTY TO BUILD A HOUSE. THE TRUSTEES SAID ANY RE-ZONING WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED THROUGH THE TOWNSHIP. GARY SAID HE JUST WANTED TO VERIFY THE PROCESS.

JEFF CAROLUS – WANTED TO KNOW IF REGIONAL PLANNING HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY AEDG. KEVIN COX SAID NOT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. JEFF SAID HE KNOWS THEY HAVE TO GET PERMISSIONS FROM REGIONAL PLANNING, EPA, ETC. KEVIN COX SAID AEDG IS OBLIGATED NOT TO DISCLOSE WHO THEY'RE DEALING WITH. KEVIN SAID ANYONE COMING IN STILL HAS TO MEET OUR ZONING REQUIREMENTS. JEFF SAID THERE'S A SHEET CIRCULATING AROUND THAT IS A DATA SHEET LISTING WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCE NEEDS FOR BIG PROJECTS LOOKING TO LOCATE HERE. KEVIN SAID EPA WON'T ALLOW THEM TO DESTROY OUR CREEKS, ETC.

MARK SIDENER- MARK SAID PORT AUTHORITY IS THE ENTITY WANTING TO BUY THE PROPERTY AND THEN THEY WILL SELL TO DEVELOPER. MARK SAID ONE OF THE LANDOWNERS TOLD CINDY LEIS THAT AEDG NEEDS TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING. THEY'RE SCARING PEOPLE. MARK SAID TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ARE NOT NOT FOR BUSINESS. THEY WANT TO SEE PROGRESS IN OUR TOWNSHIP BUT THEY WANT IT TO BE A STRAIGHTFORWARD PROCESS. GREG KESSEN SAID THEY CURRENTLY HAVE OPTIONS ON 2 PROPERTIES. MARK SAID HOLDOUTS ARE SHIRLEY MULLHOLLAND, THE DIXONS, CROWN AND THE JOHNSONS. MARK THINKS THE TRUSTEES CONCERN SHOULD BE PORT AUTHORITY OWNING THE LAND. HE SAID LIMA MAYOR, SHARETTA SMITH, GAVE A TALK ABOUT GETTING \$20 MILLION IN FED FUNDS TO CREATE ZONES.

DAVE STOMBAUGH-JUST VISITING

JOE MAYS – ASKED ABOUT A DEER CARCASS ON REESE. JOE SAID HE CALLED COREY TO LET HIM KNOW ABOUT A CARCASS IN THE ROADWAY. CARCASS WAS MOVED OUT OF EASEMENT ONTO OWNERS PROPERTY AND COVERED WITH MULCH. JOE FEELS THE TOWNSHIP SHOULD HAVE DONE MORE THAN MOVE IT OFF THE ROAD. GREG KESSEN LOOKED UP TOWNSHIP RESPONSIBILITY. IF IT'S A SAFETY ISSUE WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO MOVE IT FROM THE ROADWAY BUT IT'S NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TRANSPORT IT AWAY. ROAD DEPT DID WHAT THEY SHOULD BY MOVING IT OUT OF THE WAY AND COVERING IT UP WITH MULCH. IT WAS ROTTEN AND WAS LEFT IN A POOL.

JOE ASKED POLICE CHIEF IS THE SHERIFF'S DEPT STILL USES ROAD CREWS TO PICK UP LITTER. BOB SAID THAT THEY HAVE NOT DONE THAT FOR AWHILE. JOE FEELS SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE AS THERE IS LITTER EVERYWHERE.

JACK NEAL – JUST HERE TO OBSERVE

BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF – BOB GAVE TRUSTEES A NOTE REGARDING CLAYTON EICHMAN, WHO HE WANTS TO HIRE AS A PART-TIME PATROLMAN. BOB SAID HE DID BACKGROUND CHECK. EVERYTHING

CAME BACK OKAY. BOB WOULD LIKE TO SWEAR HIM IN AT THE NEXT MEETING. GREG ASKED HOW MUCH IT COST TO BRING ON A NEW OFFICER. BOB THINKS \$200. GREG SAID WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE ON OUR ROSTER THAN SHAWNEE AND AMERICAN TOWNSHIPS. BOB SAID THE PROBLEM WITH US IS WE HAVE ALL PART-TIME OFFICERS THAT HAVE FULL-TIME JOBS ELSEWHERE. MARK SIDENER ASKED BOB ABOUT SHOPLIFTERS. HE GAVE EXAMPLE OF TRACTOR SUPPLY. THEIR POLICY IS THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STOP OR DETAIN SHOPLIFTERS. BOB SAID WALMART DOES STOP THEM. MARK ASKED IF WALMART HAS PROGRAM TO HELP US. BOB SAID THEY DO HAVE THEIR OWN SECURITY BUT THEY NEED US TO WRITE A POLICE REPORT. BOB SAID IT HAS TO BE A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC OR HIGHER TO GET THEM LOCKED UP.

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR

COREY GAVE UPDATE ON FLAIL MOWER WE ORDERED. IT WILL BE HERE IN JUNE. THE F550 TRUCK SHOULD GO TO PRODUCTION IN MARCH AND COREY DOESN'T EXPECT TO SEE IT UNTIL AT LEAST JUNE. THEN KALIDA TRUCK WILL HAVE TO EQUIP IT. THE TOTAL PRICE SHOULD BE ABOUT \$133,285. THEY DID GIVE US 2023 PRICING.

COREY GAVE RECLAMITE SEALER ESTIMATE OF ABOUT \$35,000 TO TRUSTEES. WE CAN TAKE ACTION AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

GARY SHAW ASKED WHAT RECLAMITE IS. COREY EXPLAINED THAT IT'S A PRODUCT PUT ON ROADS THAT HAVE BEEN REPAVED 2 OR 3 YEARS AGO TO HELP THEM LAST LONGER. COREY SAID RESIDENTS ON OSMAN ROAD WANT GUARDRAIL NEAR CREPS ROAD. COREY SAID THEY WOULD PUT UP CURVE SIGNS BUT NOT GUARDRAIL.

COREY STRAIGHTENED POLES ON CORNER OF KERR AND MADDEN ROAD AND CUT LITTLE POST OFF. TRUSTEES ASKED IF IT WOULD HELP TO PAINT POSTS YELLOW FOR BETTER VISIBILITY; COREY SAID HE AS CONSIDERED IT.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR

GAVE TRUSTEES NOTES DETAILING THINGS HE'S BEEN WORKING ON.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ZONING RECEIPTS OF \$50.00 FOR January, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

BREWSTER SAID HE TALKED TO WILLIE KNIGHT ABOUT VEHICLES IN RIGHT OF WAY. WILLIE MOVED THE WRECKER AND A CADILLAC. WILLIE TOLD JOHN HE BETTER NOT SEE ANYONE NEAR HIS PROPERTY. BREWSTER REC'D CALL FROM LIMA CITY BUILDING DEPT. ABOUT COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON 12TH STREET. OWNER WAS REQUESTING PERMIT FOR COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC. GREG SAID HE TALKED TO MR. DITTO AT BUILDING DEPT. MR DITTO ISSUED ELECTRICAL PERMIT IN ERROR AS HE WAS NOT AWARE THIS WAS A PURELY RESIDENTIAL AREA.

1807 ZEITS – JOHN HAS HAD SEVERAL COMPLAINTS OF OWNER WORKING OVER THERE AT NIGHT. JOHN HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH KAYLA TO SEE WHAT STEPS WE TAKE TO STOP THIS.

1811 LENNOX- THIS PROPERTY IS OUT OF BANKRUPTCY. WE CAN PURSUE TEARING IT DOWN. JOHN ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHO WE SHOULD USE TO TEAR IT DOWN. JOHN DOESN'T FEEL WE SHOULD USE HEFNERS AS THEY HAVE SEVERAL OUTSTANDING ZONING VIOLATIONS. GREG ASKED BOB PHILLIPS IF HUME SUPPLY STILL DOES TEAR DOWN. BOBBY NOT SURE.

JOHN SAID HE TURNED IN PAPERWORK FOR VARIANCE REQUEST FOR 2 ACRES ON THAYER ROAD.

ZONING APPEALS MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY 2/8/24 AT 6PM.

LETTERS ARE READY TO GO OUT TO BEN HEFNER. BEN SAID HE WANTED TO WORK WITH US BUT NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

JOHN GOT A COMPLAINT ON GREELY CHAPEL AND WILL SEND LETTER

REGARDING ZONING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, GREG KESSEN SUGGESTED INCREASING PAY FROM \$25 TO \$40 TO HELP US GENERATE MORE INTERESTED BOARD MEMBERS.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO RAISE RATE OF PAY FOR ZONING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS TO \$40 EFFECTIVE 2/6/24 FOR MEETINGS ATTENDED WHERE ACTION IS TAKEN. THIS INCLUDES TRAINING. 2ND GREG KESSEN , ROLL CALL.

GREG KESSEN SAID THEY PUT TOGETHER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ZONING COMMISSION APPLICATIONS AND ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DRAFTS AND ADD THEM TO OUR WEBSITE.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ZONING BOARD AND ZONING COMMISSION DRAFT APPLICATIONS TO BE ADDED TO WEBSITE ALONG WITH THE PERRY TOWNSHIP ZONING COMPLAINT FORM, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

MARK SIDENER ASKED WHAT THE PARAMETERS ARE TO BE ON ONE OF THESE BOARDS. HE'S ON SCHOOL BOARD AND ASKED IF THIS WOULD BE A CONFLICT. TRUSTEES WILL CHECK AND LET HIM KNOW. TRUSTEES RECOMMENDED MARK GO AHEAD AND SUBMIT APPLICATION AND WE'LL CHECK INTO IT. OUR CURRENT BOARDS HAVE 5 MEMBERS EACH AND 2 ALTERNATES. GREG KESSEN SAID SOME BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD A LONG TIME AND ARE READY TO STEP DOWN. GREG SAID THIS IS AN IMPORTANT POSITION AND WE WANT TO GET PEOPLE ON AND TRAINED. KEVIN REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE POSITIONS TO ALL TOWNSHIPS. KEVIN COX EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ZONING COMMISSION AND ZONING APPEALS BOARDS. THERE WAS MORE DISCUSSION REGARDING WHAT THE JOB ENTAILS.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF

RADER ASKED FOR THE ADDRESS ON 12TH ST. THAT WAS ASKING FOR ELECTRICAL VARIANCE. JOHN SAID AS OF NOW IT'S A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. RADER TALKED TO DOUG DITTO LAST FRIDAY. DOUG SAID OWNER WANTED 400 AMP ELECTRICAL PERMIT. RADER TOLD HIM IT WAS ZONED RESIDENTIAL AND DOUG DITTO PUT STOP WORK ORDER ON IT.

RADER SAID NEW ENGINE WENT INTO SERVICE. THEY DID A SOCIAL MEDIA RELEASE AND PRESS RELEASE. DEB SIDENER WROTE A NICE ARTICLE FOR THE LIMA NEW ON THE "PUSH IN" CEREMONY. RADER FRAMED THE ARTICLE AND PICTURE FOR THE FIRE STATION. HE SAID THE TRUCK HAS ALREADY BEEN OUT ON A COUPLE CALLS.

RADER SAID A RESIDENT DROPPED OFF KEYSTONE GIFT CARD FOR \$50. THEY ALSO RECEIVED A \$25 DONATION FOR THE AUXILIARY. RADER SAID HE PLANS TO USE KEYSTONE CARD TO FEED STAFF WHO IS WORKING DURING THE ECLIPSE.

RADER GAVE UPDATE ON THE OLD FIRE TRUCK WHICH IS LISTED FOR SALE. THERE IS CURRENTLY NO INTEREST. HE WILL LOWER THE PRICE TO \$8,000 AND WILL GET SALVAGE PRICE. IF IT DOESN'T SELL, ALGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ASKED IF WE WOULD CONSIDER DONATING THE TRUCK TO THEM. RADER ASKED IF WE COULD DONATE IT TO THEM IF WE GET DOWN TO SCRAP METAL PRICING. COX COMMENTED THAT THE TRUCK IS NOT UNFIXABLE. TRUSTEES AGREE BETTER TO DONATE THAN SELL FOR SCRAP.

FEMA GO GRANT FOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENT IS IN PROCESS. RADER NEEDS TO RE-CHECK APP BEFORE SUBMITTING. THE ONLY THING WE QUALIFY FOR NOW IS A BRUSH TRUCK. RADER WILL KEEP US POSTED ON STATUS OF OUR REQUEST.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS PURCHASED 7 OF THE REPLACEMENT RADIOS AND THEY ARE IN AND IN SERVICE – GAVE BILL FOR COST TO SANDY.

ECLIPSE IS FAST APPROACHING AND RADER HAS PLANS TO PUT CREW OUT AT FAIRGROUNDS TO HELP OUT. HE IS CHECKING INTO WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO PREPARE. THEY THINK THE AMOUNT OF CELL PHONE TRAFFIC MAY BE AFFECT CELL PHONES BUT OUR FIRST NET RADIOS SHOULD BE OKAY. RIGHT NOW ONLY 5 SPACES HAVE BEEN RENTED AT FAIRGROUNDS. MOST HOTEL ROOMS ARE BOOKED. PERRY SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED THAT DAY FOR TEACHER WORK DAY. KELLY SAID MAY NOT HAVE TEACHERS COME IN THAT DAY EITHER BUT HAS TO CHECK TO BE SURE THEY CAN DO THAT. RADER HEARD ALLEN COUNTY AIRPORT IS RENTING OUT SPACES BUT THIS HAS NOT CONFIRMED. HE WILL CALL AND GET CONFIRMATION.

TRUSTEES:

GREG KESSEN – SPOKE TO KRISTA BOHN AT TREASURERS OFFICE ABOUT THE INCREASE FROM ABOUT \$1600 TO \$6600 IN OUR REAL ESTATE TAXES. KRISTA STATED THE DITCH PROJECT IS THE REASON. ALSO, BOB SCHERGER RETIRED AS CHIEF DEPUTY OF COLLECTION. HE WAS REPLACED BY SHERIDA TURNER. GREG KESSEN TALKED ABOUT OUR HALL RENTAL AGREEMENT. THE COST OF GAS AND ELECTRIC HAS DOUBLED AND GREG PROPOSES WE INCREASE THE RENTAL COSTS BY \$25 ACROSS THE BOARD. LARRY SIDENER SAID HE FEELS IT'S OKAY TO RAISE PRICE OF RENTAL BUT FEELS WE SHOULD NOT RAISE COST OF DEPOSIT. KEVIN COX THINKS \$25 TOO MUCH. GREG FEELS \$100 FOR ALL DAY IS STILL VERY CHEAP KEVIN FEELS THE INCREASE SHOULD BE \$10 FOR RESIDENTS AND \$25 FOR NON-RESIDENTS. CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH SAID SHE CALLED AROUND LAST YEAR FOR RENTAL SPACES FOR GRADUATION PARTIES AND PERRY TOWNSHIP WAS THE CHEAPEST BY FAR. LARRY SIDENER AND MARK SIDENER SAID THE COMMONS HALL AT PERRY SCHOOL RUNS \$43 PER HOUR.

GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO INCREASE ALL HALL RENTAL FEES BY \$25, RENTAL HALL DEPOSIT WILL REMAIN THE SAME, 2ND LARRY SIDENER, ROLL CALL: SIDENER-YES, COX- NO, KESSEN- YES. MOTION PASSED.

COX SAID OTA CONFERENCE STARTS TOMORROW AND RUNS THROUGH THE 9TH. GREG AND KEVIN ARE GOING DOWN ON THURSDAY.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:59 PM, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

