

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD MARCH 5, 2024

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 BY CHAIRPERSON, LARRY SIDENER. KEVIN COX AND 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 MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2024, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLLCALL.

CHRIS STOMBAUGH, ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER –

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$70,117.52, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLLCALL.

GUESTS:

KELLY SCHOOLER- HERE TO TALK ABOUT REPLACEMENT LEVY COMING UP ON 3/19/24. SAID THIS IS JUST THE TRADITIONAL RENEWAL FROM 2004. NO NEW MONEY. SIGNS AND BROCHURES AVAILABLE.

JEFF BUETTNER

DEB SIDENER

JEFF CAROLUS

SCOTT STOMBAUGH

JANET LAUF

SASHA WEIGT

MARC SIDENER- MARC SAID HE IS HERE TO GIVE US ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE COMMERCIAL PROJECT HE TALKED ABOUT AT OUR MEETING 2 MONTHS AGO REGARDING THE PORT AUTHORITY. HE SAID THERE WERE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEYORS OUT ON THE HINDS, HENDERSON, CIRA & REYNOLDS PROPERTIES DOING STUDIES. THEY WERE CAUGHT ON THE MULLHOLLAND PROPERTY. JANICE AND HER MOM, WHO ARE HERE AT THIS MEETING, DON'T WANT TO SELL NOR DO THE DIXONS WANT TO SELL. MULTIPLE LANDOWNERS WHO DON'T WANT TO SELL HAVE HAD SURVEYORS ON THEIR PROPERTIES. THE MAYOR, THE COMMISSIONERS, THE PORT AUTHORITY AND AEDG ARE ALL LYING TO OUR RESIDENTS. HE HAS HEARD THAT TOYOTA IS PARTNERING WITH SEVA TO TRY TO PUT A BATTERY RECYCLING PLANT IN PERRY TOWNSHIP AND WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING. DO WE WANT THAT SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM OUR SCHOOLS OR IN OUR BACK YARD? MARC WILL DEBATE ANYONE ON THESE FACTS. MARC SAID WE DON'T WANT TO LIVE BESIDE REFINERY FENCE, WE CAN SOMETIMES SMELL THE ETHANOL PLANT AND SOMETIMES RUDOLPH FOODS. WHAT ABOUT BATTERY PLANT OR SOMETHING LIKE IT BLOCKS FROM OUR SCHOOL ALL YOU WILL SMELL IS BATTERY ACID AND GROUND UP BATTERIES. MARC SAID THIS ISSUE HAS GONE FROM CONSTANT HARASSMENT OF LANDOWNERS TRYING TO GET THEM TO SELL TO NOW HAVING SURVEYORS ON THEIR PROPERTIES WITHOUT PERMISSION. THIS HAS TO BE ALL TIED TOGETHER AND WE HAVE HEARD NO TRUTH, JUST LIES.

WE'VE HEARD NOTHING FROM LIMA, CINDY LEIS, DAVE STRATTON OR THE COMMISSIONERS. SHARETTA SMITH, THE MAYOR WENT TO DC AND GOT \$20 MILLION AND GAVE TODD WALKER AND INTERVIEW ON THE NEWS. MARC FEELS THIS IS ALL TIED TOGETHER. NO CORRECT PR, TOO MANY LIES. MARC SAID ZONING GOING FORWARD IS GOING TO BE HUGE. THEY ARE GOING TO BE ON OUR DOORSTEP TRYING TO CHANGE ZONING AND PUT THIS SMELLY UGLY PLANT IN OUR BACK YARD. THERE ARE OTHERS THAT SAY WE SHOULD WAIT. THIS COMMUNITY RALLIES AROUND OUR SCHOOLS. WE WANT GOOD BUSINESS BUT NOTHING GOOD WILL COME FROM BACKHANDED DEALINGS.

LARRY SIDENER SAID HE GOT A CALL FROM CINDY LEIS. SHE CLAIMS THIS WILL BE A GOOD PROJECT FOR THIS COMMUNITY. ASKED WHEN THERE WILL BE A FORMAL PRESENTATION. SHE SAID THEY HAVE TO WORK ON ZONING BEFORE THEY MAKE ANY PRESENTATIONS.

MARC SIDENER SAID AMERICAN TOWNSHIP WAS ALSO LIED TO. EVERYTHING WITH ALLEN COUNTY AND THE PORT AUTHORITY HAS BEEN THE SAME TACTICS. LIE AFTER LIE AFTER LIE.

LARRY SIDENER READ EMAIL FROM KLEINFELDER ABOUT DOING ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEYS. (SEE ATTACHED) THEY WANT INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. MARC SIDENER SUBMITTED MAP SHOWING UNDERGROUND AQUIFERS.

SASHA WEIGHT ASKED WHAT THESE PROPERTIES ARE CURRENTLY ZONED. COX SAID PART AG PART RESIDENTIAL.

BROOKE ASKED ABOUT WATER BOARD INTENTIONS TO EXTEND WATER LINES.

MARC SAID WHAT SPENCER HANDED OUT EXAMPLES THAT SHOWED CODE NAME GALAXY SHOWING WATER USAGE IN HUGE AMOUNT. GREG KESSEN SAID RUNNING CITY WATER LINES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BUT NOTHING IRONCLAD FOR PLANS TO PROVIDE WATER FROM LIMA. KEVIN COX SAID JEFF CAROLUS IS CORRECT. NOT GOING TO APPROVE WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS. THEY WILL HAVE TO GET PERMITS. RESIDENTS SPOKE ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN DO IF SEEING ANYONE ON THEIR PROPERTIES. GIVE THEM A WARNING THAT THEY SHOULDN'T BE THERE AND CALL LAW ENFORCEMENT IS NECESSARY. MARC SAID HE HEARS US LOUD AND CLEAR BUT IF CLASSED AS GREEN ENERGY THEY HAVE A TEAM OF LAWYERS WHO CAN RUN CIRCLES AROUND COMMUNITIES. COX SAID WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE INFORMATION THAN MARC DOES. MARC SPOKE TO TODD WALKER. COPY OF MINUTES CAN GO TO THE MAYORS OFFICE LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THEY NEED TO START BEING HONEST WITH PERRY TOWNSHIP.

BROOKE ASKED IF WE NEED PETITION SIGNED. CATHY DIXON SAID PERSON FROM COLUMBUS HAS BEEN CALLING TO SEE IF THEIR PROPERTY IS FOR SALE. WONDERS IF THEY SHOULD BE TESTING THEIR WELL WATER NOW SO THAT IF IT BECOMES CONTAMINATED SHE WILL BE UPSET. SHE WANTS TO KNOW WHO SHE'LL CONTACT. LARRY SAID CINDY LEIS. LARRY SAID PER LETTER HE READ, THEY WANT INFORMATION AHEAD OF TIME FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ON 371.5 ACRES. MARC SAID THEY ARE BANKING ON US NOT BEING ABLE TO FILL A MEETING ROOM AGAIN. IF WE DON'T STAND UP FOR OURSELVES WE WILL BE STEAMROLLED.

GARY SHAW- ASKED IF POLICE WERE CALLED. SAID SHERIFF WAS CALLED. GARY SHAW SAID EVERYONE IS GETTING UPSET BECAUSE OF THE SECRECY. COX NOT DEFENDING THEM BUT AEDG IS JUST THE MIDDLE GUY. JOHN DAVIS SAID TRUSTEES ARE PASSING THE BUCK. WE KEEP TELLING THEM TO GO CHECK IT OUT HIMSELF. THE LAST TIME JOHN CAME TO THEM WITH WATER PROBLEM, COX TOLD HIM TO CALL THE WATER DEPT. LARRY SAID TRUSTEES DON'T KNOW ANYTHING. MARK SAID TRUSTEES IN AMERICAN TOWNSHIP WERE BLINDSIDED ALSO. LARRY ASKED RESIDENTS TO TAKE A COPY OF THE PAPER HE JUST READ, FILL IT OUT AN BRING BACK TO LARRY AND TRUSTEES. TRUSTEES WILL GIVE TO ENVIRONMENTAL FIRM.

JEFF CAROLUS SAID HE'S NOT SAYING HE'S FOR OR AGAINST THIS PROJECT BUT HE SAID WE HAVE TO PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE. EPA AND WATER AIR PERMITS ALL HAVE TO BE APPROVED. JEFF SAID THERE IS DUE DILIGENCE AND THEY CAN'T SPEAK ON IT UNTIL ALLOWED. JEFF SAID WE HAVE TO KEEP IN PERSPECTIVE AND LET IT PLAY OUT BEFORE WE GET ALL WOUND UP.

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JASON STOMBAUGH

TOM & KATHY DICKSON- TALKED TO SURVEYORS SAID IT IS ANONYMOUS TO THEM THEY ARE JUST GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR WHAT THEY WERE TO DO BUT NOT WHO ITS FOR. KATHY SAID RED FLAGS SHOULD GO UP DUE TO SECRECY.

WALLACE SCHOOLER

BRANDON CORNWELL-WITH EPA, THEY HAVE THEIR OWN DRONES, THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT. HAVE LOOPHOLES THEY CAN GET AROUND.

BROOKE HEDGES-AT WHAT POINT CAN TRUSTEES DO SOMETHING TO STOP BUSINESS FROM COMING IN? IT WOULD GO TO ZONING FIRST THEN THE TRUSTEES WILL MAKE THEIR FINAL DECISION. COX SAID PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD MAKE THEIR FEELING KNOWN.

MARC SIDENER SAID PORT AUTHORITY IS PURCHASING THE LAND AND THEY WILL HAVE FINAL SAY AND THEY PAY NO TAX.

GARY SHAW SAID WE SHOULD KNOW OUR PROPERTY AND WHAT IT IS ZONED. ANYTHING AG WOULD HAVE TO BE RE-ZONED. LARRY SAID BASED ON INFORMATION HE RECEIVED ONLY 2 PROPERTIES WOULD HAVE TO BE REZONED.

JOHN DAVIS

JOE MAYS

PAUL CURTIS- ASKED ABOUT LAWNMOWER CLAIM. SANDY STATED WE SUBMITTED CLAIM TO INSURANCE POLICY AND HAVE NOT HEARD BACK YET. INSURANCE WILL PROBABLY WANT PICTURES FROM WHEN THE LAWNMOWER WAS DAMAGED. PAUL ONLY HAS A RECEIPT WHERE IT WAS ALREADY FIXED. HE DIDN'T KNOW HE NEEDED TO TAKE PICTURES. THE WATER WAS WASHING THE MUD AWAY AND EXPOSED THE BARRELL FROM THE FIRE HYDRANT THAT HAD BROKEN OFF YEARS AGO AND NO ONE INCLUDING PAUL KNEW IT WAS THERE.

BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF

BOB SAID HIGH SCHOOL IS DONE WITH THEIR LOCK DOWN DRILLS. HE HAS ONE MORE FOR ELEMENTARY.

HAS LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM CHARLES GANSON. LARRY READ RESIGNATION LETTER. (SEE ATTACHED).

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT CHARLES GANSON'S RESIGNATION, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR-

NICK ADAMS HERE FOR COREY. PROVIDED COPY ROAD CONDITION FOR PERRY TWP.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR-

KEVIN COX MADE A RESOLUTION 2024.0304-01 TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION FOR THE VARIANCE REQUEST FROM NEW SIGNS OHIO LLC TO PLACE SIGNAGE FOR THE NEW BANK BUILDING AT 5560 BELLEFONTAINE ROAD. THE SIGN WILL BE PLACED 5 FEET ONTO THE SETBACK OF PERRY TOWNSHIP PROPERTY, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

KEVIN COX MADE RESOLUTION 2024.0305-02 TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT A VARIANCE TO SPLIT THE PARCEL 47-0200-03-004.001 LOCATED AT 1617 PERRY CHAPEL ROAD INTO TWO PARCELS, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

KEVIN COX MADE RESOLUTION 2024.0305-03 TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT THE VARIANCE REQUEST TO BUILD A HOME ON TWO ACRES AT 1855 SOUTH THAYER ROAD, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JEFF CAROLUS AS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF

1999 E1 FIRE ENGINE SOLD FOR \$6,300

LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM ASHYLN TRACY. LARRY READ LETTER. LETTER ATTACHED.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ASHLYNN TRACY'S RESIGNATION, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

RADER PRESENTED SPECIAL EVENT CONTRACTS FOR MAY 17TH FROM 3PM - 11PM FOR CHRIS JACKSON CONCERT BY 33 WEST PRODUCTIONS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. RADER HAS CONTRACT FOR \$1080 PAID TO THE AUXILLARY ACCOUNT. MONEY WILL COME OUT OF PAYROLL THAT WILL BE PAID BACK FROM THE AUXILLARY ACCOUNT.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FROM 33 WEST PRODUCTIONS, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

2ND CONTRACT IS ALSO WITH 33 WEST PRODUCTIONS FOR JUNE 21ST FROM 4 PM – 11 PM AND ON JUNE 22ND FROM 1 PM – 11 PM FOR TWO EMTS AND A SQUAD FOR \$4,890. MONEY TO GO TO AUXILLIARY AND REIMBURSED TO TOWNSHIP FOR PAYROLL.

COX ASKED IF WE HAD PROBLEMS WITH THIS. RADER SAID WE REDID THE CONTRACTS AND HAVEN'T HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS COMPANY. THE TRUSTEES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED THE UPDATED CONTRACTS.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITH 33 WEST PRODUCTIONS FOR JUNE 21ST AND 22ND, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

FIRE DEPT MEETING REGARDING ECLIPSE. THEY ARE AS PREPARED AS WELL AS THEY CAN BE. WILL HANDLE CRISIS AS WELL AS THEY CAN. STARTING MARCH 16TH WILL START HITTING SOCIAL MEDIA TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO STAY HOME. ALL ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED AND MOST BUSINESSES INCLUDING OIO WILL BE CLOSED THE DAY OF THE ECLIPSE.

PANCAKE DAY IS MAY 4TH FROM 7-11.

TRUSTEES:

KEVIN COX - EXPLAINED THAT MAKING A MOTION DOESN'T FINALIZE IT. MOTION HAS TO BE VOTED ON.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO CANCEL THE TOWNSHIP MEETING ON 3/19 FOR ELECTION DAY, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

GREG KESSEN - WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW HE HEARS THEM LOUD AND CLEAR. HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM CINDY AND THEN HEARD THEY WERE OUT DOING SURVEYS. TRUSTEES ARE TRYING TO DO THEIR DUE DILIGENCE. HE ASKED IF PORT AUTHORITY WAS INTERESTED AND SHE SAID NO. JUST BEING A CONDUIT TO SELL TO INDIVIDUAL OWNER. GREG VERY CAUTIOUS GOING FORWARD ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL WITH BOB PHILLIPS AT 8:34 PM, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:06 PM, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

NO ACTION TAKEN

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:10PM, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

