

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING

HELD JUNE 4, 2024

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

### **CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER –**

CHRIS ADVISED THAT THE PERRY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER WAS MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN PERRY TOWNSHIP AND THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR INPUT. SHE ALSO REMINDED EVERYONE THAT CLEAN UP DAY IS JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>. DUMPSTERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO BE PLACED IN THREE DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE TOWNSHIP FROM 9 AM – 1 PM. NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SUCH AS TIRES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ON MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> CHRIS AND SANDY MET WITH AUDREY DANIEL FROM CHASE BANK TO REVIEW CURRENT BANKING RELATIONSHIP. SHE REVIEWED THE MOST RECENT CD RATES: FOR \$100,000 OR MORE FOR 6 MONTHS, THE INTEREST RATE IS 4.49%. WE ARE CURRENTLY WITH STAR OHIO AND THEIR MOST RECENT RATE IS SIMILAR. HOWEVER, WITH CHASE IT WOULD BE SIMPLER TO TRANSFER MONEY INTO A CD AND CONTINUE TO ROLL IT OVER AS NEEDED. AUDREY ALSO SPOKE TO US ABOUT A CHASE ONE CARD CREDIT CARD WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A PHONE APP THAT WOULD HELP STREAMLINE RECONCILING EVERY MONTH. IT WOULD BE A BENEFIT TO THE FISCAL OFFICER AND WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR ANYONE THAT HAS A CARD TO KEEP TRACK OF THEIR RECEIPTS. CHRIS WILL FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION AND SPEAK WITH THE CREDIT CARD HOLDERS TO SEE IF IT MAY WORK FOR THEM ALSO.

**GUESTS:** LARRY SIDENER ASKED THAT GUESTS PLEASE KEEP THEIR COMMENTS TO 2 – 3 MINUTES AT MOST TO GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO SPEAK.

### **DEB SIDENER**

**JENNIFER GOLDEN** – SHE STATED THAT 3 HOUSES WERE JUST BUILT IN THE AREA WHERE THE INDUSTRIAL PARK IS BEING DISCUSSED. OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR SCHOOL HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN PRIOR YEARS BUT FEARS THAT NO ONE WILL WANT TO MOVE INTO PERRY TOWNSHIP IF THE DATA PLANT COMES IN.

**MICHELE KOHLHORST** – SHE HAS LIVED CLOSE TO STATE ROUTE 65 AND HUME FOR 41 YEARS AND SHE LIKES TO LOOK AT FARMLAND. SHE WANTS TO KNOW IF THIS IS A DONE DEAL. THE COMMERCE PARK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF STATE ROUTE 65 IS STILL NOT FILLED TO CAPACITY. THE PROJECT MAY BRING MONEY TO THE SCHOOL AND TOWNSHIP BUT MONEY DOESN'T MAKE YOU RICH. THE RESIDENTS MAKE YOU RICH. SHE ALSO FEARS THAT IF THE PROJECT DOES GO THROUGH THAT LIMA WILL ANNEX IT TO THE CITY.

**LAURA SCHAUB** – SHE LIVES IN THE NEW HOUSE ON HUME ROAD RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE PROPOSED DATA CENTER. THEY SPENT MOST OF THEIR SAVINGS TO BUILD THIS NEW HOUSE IN A FARMLAND SETTING. SHE HAS BEEN A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER FOR 19 YEARS AND KNOWS FROM EXPERIENCE THE LACK OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT THE SCHOOLS GET FROM A PROJECT LIKE THIS.

**TOBY SCHAUB** – HE LIVES IN A NEW HOUSE AT 1250 EAST HUME ROAD. HE DOESN'T APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE PROPERTY HE IMPROVED MAY GET TAKEN AWAY.

**TOM & KATHY DICKSON** – KATHY STATED THAT THEY ARE NOT GIVING THEIR PROPERTY UP AND THEY ARE NOT GOING TO ALLOW IT TO BE FORCED. THEY HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN TO A LAWYER. SHE SPOKE ABOUT ALL THE WILDLIFE THAT SHE HAS ENJOYED. IT'S A SHAME THAT PERRY TOWNSHIP IS EVEN CONSIDERING THIS. SHE PLEADED WITH THE TRUSTEES TO PROTECT THEIR FARMLAND AND THEIR FARM ANIMALS.

**DAVE STRATTON** – DAVE THANKED THE TRUSTEES. THEY ARE ASKING FOR DUE DILIGENCE. THEY ARE JUST ASKING FOR A DATA CENTER TO BE POSSIBLE UNDER I-2. THEY ARE ASKING THE TRUSTEES TO START THE PROCESS OF THE ZONING AMENDMENT.

**JIM CIRA** – HIS HOME ON GREELEY CHAPEL HAS BEEN IN HIS FAMILY FOR ABOUT 40 YEARS. HE FEELS HIS FAMILY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD STEWARDS OF THE LAND AND A DATA CENTER IS A HUGE OPPORTUNITY. THIS PROJECT REQUIRES A LOT OF LAND FOR A SETBACK AND WILL BE NICELY LANDSCAPED. THEY WON'T HAVE A HIGH TRAFFIC ISSUE AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE. HE THINKS IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP.

**NICK & LISA HEITZ** -LISA STATED THAT THEY HAVE OWNED PROPERTY ON STATE ROUTE 65 OFF OF HUME ROAD FOR APPROXIMATELY 17 YEARS. THEIR PROPERTY IS ALREADY ZONED I-2 INDUSTRIAL. SHE'S ASKING THE TRUSTEES TO MODIFY THE I-2 TO INCLUDE DATA CENTERS. NICK STATED HE WOULD PREFER THE DATA CENTER TO GO IN THERE RATHER THAN SOMETHING ELSE THAT MAY BE WORSE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

**REX HUFFMAN** –

**KEITH HORNER** – HE HOPES THEY MAKE A GOOD DECISION FOR THE FUTURE OF PERRY AND THE LIMA COMMUNITY.

**JOE HENDERSON** –

**CHERYL KIRKENDALL** -

**BETH SIEBERT** – AS AN ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHE REPRESENTS THE COMMISSIONERS ON THE ALLEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND LIMA ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR TOWNSHIPS. SHE UNDERSTANDS THE CHALLENGE AND WANTS TO COME TO SEE THE PROCESS FOR HERSELF AND SHE RESPECTS WHAT WE ARE DOING.

**MIKE REYNOLDS**- THIS IS HIS 2<sup>ND</sup> TRUSTEE MEETING IN 40 YEARS. HIS PROPERTY IS ZONED INDUSTRIAL. HE THINKS THE DATA CENTER IS A WIN, WIN, WIN FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND HE IS IN FAVOR OF IT BECAUSE OF THE SMALL AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC AND GOOD PAYING JOBS IT WILL PROVIDE FOR THE AREA.

**CINDY LEIS** – CINDY SAID 358 OF THOSE ACRES HAVE BEEN ZONED I-2. THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT CAN GO INTO AN I-2. THERE ARE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS AREA. TWO MONTHS AGO, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD BE A DATA CENTER. THIS WOULD BE VERY GOOD USE OF THE PROPERTY COMPARED TO OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE COME THROUGH THEIR OFFICE. IT IS NEAR I-75 AND ON A STATE ROUTE, NEAR UTILITIES AND WITH RAIL. SHE HOPES THE TRUSTEES CONTINUE TO CONSIDER ADDING A DATA CENTER TO THE ZONING RESOLUTIONS. THE CURRENT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED IN 1977.

GREG KESSEN STATED IT WAS UPDATED IN 2016 ALSO AND THEY ARE CURRENTLY UPDATING IT AGAIN.

**NORM CAPPS** – WE WANT GOOD JOBS FOR OUR KIDS THAT LIVE IN THIS AREA. MOST OF THE PROPOSED LAND HAS BEEN ZONED INDUSTRIAL SINCE 1977. HE FEELS THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE A WIN-WIN WITH VERY LITTLE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. THE TAX REVENUES WILL BOOST THE SCHOOL AND THE TOWNSHIP.

**BRANDON CORNWELL** – HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE TRUSTEES TALKING TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS. HE IS CONCERNED THAT WE ARE GETTING PUSHED TO SIGN SOMETHING AND HE THINKS WE NEED MORE INFORMATION.

**JEFF CAROLUS** – HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE PERRY TOWNSHIP GIVE UP PROPERTY BUT HE FEELS WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE DATA CENTER. JEFF SAID THAT 60 – 70 YEARS AGO BATH TOWNSHIP DIDN'T HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL AND FORD MOTOR AND DANA CAME IN AND HELPED THEM TREMENDOUSLY. HE FEELS THAT A DATA CENTER WOULD BE A BETTER CHOICE THAN THE INDUSTRY THAT IS CURRENTLY PERMITTED AT THIS TIME.

**MARK SIDENER** – HE STATED THAT HE THINKS MOST OF HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND RESIDENTS THINK HE IS NEGATIVE ABOUT A DATA CENTER. HE IS FOR BUSINESS BUT HE HAS QUESTIONS THAT PORT AUTHORITY AND ALLEN ECONOMIC WILL NOT ANSWER. HE STATED THAT TAX ABATEMENTS HAVE BEEN AN ISSUE FOR MONTHS BECAUSE IT ISN'T BEING ANSWERED. HE RESPECTS BETH SIEBERT BUT WANTS SOME ANSWERS. HE SPOKE ABOUT A RADIO PROGRAM WITH TODD WALKER ABOUT HOW MUCH MONEY THE PORT AUTHORITY GETS.

**JIM CLEMENTZ** – HE THANKED THE TRUSTEES AND INTERIM POLICE CHIEF ITEN FOR TRYING TO CATCH THE SPEEDERS ON AMHERST ROAD BUT SAID IT WOULD TAKE MORE THAN A COUPLE TIMES OF SOMEONE PATROLLING TO STOP THE SPEEDING. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE HAS BEEN AN UPDATE ON REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT TO 45 MPH TO MATCH THE REST OF AMHERST IS GOING INTO CRIDERSVILLE.

**JANET LAUF** – SHE STILL DOESN'T LIKE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH ANSWERS. SHE DOESN'T THINK THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WILL GET MORE MONEY THAN THEY GET FROM PROPERTY TAX COMING FROM THIS PROJECT BECAUSE OF TAX ABATEMENTS. SHAWNEE AND ELIDA SCHOOLS DIDN'T GET THE TAX REVENUE THEY WERE PROMISED FROM PROJECTS. LEAVE FARMLAND AS FARMLAND. SHE STATES THAT SHE'S CONCERNED OTHER GENERATIONS WON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD BECAUSE THERE WILL BE LESS FARMLAND. SHE STATED THAT THEY SHOULD PUT INDUSTRIAL PARKS ON VACANT LAND SUCH AS THE PRIOR AMERICAN MALL LOT AND ALL THE OTHER VACANT LAND IN THE AREA.

**MARK AND LINDA HOERSTEN** – LINDA SAID THAT YEARS AGO THE PROPOSED LAND WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A CHOCOLATE FACTORY. SHE WANTS PEOPLE TO BUY PROPERTY IN PERRY TOWNSHIP WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF THE PROPERTY AND MAKE IT LOOK NICE. SHE HAS FAMILY IN HILLIARD, OHIO WHO HAVE A DATA CENTER 25 YARDS FROM THEIR BACKYARD. THEY CAN HEAR A SLIGHT HUM AT NIGHT WHEN IT IS REALLY QUIET BUT THAT'S ALL. WE CAN'T JUST SAY WE WANT HOUSES BUT NOT LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE. SHE SUGGESTED WE MIGHT LOOK TO ADD A SUBDIVISION. WE NEED TO HAVE A VISION FOR WHAT WE WANT. A DATA CENTER IS A GOOD CHOICE BECAUSE TECHNOLOGY ISN'T GOING AWAY. MARK HAS LIVED IN PERRY TOWNSHIP ALL HIS LIFE AND ON GREELEY CHAPEL FOR 40 YEARS. HE FEELS A DATA

CENTER WILL HAVE THE SMALLEST IMPRINT ON THE AREA. WE NEED GUARANTEES THAT A BUNCH OF OTHER STUFF WON'T COME IN AROUND IT THAT WE WOULDN'T WANT.

**WALLY SCHOOLER** – HE SAID HE SEES THE PROJECT AS A WIN, WIN, WIN.

**JASON STOMBAUGH** -

**SASHA WEIGHT** – SHE ASKED IF YODER ROAD IS GOING TO BE PAVED. COREY STATED YODER IS A COUNTY ROAD AND THE COUNTY IS AWARE THAT IT NEEDS WORKED ON. THEY WILL PROBABLY BE DOING CRACK PATCH BUT THEY HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE THAT IT NEEDS WORKED ON. SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THEY HAVE ANY ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED IN THE FIRST MEETING ABOUT THE DATA CENTER. SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE ZONING BOARD BECAUSE SHE IS ON IT AND HASN'T SEEN ANY INFORMATION. LARRY STATED THAT THEY WILL START THAT SOMETIME SOON.

**CHUCK WEIGHT** – HE SEES THIS AS AN INTERESTING PROBLEM TO HAVE. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. HE ASKED THAT WE PLEASE TAKE EVERYONE IDEAS AND THOUGHTS INTO CONSIDERATION TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION. HE WISHED THE BOARD LUCK MAKING A DECISION.

**ADAM HAUNHURST** – HE IS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR LACRPC (LIMA ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION) – HE THANKED THE TRUSTEES FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT THEY HAVE PUT INTO THIS AND HE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER HIS ASSISTANCE AND INSIGHT. HE IS THE ZONING OFFICIAL WITHIN REGIONAL PLANNING.

**VIVIAN WILSON** – SHE RECENTLY MOVED TO PERRY TOWNSHIP AT 1250 E. BREESE ROAD. SHE LOVES THE WILDLIFE. SHE WORKS AT A PRISON AND SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE A GUARD AT A DATA CENTER.

**DAVE SHEPERD** – HE IS NOT CONNECTED TO THE PROPOSED DATA CENTER. HE HAS LIVED AT HIS PROPERTY ON 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. SINCE 1946 AND WANTS TO KNOW WHY THERE ARE SO MANY SEMI'S ON 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET HEADING TOWARDS BOWMAN ROAD. THEY ARE USING IT AS A SHORT CUT FROM THE INTERSTATE TO STATE ROUTE 117. THEY ARE DAMAGING THE TREES AND THE EDGES OF THE LAWNS.

**KATHY CLEMENTZ** – SHE WOULD STILL LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH NOISE YOU CAN HEAR FROM A DATA CENTER AT CERTAIN DISTANCES. IT'S NOT FAIR THAT THE TRUSTEES AREN'T GETTING MORE ANSWERS FROM THE PROPOSED COMPANY. WILL THEY BE WILLING TO SPEND THE MONEY TO REDUCE THE NOISE POLLUTION?

**JOHN DAVIS** –

**NORM CAPPS**- HE STATED THAT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE BUYING PROPERTY AND BUILDING HOUSES SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE ZONING IN THE AREAS BEFORE BUILDING. IT WOULD PREVENT A LOT OF WASTED HARD WORK.

**RON SPENCER** – HE STATED THAT YEARS AGO WAYNESFIELD LOST AIRSTREAM TO JACKSON CENTER BECAUSE THE BOARD DID NOT WANT TO GIVE UP ANY LAND.

**SHARETTA SMITH**– SHE IS THE CURRENT MAYOR OF LIMA AND A 1996 PERRY SCHOOL GRADUATE. SHE ALSO SITS ON THE BOARD OF ALLEN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IS A MEMBER OF REGIONAL PLANNING. SHE SAID THE BOARD HAS A VERY TOUGH DECISION TO MAKE. SHE HEARD A LOT OF PASSION ON BOTH SIDES FROM A COMMUNITY WHERE SHE GOT HER START. SHE ADVISED THEM TO DO THEIR DUE DILIGENCE AND TO TALK WITH THE ATTORNEYS ABOUT AMENDING THE ZONING CODE TO JUST ALLOW THE DATA CENTERS.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**JOHN ITEN, INTERIM POLICE CHIEF**- JOHN IS ABSENT BUT LARRY STATED THAT HOPEFULLY RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN NOTICING MORE PATROLS. THEY HAVE BEEN PARKING IN JIM CLEMENTZ' DRIVEWAY ON AMHERST RD. TO HELP PREVENT SPEEDERS SO EVERYONE PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED.

**COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR** – COREY CHECKED WITH DOMINION FOR AN UPDATE ON PAVING LENNOX. THEY STATED IT SHOULD BE DONE BY MID JUNE.

**JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING** – JOHN IS ON VACATION BUT GAVE GREG KESSEN A LETTER TO READ THANKING THE PROPERTY OWNERS AT 210 AMHERST ROAD. WE WILL BE RELEASING THE INSURANCE FUNDS THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN HOLDING FOR COMPLIANCE (LETTER ATTACHED). KEVIN COX STATED THAT THE RESIDENTS IN THE LIGHTING DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANOTHER LIGHT POLE TO THE CORNER OF 15<sup>TH</sup> AND REESE. KEVIN STATED HE WILL LOOK INTO THE REQUEST.

**KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF** – KEVIN IS ON VACATION

#### **TRUSTEES AND COMMUNITY DISCUSSION FOLLOWS:**

**FEMALE RESIDENT** ASKED MAYOR SMITH IF LIMA WOULD ANNEX THE DATA CENTER INTO LIMA AND SHE STATED THAT THEY HAVE NO DESIRE TO DO ANY ANNEXATION.

**KATHY DICKSON** STATED THAT IF WE MAKE A ZONING CHANGE, WE CAN'T JUST CHANGE IT BACK. SHE THINKS THAT A DATA CENTER WOULD NOT BE A CONSTANT BECAUSE TECHNOLOGY IS ALWAYS CHANGING.

**ADAM HAUNHURST** OFFERED CLARIFICATION THAT A ZONING AMENDMENT IS TO CHANGE THE TEXT OF THE I-2 TO INCLUDE A DATA CENTER ALONG WITH THE OTHER BUSINESSES THAT ARE ALREADY PERMITTED IN AN I-2. I-2 IS DEFINED AS GENERAL INDUSTRY WHICH IS MODERATE TO HEAVY INDUSTRY. LARRY SIDENER ASKED ADAM IF THEY ADD DATA CENTER HOW WILL THAT AFFECT THE REST OF THE TOWNSHIP. ADAM STATED THAT IF WE MAKE A CHANGE TO THE TEXT IN I-2 IT WOULDN'T JUST BE FOR THAT I-2. IT WOULD BE PERMITTED IN ALL I-2'S IN THE TOWNSHIP BUT IT WOULD NOT EXPAND THE I-2 INTO ANY SURROUNDING LAND. HE THEN STATED THE STEPS TO CHANGE ANY ZONING WITHIN ALLEN COUNTY. LACRPC IS AN IMPARTIAL 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY THAT REVIEWS AND MAKE A TECHNICAL DECISION. THEY THEN MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THE PARTIES. IT WOULD THEN COME BACK TO THE LOCAL TOWNSHIP FOR THE ZONING COMMISSION TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TRUSTEES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION. LACRPC TAKES MANY THINGS INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN LOOKING AT A ZONING CHANGE SUCH AS LAND USE, CHARACTER OF THE AREA, TRAFFIC CONCERNS, TOWNSHIP SUPPORT AND OTHER SPECIFICS.

**SHARETTA SMITH** STATED THAT SIMILAR TO PERMISSIVE CODES IN LIMA IT STATES WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESS IS ALLOWED. IT WOULD ONLY BE A CHANGE TO ALLOW DATA CENTERS TO AN ALREADY ZONED INDUSTRIAL AREA.

**FRANK CLEMETZ** STATED THAT WE HAVE THE SAME TYPES OF PROPERTY OPEN ON BOTH SIDES OF STATE ROUTER 65. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO HIM THAT THEY WON'T CONSIDER THOSE PROPERTIES.

**KEVIN COX (TRUSTEE)** – KEVIN STATED THAT ALL THEY ARE ASKING US TO DO TO ALLOW DATA CENTERS. HE THEN STATED OTHER BUSINESSES THAT ARE ALREADY APPROVED AS AN I-2 INDUSTRY. HE THINKS A DATA CENTER SOUNDS A LOT BETTER FOR THE AREA THAN THE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE ALREADY PERMITTED. THEY HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS FOR AWHILE WHICH HAVE TO HAVE WATER AND SEWAGE. HE LOVES ALL THE FARMLAND AND FARM ANIMALS. THE REALITY IS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE DECISIONS AND THEY TRY TO MAKE GREAT DECISIONS. HE THINKS A DATA CENTER WOULD BE THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RESIDENTS.

**GREG KESSEN (TRUSTEE)** – STORAGE IS ALREADY ALLOWED FOR I-1. WHY DO WE NEED TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO ALLOW IT WHEN DATA IS STORAGE.

**REX HUFFMAN** FROM PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEN COUNTY AND WOOD COUNTY. THEY HAVE A BIG DATA CENTER PROJECT IN WOOD COUNTY. THEY DON'T KNOW WHO THE COMPANY IS. HE STATED THAT THEY WON'T SPEND A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY IF IT'S NOT A GUARANTEE, WHICH IS WHY THEY ARE REQUESTING A CHANGE IN THE ZONING AMENDMENT. THE TRUSTEES HAD TO START THE PROCESS IN WOOD COUNTY.

**LARRY SIDENER (TRUSTEE)** - HE IS CONCERNED WITH THE ADJOINING PROPERTY AND ABATEMENTS. HOW DO WE PUT THIS IN WRITING FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE MAY GET IN TAX DOLLARS.

**KEITH HORNER** - STATED THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT AGREEMENT) WILL BE DISCUSSED AND NEGOTIATED AT A LATER TIME.

**CINDY LEIS** – SPOKE OF THE PROCESS. THE ABATEMENT DISCUSSION WILL BE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD BUT WE WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ON THAT PROCESS. THEY ARE WITHHOLDING THE INFORMATION OF THE COMPANY'S NAME BECAUSE THAT CAN'T BE RELEASED AT THE MOMENT. SHE STATED SHE WILL GET AND SHARE MORE INFORMATION ONCE THE ZONING AMENDMENT IS DONE AND THE COMPANY HAS A COMFORT LEVEL THAT WE WANT THEM IN OUR TOWNSHIP.

**GREG KESSEN (TRUSTEE)** - HE HAS CONTACTED REX HUFFMAN AND READ THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE TOWNSHIP IN WOOD COUNTY. HE IS HEARING BOTH SIDES.

**LARRY SIDENER (TRUSTEE)** - HAS BEEN STUDYING THE ZONING BOOK AND ASKED WHO STARTS THE PROCESS. THE LANDOWNERS CANNOT START THE PROCESS. LARRY'S RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WITHOUT THE ZONING INSPECTOR HERE TONIGHT HE WANTS TO WAIT UNTIL AT LEAST NEXT MEETING TO MAKE A DECISION.

**GREG KESSEN (TRUSTEE)** - STATED HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. HE SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH WAYNESFIELD LOST OUT ON THE AIRSTREAM OPPORTUNEITY THEY ARE STILL STANDING. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TOWNSHIP BUT ASKED EVERYONE TO BEAR WITH US.

**SASHA WEIGHT** IS GOING OVER ALL THE ZONING RESOLUTIONS. SHE SAYS THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARDS TO GET TOGETHER WITH THE TRUSTEES AND DO A LITTLE RESEARCH ON DATA CENTERS. THE NEXT ZONING MEETING IS ON MONDAY.

**JASON STOMBAUGH** – HE SUGGESTED THAT ZONING BOARDS AND TRUSTEES SHOULD VISIT A DATA CENTER SITE.

**VIVIAN WILSON** – THE PLACE SHE WORKS FOR DOES LARGE CONTRACTS AND SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THIS COMPANY DOESN'T WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT. THEY WANT US TO TRUST THEM BUT WE'RE NOT GETTING ENOUGH TRUST BACK.

**JEFF CAROLUS** – ASKED REX TO SHARE INFORMATION. REX SAID THEY BOUGHT 700 ACRES AND HAD TO REZONE HALF OF THAT. THEY DON'T HAVE A SITE PLAN APPROVED. THEIR PLAN IS IN 3 PHASES OF BUILDING. THE BUILDINGS WILL BE 2000 SQUARE FOOT BUILDINGS. IT IS A LONG PROCESS.

**MARK SIDENER** – JILL HAGEMAN TOLD THE COMMUNITY TO DO THEIR OWN RESEARCH. THEY WILL LOOK FOR A 100% TAX ABATEMENT.

**NICK HEINZ** – HE UNDERSTANDS THAT WE WANT MORE ANSWERS BUT THAT GIVES THEM MORE OPPORTUNITY THAT MAY OR MAY NOT TAKE THE POSSIBILITY AWAY FROM OUR TOWNSHIP. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP A COLLECTION TO HELP HIM FEED THE DEER.

**DAVE SHEPPERD** – HE WANTS TO KNOW IF THE COMPANY IS FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC OWNED.

**FEMALE RESIDENT** -SHE WANTS TO KNOW WHY THEY CAN'T GO INTO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK AND GREG STATED IT'S BECAUSE OF POWER.

**MICHELE KOHLHORST**- STATED THAT HER PROPERTY IS DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE PROPOSED SITE AND ASKED IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BUYING HER PROPERTY. SHE WILL SELL IF THE DATA CENTER GOES IN. SHE THEN STATED THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST A DOZEN DEER THAT STAY AROUND THAT PROPERTY RIGHT NOW.

**MIKE REYNOLDS** – STATED THAT THIS COMPANY IS PROBABLY LOOKING AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS. HOW WE PERFORM IS VERY IMPORTANT OR THEY MAY MOVE ON.

**SHERYL KIRKENDALL** – WANTS TO KNOW IF THE FACILITY IN WOOD COUNTY HAS DISCLOSED THEIR NAME.

**REX HUFFMAN** STATED THAT THEY HAVE NOT. THEY MAY HAVE 10 OR SO TEAMS WORKING ON DATA CENTERS BEING BUILT. IF IT DOESN'T GO HERE IT WILL GO SOMEWHERE IN OUR REGION.

**MOTIONS:**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2024, GREG KESSEN 2<sup>ND</sup>, ROLLCALL.**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$73,701.00 KEVIN COX, 2<sup>ND</sup>, ROLLCALL.**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY VFIS INSURANCE OF \$38,372.00 KEVIN COX, 2<sup>ND</sup>, ROLL CALL**

**MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT PM, 8:59 PM 2<sup>ND</sup> BY KEVIN COX, ROLLCALL.**