

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD JULY 2, 2024

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

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER –

CHRISTINA PRESENTED A CHECK AND PURCHASE ORDER TO SIGN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,171.90 FOR A FLAIL MOWER WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR PURCHASE ON DECEMBER 19TH, 2023 TRUSTEE MEETING AND GIVEN TO NICK ADAMS FROM ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR DELIVERY.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

JOHN ITEN, POLICE CHIEF – CHIEF ITEN PASSED OUT HIS MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STATS TO THE TRUSTEES. JOHN HAD TO CALL *IT* (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY) PEOPLE IN FOR COMPUTER ISSUES. SINCE THEY ARE LEASED IT DIDN'T COST ANYTHING TO FIX. IF OWNED IT WOULD HAVE BETWEEN \$800 - \$1,000. THE LEASE IS UP IN DECEMBER. WE WILL DISCUSS LATER ABOUT RENEWING THE LEASE. LAST WEEK A PERRY POLICE OFFICER HAD A TRAFFIC STOP THAT RESULTED IN AN OVI AND DRUG ARREST. SUSPECTED DRUGS FOUND IN THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN SENT TO BCI FOR LAB TEST AND POSSIBLE CRIMINAL CHARGES. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN SPEED CITATIONS WITHIN THE LAST MONTH. MOST WERE OVER 15 MILES AN HOUR. HE SPOKE WITH LEGAL ABOUT BODY CAMERAS. LEGAL ADVISED IF WE AREN'T SET UP TO REDACT THAT WE DON'T RELEASE ANY FOOTAGE. JOHN WILL LOOK AT BODY CAMERAS TO GET AN IDEA ON THE PRICES. THE 2016 DODGE TRUCK IS OUT OF SERVICE DUE TO A TRACTION CONTROL MODULE FAILURE. MILLER AUTO HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO GET THAT PART SINCE NOVEMBER OF 2023. DODGE HAS THE PART ON HOLD. DUE TO SAFETY REASONS CAUSED BY ANTI-LOCK BRAKES AND TRACTION CONTROL THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE. DODGE HAS NO UPDATE ON WHEN THE PART WILL BECOME AVAILABLE. JOHN THEN SUBMITTED A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE REMAINING RADIOS TO COME OUT OF 2024 BUDGET. LARRY SIDENER THEN STATED THAT JOHN ITEN HAS BEEN THE INTERIM POLICE CHIEF SINCE BOBBY PHILLIPS RETIRED IN APRIL. HE'S BEEN DOING A VERY GOOD JOB AND WOULD LIKE TO HIRE JOHN ITEN AS POLICE CHIEF. AFTER THE MOTION WAS MADE LARRY SIDENER THEN SWORE IN JOHN ITEN AS CHIEF OF POLICE AND HIS WIFE PINNED HIS BADGE ON.

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR – COREY IS ON VACATION. NICK ADAMS PRESENT FOR COREY. NICK STATED THAT THEY WILL BE PICKING UP THE FLAIL MOWER ON MONDAY. CRACK SEALING HAS BEEN STARTED ON KERR, CREPES AND DITZLER.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR – THE NEW OWNERS ARE STARTING TO CLEAN UP AROUND THE OLD RAPHIE'S PROPERTY. THEY ARE PLANNING ON TEARING IT DOWN NEXT YEAR. SWANN'S ON STATE ROUTE 65 CLEANED UP THEIR PROPERTY. JOHN IS STILL WORKING WITH A COUPLE HOUSES ON 4TH STREET TO GET THEM CLEANED UP. THE JUNE 27TH ZONING BOARD MEETING PASSED THE ZONING AMENDMENT TO ADD **DATA CENTER** TO THE LANGUAGE AND IT IS NOW AT REGIONAL PLANNING. LARRY THEN ASKED JOHN FOR THE TIMELINE WHICH HE REPLIED THAT REGIONAL PLANNING HAS 20-30 DAYS TO COME UP WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATION. IT WOULD THEN COME BACK TO THE ZONING BOARD. THEY THEN HAVE 30 DAYS TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING. LETTERS WILL BE SENT OUT AT THAT TIME TO RESIDENTS. THE ZONING BOARD THEN GIVES THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO THE TRUSTEES. THE TRUSTEES WILL THEN HAVE ANOTHER PUBLIC MEETING AND THEN MAKE A RULING. THE PROCESS COULD TAKE UNTIL NOVEMBER. JOHN BREWSTER REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ABOUT INSURANCE CHECKS WHICH WILL BE HELD AFTER PUBLIC COMMENTS.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF – STARTING JULY 1ST THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CHANGED RATES FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS. THE SUBJECT OF THE BACKGROUND CHECK AND PAYMENT WILL HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONTACTED CHIEF RADER LAST WEEK ABOUT AN ALLEGED COMPLAINT TOWARDS THE PERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT. AFTER AN INVESTIGATION HE COULD NOT FIND INFORMATION AND NOTIFIED THAT THEY HAVE THE INCORRECT PERRY TOWNSHIP. THERE ARE MANY PERRY TOWNSHIPS IN OHIO. A LEGAL NOTICE WAS SERVED FROM ALLEN COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS BY A PATIENT THAT ALLEGED THAT THEY REACHED OUT TO THEM ABOUT A BILL AND THEY HAVE

NO RECORD OF THE CONTACT THROUGH THE BILLING DEPARTMENT. THE BILLING DEPARTMENT AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE HAS AN EXTENSION UNTIL JULY 9TH TO GIVE A RESPONSE. CHIEF RADER'S RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE TOWNSHIP DOESN'T DO THE BILLING. A 3RD PARTY BILLING COMPANY DOES THE BILLING. ON JUNE 27TH THE SPRINGS BROKE ON BAY 1 DOOR. WAGNER REPAIRED IT ALREADY. THERE HAS BEEN PROBLEMS WITH THE DECK GUN ON THE TANKER. PARTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO REPAIR IT. CHIEF RADER REQUESTED THE BOARD TO HIRE A PART TIME EMPLOYEE, JOHN SPRAGUE, AS A VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER AND PART TIME EMS AT THE APPLICABLE RATE. THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH ROADS DEPARTMENT TO REPAIR THE FIRE HYDRANTS. MOST ARE REPAIRED AND ONE HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE CITY. RADER SUBMITTED A PURCHASE REQUEST FOR 5 INCH FIRE HOSE. 100 FEET IS PRICED AT \$995. FOUR SECTIONS OF IT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$3,980.00. IT WOULD REPLACE THE RUBBER HOSE FROM THE 1970'S. RADER THEN CONGRATULATED CAITYN STOVER AND JACOB ALDRICH FOR PASSING THEIR PARAMEDIC EXAMS. CALLS FOR SERVICE ARE INCREASING WITH THE WARMER WEATHER. THEY HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO TAKE SOME OF THE CALLS BUT WITH THE HELP OF PART-TIMERS AND VOLUNTEERS THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HANDLE ALL THEIR CALLS FOR SERVICE AND HE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR HELP.

GUESTS:

COSLISA TYSON

JEFF CAROLUS

MARY WILLIAMSON – MARY FROM THE NORTHWEST PERRY REVITALIZATION GROUP ASKED ABOUT INSURANCE FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN NORTHWEST PERRY TOWNSHIP. SHE SPOKE WITH STOLLY INSURANCE AND THEY SUGGESTED THAT PERRY TOWNSHIP OWN THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND INSURE IT THROUGH THE TOWNSHIP'S VFIS POLICY. SHE FEELS IT GIVES THE CHILDREN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SOMETHING TO DO AND A PLACE TO BE RATHER THAN WALKING THE STREETS. KEVIN COX STATED THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS LOCATED BETWEEN MCCLAIN ROAD, 10TH STREET AND HANTHORN ROAD. MARY STATED THEY HAVE AROUND 8 – 10 PIECES OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT WHICH IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MOVED TO THE CORNER OF 15TH AND REESE. SHE STATED THAT STOLLY INSURANCE SAID THAT MANY TIMES PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ARE TREATED AS INCIDENTALS BY INSURANCE COMPANIES AND SHOULD NOT CREATE A CHANGE TO THE INSURANCE PREMIUM. THE COST TO INSURE IT THROUGH NORTHWEST PERRY REVITALIZATION GROUP IS TOO GREAT AND THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD IT. SHE ALSO STATED THAT THE NORTHWEST PERRY GROUP IS IN FAVOR OF THE DATA CENTER AND FEELS AS THOUGH IT COULD PUT PERRY TOWNSHIP ON THE MAP AND DO GREAT THINGS FOR THE CHILDREN OF PERRY SCHOOL. THEY WANT OUR CHILDREN TO HAVE THE BEST EDUCATION. SHE ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT WITH ANY ADVANTAGE COMES DISADVANTAGES TO SOME SUCH AS NOISE BUT IF WE DON'T START TO IMPROVE, WE ARE GOING TO GET LEFT BEHIND. WE NEED MORE RESOURCES THAN WE GET FROM HOTELS TO DO WANT NEEDS TO BE DONE. GREG KESSEN STATED THAT WE NEED TO CONTACT VFIS ABOUT THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLY DRIVE BY AND SEE WHAT IT CONSIST OF.

VIVIAN WILSON – VIVIAN STATED THAT JOHN BREWSTER ALREADY ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT ZONING TIMELINE THAT SHE HAD.

SASHA WEIGHT – SASHA WEIGT ASKED ABOUT ZONING MEETING PAYMENTS AND CHRISTINA STATED THAT THOSE WILL BE MAILED OUT NEXT FRIDAY, JULY 12TH

HAROLD GOLDEN –

JENNIFER GOLDEN – SHE QUESTIONED IF THE ZONING BOARD PASSED THE AMENDMENT AND LARRY STATED THAT THEY HAVE. SHE THEN STATED REX HUFFMAN SPOKE ABOUT ABATEMENTS IN WOOD COUNTY IN HIS MEETING MINUTES THAT SHE HAS READ THAT SAID THEY WON'T SEE ANY MONEY UNTIL 2030 BECAUSE OF ABATEMENTS. LARRY STATED THAT ANY ABATEMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE DATE FOR PERRY. SHE SAID WE NEED TO INCREASE STAFF FOR POLICE AND FIRE TO KEEP OUR TOWNSHIP SAFE. SHE STATED THAT TWO PATROL VEHICLES ISN'T ENOUGH AND ASKED CHIEF RADER HOW MANY FIRE TRUCKS WE HAVE. RADER STATED THAT ALL OF THEIR VEHICLES ARE IN SERVICE AND TOLD MS GOLDEN THE TYPES OF VEHICLES THAT WE HAVE AND THE FUNCTIONS OF EACH. CHIEF ITEN DISCUSSED THAT WE PUT MONEY AWAY EACH YEAR TO BE ABLE TO REPLACE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT. MS GOLDEN THEN ASKED CHIEF ITEN HOW MANY OFFICERS WE CURRENTLY HAVE AND HIS ANSWER WAS 8 PAID OFFICER PLUS HIMSELF AND 3 AUXILIARY OFFICERS. GREG KESSEN THEN STATED THAT WE DON'T KNOW AT THIS POINT IF THE DATA CENTER WILL HAVE ITS OWN SECURITY OR FIRE BUT WE HAVE GOOD QUALIFIED PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN THE TOWNSHIP RIGHT NOW. HE IS VERY COMFORTABLE AND THINKS THE RESIDENTS SHOULD FEEL THIS WAY AS WELL.

DON JONES –

NANCY JONES – SHE WENT TO NEW ALBANY AND DROVE AROUND THE DATA CENTER SITES. SHE STATED THERE IS MULTIPLE DATA CENTERS IN OHIO INCLUDING GOOGLE AND META. SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY THERE ARE SO MANY AND IF THEY CAN COMBINE DATA CENTERS JUST LIKE THERE ARE MULTIPLE CARRIERS ON CELL PHONE TOWERS. GREG KESSEN STATED THAT EVERY DATA CENTER TAKES UP AS MUCH AS POWER AS 80,000 HOMES. GREG ALSO STATED THAT JOHN HUSTED JUST PUT OUT AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF POWER AND WATER THEY NEED AND SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO USE NUCLEAR POWER. NANCY THEN STATED THAT THEY PULLED INTO THE DRIVE OF ONE OF THE SITES AND HEARD VERY LITTLE NOISE FROM THEM.

MELISSA HOLLOWAY – SHE REFERRED TO THE NEWSLETTER WHERE IT WAS STATED THAT THE ALLEN COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY WANTED 750 + ACRES. SHE WANTS TO KNOW IF THE INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF LAND THEY MAY WANT WILL AFFECT HER HOME. SHE HAS DONE A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS TO HER HOUSE AND SHE FEELS LIKE SHE'S SITTING IN LIMBO NOW WAITING TO SEE IF THEY TAKE HER LAND.

CHUCK WEIGT –
JASON STOMBAUGH –

JIM CLEMETZ – HE HAS BEEN CONCERNED FOR MANY MONTHS BY THE SPEEDERS ON AMHERST BETWEEN MCLAIN AND STATE ROUTE 65. A COUPLE NIGHTS AGO THERE WAS DRAG RACING TOWARDS ST RT 65 SPEEDING BETWEEN 90 - 100 MILES AN HOUR. THE PEOPLE NEED TO BE SLOWED DOWN BEFORE A FATALITY ACCIDENT HAPPENS. HE SPOKE TO CHIEF ITEN BEFORE THE MEETING ABOUT HAVING A POSSIBLE SPEED TARGET SIGNS THAT LIGHTS UP WHEN SOMEONE IS SPEEDING TO CREATE MORE AWARENESS OF WHAT THE SPEED LIMIT IS. LARRY STATED THAT COREY CONTACTED THE COUNTY AND THEY WILL PUT UP 55 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ALSO. CHIEF ITEN WILL LOOK INTO GETTING A QUOTE ABOUT PORTABLE SPEED TARGET SIGNS THAT ALSO RECORDS DATA. ANOTHER RESIDENT ALSO STATED THAT MAYBE WE COULD PUT UP FLASHING YELLOW LIGHTS. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT THEY HAVE 4 OF THEM IN ADA AND THEY BARELY HAVE ANY SPEEDING CITATIONS IN THOSE AREAS ANYMORE SO THEY DO WORK. ANOTHER RESIDENT STATED THAT THEY HAVE SPEEDERS ON GREELEY CHAPEL INCLUDING MOTORCYCLES THAT ARE DOING WHEELIES DOWN THE ROAD. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT THEY DON'T USUALLY CHASE RIDERS ON MOTORCYCLES BECAUSE THE SPEEDS GET TO DANGEROUS.

NICK ADAMS – NICK ASKED ABOUT A POSSIBLE RAILROAD SPUR THAT MAY BE PUT IN AT HUME ROAD. TRUSTEES STATED THAT IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE PROPOSED DATA CENTER.

TRUSTEES:

GREG KESSEN – GREG REACHED OUT TO BRYON RHODES FROM ALLEN COUNTY ABOUT THE EMPLOYEES PARKING ON THE RIGHT OF WAY AT 4TH STREET AND GREELEY CHAPEL. HE HAS NOT HEARD BACK YET. GREG KESSEN STATED THAT WE NEED TO REVISIT THE ZONING BOARD APPLICATIONS AND ALSO TALK TO JEFF CAROLUS WHO IS NOW AN ALTERNATE ABOUT BEING APPOINTED TO ZONING APPEALS BOARD AND LOOK AT ADDING MORE ALTERNATES.

KEVIN COX - KEVIN WISHED EVERYONE A SAFE AND FUN JULY 4TH AND HOPES EVERYONE COMES BACK WITH ALL THEIR FINGERS.

RESOLUTIONS:

GREG KESSEN MADE A RESOLUTION 2024.0702-01 TO APPROPRIATE INSURANCE FUNDS BEING HELD TO BE RELEASED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,003.33 FROM FUND 9001-892 AND REALLOCATED TO FUND 9001-785-599-0000, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL

GREG KESSEN MADE A RESOLUTION 2024.0702-02 TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$18,000 TO REVENUE FUND 1000-533-000, LIQUOR PERMIT FEES, FOR AN ERROR ON THE 2024 BUDGET WHICH WAS REPORTED FOR \$2,000. THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN \$20,000. 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL

MOTIONS:

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2024, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLLCALL.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2024, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLLCALL.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,381.08, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLLCALL.

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JOHN ITEN AS POLICE CHIEF AT SALARY OF \$2,000/MONTH KEVIN COX 2ND, ROLL CALL

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION HIRE JOHN SPRAGUE AS A PART TIME EMS AND VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:27 PM WITH JOHN BREWSTER FOR INSURANCE RELEASE, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:57 PM, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

NO ACTION TAKEN

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