

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING  
HELD JULY 16, 2024

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

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER

### **JOHN ITEN, POLICE CHIEF – ABSENT**

LETTER PRESENTED FROM JOHN ITEN FROM AN EMAIL AND CONTACT WITH LARRY SIDENER. EMAIL ATTACHED.

JOHN REQUESTED AN UPDATE ABOUT THE PURCHASE REQUEST FOR 3 PORTABLE RADIOS. GREG STATED THAT WE WILL HAVE TO MOVE MONEY TO THE APPROPRIATE FUND TO PURCHASE THE RADIOS. THE REQUEST WAS ORIGINALLY MADE AT THE JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING. THE MOTION TO PURCHASE WAS APPROVED.

JOHN ALSO WANTED AN UPDATE ABOUT A POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF A NEW CRUISER. AFTER A DISCUSSION ABOUT ARPA FUNDS THE POSSIBLE SALE OF THE CROWN VIC AND THE AMOUNT PRESENTLY HELD IN THE POLICE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND THEY DECIDED TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION.

THE TRUSTEES THEN SPOKE ABOUT REPLACING GRATES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. NICK SAID HE WOULD LOOK AT THE SIZES NEEDED. JOHN ALSO NEEDS 2 GARAGE DOOR OPENERS THAT AREN'T WORKING AND NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE PAINT. GREG STATED THAT WE MAY HAVE TO SHUFFLE THE LIST OF POLICE NEEDS AROUND TO FIGURE OUT WHAT NEEDS REPLACED NOW AND WHAT WE CAN HOLD OFF ON BECAUSE OF BUDGET CONSTRAINTS.

### **COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR – ABSENT, NICK ADAMS PRESENT FOR COREY**

CREPPS AND KERR ROAD RESEALING IS DONE. KEVIN COX ASKED 4190 OSMAN ROAD CROSS OVER. NICK SAID THEY HAVE PLANS TO REPLACE THE CATCH BASIN ON THE WEST SIDE.

### **JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR -**

JOHN GAVE THE TRUSTEES THE ZONING RECEIPTS FOR JUNE.

JOHN HANDED IN ZONING BOARD APPLICATIONS TO LARRY FOR THE TRUSTEES TO REVIEW.

JOHN THEN DISCUSSED ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATIONS TO REZONE HENDERSON'S AND CIRA PROPERTY FROM AGRICULTURAL TO I-2 INDUSTRIAL REQUESTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS. THE APPLICATIONS WILL GO TO THE ZONING BOARD THEN TO REGIONAL PLANNING FOR THE SAME PROCESS AS THE DATA CENTER CHANGE.

JOHN HASN'T RECEIVED ANYTHING YET BUT HAS HEARD THAT THE DATA CENTER LANGUAGE MAY HAVE APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION.

### **KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF –**

AT THE LAST MEETING JENNIFER GOLDEN HAD A COUPLE QUESTIONS. SHE ASKED IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN HANDLE A DATA CENTER. SINCE WE CURRENTLY ONLY HAVE A FULL TIME FIRE FIGHTER AND PART TIME EMS ON SHIFT AT THE SAME TIME. OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN'T HANDLE MOST INDUSTRIAL AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF LIFE SAFETY AND TIER 2 HAZMAT'S. DATA CENTER WOULDN'T HAVE TIER 2 HAZMAT'S WHICH WOULD MAKE IT A LOW RISK.

1405 DECK GUN IS OPERATIONAL BUT THE MOTOR IS WAITING ON PARTS FOR THAT.

WE HAVE 2 HYDRANTS OUT OF SERVICE AFTER WORKING WITH THE ROADS DEPARTMENT TO FIX OTHERS. ONE IS ON BREESE AND THE OTHER ON HANTHORN. THEY ARE WORKING WITH THE CITY OF LIMA TO REPAIR THOSE TWO HYDRANTS.

CHIEF RADER THEN ASKED FOR AND UPDATE ON A PURCHASE REQUEST FOR NEW HOSE FROM LINE ITEM 270 \$3980.00 PURCHASE ORDER

DOT ANNUAL TEST ARE ALMOST COMPLETED. 1407 HAD NFTA TESTING THAT SHOWED MINOR ISSUES. THEY ARE GETTING COST ESTIMATES ON HYDRAULIC FITTINGS. HOSE TESTING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST AND ATLANTIC HAS A LIST FOR ANNUAL TESTING FOR THE PUMP TRUCKS. 1406 TIRES HAVE BEEN REPLACED. 2022 PROJECT TO REPLACE TIRES ON ALL VEHICLES IS COMPLETED.

OHIO STATE WILL BE REIMBURSING US 75% OF OUR EXPENSES FOR THE ECLIPSE DAY.

GOVDEALS PAID FOR EXPIRES PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR \$935.

CHIEF RADER HAS BEEN SEEKING DONATIONS TO REPLACE A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA WHICH HAS BEEN ACTING UP FOR 2 YEARS. GUARDIAN OF LIMA DONATED \$2,750 AND VFW DONATED \$1000 WHICH COVERS THE COST OF \$3,500. RADER WILL ASK GUARDIAN WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE THE EXTRA \$250 TO GO TOWARDS OR WE MAY REIMBURSE THEM.

KAYLA CALLED AND THE PERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM A COURT CASE AND IT HAS BEEN SETTLED. MEDICOUNT WHICH IS OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY BILLER WILL COVER THE SETTLEMENT COST. RADER IS WORKING WITH OHIO MEANS JOBS TO RUN TV AND RADIO ADS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING.

THEY HAVE BEEN DOING FIRE INSPECTIONS AND PREPPING FOR THE FAIR AND HAVING COVERAGE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS.

NEXT WEEK THEY WILL TAKE A TRUCK TO PERRY HIGH SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY TO SPRAY THE KIDS WITH THE DECK GUN.

YEAR TO DATE THEY HAVE SAVED \$69,000 WITH GRANTS AND DONATIONS.

**GUESTS:**

**NORM CAPPS** – A WEEK FROM FRIDAY GUARDIAN WILL HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE FROM 10 – 3 AND THEY WOULD LIKE AN RSVP

**JASON STOMBAUGH-**

**LORETTA HICKS-**

**PATTY DYER-**

**JOE WIREMAN** – HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY THE LANDOWNERS WANT TO REZONE. CINDY LEIS RESPONDED SAYING THEY WERE APPROACHED AND AGREED TO SALE PENDING REZONING OF THE LAND. HENDERSON AND CIRA PARCELS ARE ABOUT 70 ACRES EACH. HE ASKED IF THEY WILL PAY TAXES ON INDUSTRIAL USE AND CINDY LEIS STATED THAT TAX IS PAID BY LAND USE NOT BY ZONING SO THE CURRENT OWNERS WILL PAY AGRICULTURAL TAXES. HE THEN ASKED IF HE IS THINKING ABOUT SELLING HIS LAND SHOULD HAVE HIS LAND ZONED INDUSTRIAL. A RESIDENT THEN ASKED IF THE DATA CENTER DOESN'T COME IN CAN THE OWNER REVERSE THE ZONING CHANGE. GREG KESSEN STATED THAT YOU CAN MAKE A PETITION TO REVERSE THE ZONING CHANGE.

**PAUL COX-**

**JIM CLEMENTZ** – JIM ASKED ABOUT AN UPDATE FOR GETTING SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON AMHERST ROAD. COREY CONTACTED THE COUNTY AND ARE WAITING. JIM APPRECIATED THAT THEY STRIPED THE ROAD. HE ALSO WANTED TO KNOW IF WE CAN LOOK AT GETTING A PORTABLE SPEED LIMIT SIGN WITH POSSIBLE GRANTS OR DONATIONS BECAUSE THEY STILL HAVE A LOT OF SPEEDERS. JOHN ITEN IS CURRENTLY LOOKING INTO QUOTES FOR THAT.

**DAVE STOMBAUGH –**

**CINDY LEIS** – CINDY WANTED TO LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT THE COMPANY IS STILL INTERESTED IN THE SITE. AS THEY START THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO UNMASK THEIR NAME SOON AND THEY WILL SCHEDULE A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE MEETING AT ANOTHER LOCATION. CINDY WILL ANNOUNCE THE TIME AND PLACE AT A TRUSTEE MEETING.

**NICHOLAS MYERS-**

**CATHY CLEMENTZ** – SHE WANTS TO KNOW THE DECIBEL LEVEL FOR THE DATA CENTER. CINDY STATED THAT THAT WOULD BE A GOOD QUESTION WHEN THEY HAVE THE OPEN TOWN MEETING. CINDY SAID IN HER RESEARCH THE NOISE MAY BE COMPANY SPECIFIC. CATHY STATED SOME OF NOISE CAN BE ABATED BUT IT COST MONEY AND WANTS TO KNOW IF WE ARE WORTH THE MONEY.

**FRANK CLEMENTZ** - FRANK HOPES THEY DO THEIR DUE DILIGENCE. HE ASKED HOW MUCH REVENUE WE ARE LOSING WITH INCENTIVES AND ABATEMENTS ON CURRENT PROJECTS. GREG KESSEN EXPLAINED AGRICULTURAL ZONED LAND HAS A MUCH LOWER TAX RATE THAN INDUSTRIAL LAND SO IF INDUSTRIAL LAND DOES HAVE AN ABATEMENT THE TAX BASE IS USUALLY STILL MORE MONEY THAN WE WOULD RECEIVE FROM AGRICULTURE. THE TRUSTEES ARE RESPONSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE ANY ABATEMENTS AND INCENTIVES. KEVIN COX DISCUSSED PRESENT ABATEMENTS THAT WE HAVE FROM HOTELS THAT WE GET BED TAXES FROM SO WE ARE STILL RECEIVING MORE REVENUE FROM AND ONCE THE ABATEMENTS EXPIRES, WE WILL RECEIVE MORE TAX INCOME PLUS BED TAX. FRANK ASKED WHEN OUR PRESENT

ABATEMENTS EXPIRE BECAUSE HE IS CONCERNED THAT THE DEPARTMENTS DON'T HAVE WHAT THEY NEED TO BE AFFECTIVE. GREG STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE WHAT THEY NEED TO DO THEIR JOBS BUT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE UPDATED EQUIPMENT BUT WE NEED TO BE DILIGENT WITH TAXPAYER FUNDS AND WHERE THEY GO SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO ASK THE TAXPAYERS FOR A LEVY. GREG THEN DISCUSSED CURRENT AND EXPIRING ABATEMENTS. TWO AGREEMENTS WERE AMENDED BECAUSE THE COMPANIES DIDN'T FULFILL THEIR REQUIREMENTS AND NOT ALL BUSINESSES IN PERRY HAVE ABATEMENTS. CINDY LEIS EXPLAINED THE TAX ABATEMENTS ARE INCENTIVE FOR COMPANIES TO COME TO PERRY TOWNSHIP. ONCE A YEAR THEY HAVE A MEETING TO DISCUSS ALL ABATEMENTS AND INCENTIVES AND THE METRICS ARE REVIEWED WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR, SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS. ABATEMENTS ARE COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER AREAS. JASON STOMBAUGH RESEARCHED OTHER DATA CENTERS AND STATED THE TAX AMOUNTS THAT THEY ARE PREDICTED TO RECEIVE FROM THOSE.

**TRUSTEES:**

**LARRY SIDENER** – LARRY DISCUSSED CHANGE MEETING DATES IN AUGUST DUE TO VACATIONS AND THE ALLEN COUNTY FAIR. HE WOULD LIKE TO RESCHEDULE THE AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> AND TO CANCEL THE AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.

LARRY REQUESTED ZONING INFORMATION FROM JOHN BREWSTER ABOUT SOLAR.

BRYON RHODES OF ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEERS ASKING PERRY TOWNSHIP TO CONTRACT WITH ACCESS MANAGEMENT FOR ROAD CUTS. KEVIN COX STATED THAT WE SHOULD KEEP CONTROL OF TRYING TO CONTROL TRAFFIC AND WHERE BUSINESSES ARE LOCATED. PTC HAS A LOT OF TRUCK TRAFFIC ON BREESE ROAD. ALLEN COUNTY ALREADY PERMITS COUNTY ROADS BUT NOT TOWNSHIP ROADS.

**GREG KESSEN** – GREG ASKED KEVIN COX ABOUT MARY WILLIAMSON'S PROPOSAL AT THE LAST MEETING ABOUT THE TOWNSHIP INSURING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR NORTHWEST PERRY TOWNSHIP. GREG SPOKE WITH OUR INSURANCE AGENT AND IT CREATES TOO MUCH OF A RISK TO THE TOWNSHIP AND OUR LIABILITIES. KEVIN ASKED GREG IF THE INSURANCE AGENT CAN PUT IT IN WRITING TO GIVE TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST PERRY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**GREG KESSEN FUND MADE A RESOLUTION 2024.0716-01 TO AUTHORIZE ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ROADS RESURFACING 2024 PROJECT AND APPROPRIATE TOWNSHIP FUNDS AND ISSUE A WARRANT FOR TOWNSHIP SHARES OF PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,012.83. 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL**

**MOTIONS:**

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

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

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$56,154.37. 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO REAFFIRM RESOLUTION #2024.0702-03 FOR 2025 BUDGET AS APPROVED IN JULY 2, 2024 BUDGET HEARING, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.**

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

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ADD APPROPRIATION FUND 9001-785-599-0000 TO PAY OUT INSURANCE HOLDS KEVIN COX, 2<sup>ND</sup> ROLL CALL**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY INDIGENT FUNERAL EXPENSES OF \$750 TO BAYLIFF AND SON FUNERAL HOME IN CRIDERSVILLE. 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE REQUEST FOR 3 KENWOOD PORTABLE RADIOS FOR \$8077.62 FROM COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS, KEVIN COX, 2<sup>ND</sup>, ROLL CALL**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT JUNE ZONING RECEIPTS IN THE AMOUNT \$321.00, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PURCHASE REQUEST FOR HOSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3980.00, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE REQUEST FOR A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500 WHICH IS COVERED BY DONATIONS FROM VFW AND GUARDIAN, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO RESCHEDULE THE AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> TRUSTEES MEETING TO AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> TRUSTEES MEETING, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL**

**KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN 8:53 PM AT, 2<sup>ND</sup>, ROLLCALL**