

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 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 TRUSTEES PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER

CHRISTINA ASKED THE TRUSTEES IF A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ABOUT THE NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT WITH KROGER. THE DEADLINE IS 9/11/2024. KEVIN COX SPOKE TO BETH SIEBERT AND KAYLA CAMPBELL ABOUT IT. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION THE TRUSTEES DECIDED TO DECLINE PURSUING THE SETTLEMENT.

CHRISTINA GOT PRICES FOR REPLACEMENT BANQUET TABLES FOR THE RENTAL HALL. SAM'S CLUB IN LIMA ONLY HAS WHITE TABLES AVAILABLE FOR \$84.98. BLACK IS AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR THE SAME AMOUNT BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR SHIPPING. THE TEXT MESSAGE FROM JERRY HUNT STATED THAT WE ONLY HAVE 11 TABLES AND MOST ARE STAINED OR HAVE MINOR DAMAGE. HE SUGGEST WE PURCHASE 8 TABLES EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS.

CHRISTINA IS ALSO PRICING REFRIGERATORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICES. A SMALL 7.5 CUBIC FEET IS \$220.00 AT SAM'S CLUB. 9.7 CUBIC FEET IS \$379 LOWES OR MENARDS. STANDARD SIZE WHICH IS 18 – 20 CUBIC FEET COST \$400 - \$600.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

JOHN ITEN, POLICE CHIEF – ABSENT

LARRY SIDENER ASKED COREY LEHMAN IF GERALD IS PAINTING THE POLICE OFFICES AND COREY STATED THAT GERALD ISN'T INTERESTED IN PURSUING THAT PROJECT SO WE WILL REACH OUT TO OTHERS FOR NECESSARY PAINTING.

COREY LEHMAN- ROAD SUPERVISOR – THEY JUST RECEIVED THE F550 FROM KALIDA TRUCKING. THEY WILL BE TAKING IT TO ANNA ON FRIDAY TO HAVE UNDERCOAT PROTECTION APPLIED WHICH WILL INCREASE ITS LIFE IF DONE YEARLY. BOB DAVIS WILL LETTER IT ON THURSDAY. ISSUE PAVING WILL BE WEDNESDAY THRU FRIDAY ON PERRY CHAPEL, BOWMAN ROAD AND BREESE. COREY WANTS TO LIST THE 2005 GMC ON GOVDEALS. COREY IS HOPING TO GET \$10,000 FOR IT. COREY STATED THAT THE PRICE IS INCREASING IN 2027 BY \$40,000 DUE TO EMISSIONS.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR

ZONING BOARD MET FOR REZONING 2 PROPERTIES AND LEFT IT OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 6PM. THEY WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE MICROSOFT OPEN HOUSE WHICH IS TAKING PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 12TH. CHAIRMAN **LARRY SIDENER** THEN STATED THE OPEN HOUSE DETAILS AS FOLLOWS: SEPTEMBER 12TH FROM 4:30 – 7:00 PM AT PERRY ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA. THEY WILL THEN GIVE THEIR SUGGESTION AFTER THE MICROSOFT OPEN HOUSE. THE TRUSTEES THEN DISCUSSED THAT MICROSOFT WOULD HAVE TABLES SET UP WITH INFORMATION AND INDIVIDUALS FROM MICROSOFT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

GREG AND JOHN MEET AT 4429 MCCLAIN ROAD TO DISCUSS AN ADDITION. JOHN HANDED THE PLANS TO THE TRUSTEES AND STATED THAT THE FIRST PLAN WAS DENIED BECAUSE IT WAS FOR A DUPLEX. IT WAS REVISED AND JOHN RECEIVED IT TODAY WITH THE FLOOR PLAN THE SAME EXCEPT FOR THE KITCHEN AND THE LAUNDRY ROOM WAS DELETED. JOHN STATED THAT THE TRUSTEES CAN REVIEW IT AND MAKE A DECISION IN THE FUTURE. JOHN SPOKE WITH REGIONAL PLANNING AND THEY SUGGEST THAT THE REVISED PLANS WILL STILL BE CONSIDERED A DUPLEX.

1511 LENOX IS GETTING CLOSE TO BEING TORE DOWN. HE ALSO RECEIVED A ZONING APPLICATION FOR A SENIOR CITIZENS HOME ON GREELEY CHAPEL.

LARRY SIDENER THEN STATED THAT THEY NEED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ZONING BUT WILL WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY SEEKING 2 FULLTIME EMPLOYEES. THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY EXTERNAL APPLICANTS. CHIEF RADER IS FOLLOWING THE HANDBOOK FOR INTERNAL APPLICANTS AND WOULD LIKE TO HIRE CURRENT PARTTIME EMPLOYEE, JACOB ALDRICH AS FULLTIME AT THE APPLICABLE

RATE OF \$17.75. HE IS CURRENTLY ONLY A PARAMEDIC. HIS CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OFFER WILL REQUIRE HIM TO PASS FIRE FIGHTER ONE AND OP&F PHYSICAL. TRUSTEE KESSEN ASKED IF THEY HAVE A DATE FOR THE SCHOOLING AND CHIEF RADER RESPONDED BY SAYING THEY DON'T HAVE A DEFINITIVE DATE YET. THE CLASS NORMALLY TAKES PLACE IN JANUARY AND WILL LAST FOUR MONTHS. CHIEF RADER STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO OUTSIDE INTEREST BECAUSE WE DON'T OFFER INSURANCE AND HAVE THE LOWEST PAY RATE IN THE AREA. WHEN A NEIGHBORING TOWNSHIP PASSED THEIR LEVY, HE WARNED THAT WE WOULD BE LOSING PEOPLE. PERRY FIRE ISN'T A COMPETITIVE TRAINING DEPARTMENT NOW. THEY SPENT \$15,000 THIS YEAR ALONE ON TASC CARDS BECAUSE OF TURNOVER, \$3,000 FOR OP&F, \$3,000 FOR UNIFORMS, ANOTHER \$3,500 FOR ANOTHER FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE THAT WILL REQUIRE TRAINING. SINCE THE DEPARTMENT WENT FULL TIME THE AVERAGE EMPLOYEE TURNOVER IS 6.5 MONTHS. HE ESTIMATED THAT IF PAYROLL GOES UP JUST \$1.00 THAT WITHIN 4 YEARS THEY WILL RUN OUT OF PAYROLL. HE IS AT A DIRE LEVEL WITH EMPLOYMENT AND IS ASKING FOR HELP WITH RECRUITMENT TOOLS. ALGER PAYS A PART TIME PARAMEDIC \$20/HOUR. HE HAS COME UP WITH SEVERAL SCENARIOS AT PASSED MEETINGS OR FRIDAY BUSINESS MEETINGS WITH A VERY LOW IMPACT ON THE BUDGET BUT EVERY SUGGESTED WAS SHOT DOWN. WE ARE A DYING FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE BUDGET KEEPS GETTING TIGHTER EVERY YEAR. NATIONWIDE THE FIRE FIELD IS GETTING SCARCE. TWO OTHER EMPLOYEES HAVE APPLIED TO ANOTHER TOWNSHIP BUT HAVE DECIDED TO STAY AT PERRY BECAUSE OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE INTERVIEWED TWO PART TIME CANDIDATE THIS WEEK. CHIEF RADER IS INVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY HERE AND HE WANTS TO STAY. THE NEXT LOWEST PAYING FIRE DEPARTMENTS PART TIME RATE IS \$15.50/HOUR. PERRY TOWNSHIP IS A \$1 LESS. JACOB ALDRICH SAID HE WILL WORK 1 - 2 YEARS MAXIMUM IF THINGS DON'T PROGRESS.

GUESTS

JIM CLEMETZ – HE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS ON SPEED CAMERAS FOR AMHERST ROAD. THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF HIGH SPEEDS AND DRAG RACING. HE IS TRYING TO GET THE MAKE, MODEL AND PLATE # OF THE CARS THAT ARE DRAG RACING. CHAIRMAN SIDENER STATED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PATROLLING. CHRISTINA STATED THAT IN THE LAST MEETING CHIEF ITEN IS GETTING QUOTES ON SPEED CAMERAS AND THEY ARE AROUND \$3,500.

FRANK CLEMENTZ – HE ASKED ABOUT THE 2 MEETINGS FOR THE DATA CENTER AND WHEN THEY WILL BE. THE BOARD STATED THAT THE TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING IS ON SEPTEMBER 5TH AT 6 PM AND THE ZONING PUBLIC HEARING IS ON SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 6PM.

CHANDRA ZINK

CATHY CRAIG

CRAIG CRAIG – HE AND HIS WIFE ARE THERE TO FIND ABOUT THEIR BUILDING PLANS THAT WAS SENT TO JOHN BREWSTER AND WILL COME BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING.

DAVE STOMBAUGH

JASON STOMBAUGH

CINDY LEIS – SHE WANTS TO REMIND EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE OPEN HOUSE AT PERRY SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON SEPTEMBER 12TH FROM 4:30 – 7 PM. MICROSOFT REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE THERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND THEY WILL HAVE A LOT MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE. THEY WILL HAVE A LAYOUT OF THE SITE PLAN AND DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. THAT MORNING THE MICROSOFT REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE A MEET AND GREET WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

NORM CAPPS

LORETTA HICKS

SANDY FLEISHANS

JANET LAUF – SHE CAME TO HEAR ABOUT THE UPDATES FOR THE PROPOSED DATA CENTER.

CHUCK WEIGT – HE SEES PERRY TOWNSHIP AS A DYING TOWNSHIP WITH FIRE, POLICE AND ROADS. WE NEED TO BE MORE COMPETITIVE WITH OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. HE SUGGESTED LOOKING INTO A LEVY.

JEFF CAROLUS – PERRY TOWNSHIP WEBSITE NEEDS UPDATED SUCH AS A LIVE CALENDAR. MOST PEOPLE DON'T GET NEWSPAPERS. WE COULD ADVERTISE MEETINGS ON A LIVE CALENDAR. GREG WILL SPEAK TO OUR WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR THAT WE CONTRACT WITH.

SHARON MULLINS

TRUSTEES

KEVIN COX ASKED ABOUT HIRING ANYONE TO THE ZONING BOARD. LARRY SIDENER STATED SINCE THE ZONING BOARD IS IN AN ACTIVE PUBLIC HEARING THAT WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THAT IS COMPLETE. JOHN BREWSTER STATED THAT WE CAN'T ADD SOMEONE ELSE ON THE BOARD DURING A PUBLIC HEARING BUT WE NEED TO HAVE OTHER MEMBERS READY TO BE APPOINTED ONCE THIS IS DONE. LARRY SIDENER STATED THAT HE WANTS TO INTERVIEW POTENTIAL ZONING BOARD MEMBERS. KEVIN COX STATED THAT HE HAS ALREADY SPOKEN TO THE THEM AND IS READY TO MAKE A DECISION. HE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TWO OF THE APPLICANTS. TWO OF THEM ARE MARRIED AND CAN'T BE

APPOINTED ON THE SAME BOARD AND THE OTHER APPLICANT WAS NORM CAPP. A COMMUNITY MEMBER STATED THAT SINCE ONE IS NORM, A FORMER TRUSTEE, THAT AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM ISN'T NECESSARY. TRUSTEES KESSEN AND SIDENER WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW THE THREE APPLICANTS BEFORE MAKING A DECISION. COMMUNITY MEMBERS STATED THAT THE VETTING SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE AND THEY NEED TO STOP DRAGGING THEIR FEET. PRESENTLY IF ONE PERSON DOESN'T SHOW UP, THEY CAN'T HAVE A MEETING.

GREG KESSEN STATED THAT ATTORNEY, BLAINE BROCK WILL BE FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY. HE WILL BE WORKING SPECIFICALLY WITH JOHN BREWSTER AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. GREG ALSO REMINDED THE TRUSTEES ABOUT PROPERTY ON YODER ROAD. KAYLA SENT AN EMAIL TO JOHN BREWSTER AND THE BOARD.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$92,319.85, 2ND, GREG KESSEN, ROLLCALL.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 13, 2024, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLLCALL.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO DECLINE PURSUING THE NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT WITH KROGER, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE 8 BLACK BANQUET TABLES FROM SAM'S CLUB, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE A REFRIGERATOR FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, NOT TO EXCEED \$750, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO SELL THE ROAD DEPARTMENTS 2005 GMC 3500 ON GOVDEALS, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO SPEND THE ARPA FUNDS TO FUND THE PURCHASE REQUEST FOR THE 2024 FREIGHTLINER FROM STOOPS FREIGHTLINER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$111,111.00 AND KALIDA TRUCKING FOR OUTFITTING THE TRUCK WHEN IT COMES IN FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$108,900.00 THE GENERAL FUND WILL COVER THE BALANCE NEEDED TO PURCHASE, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JACOB ALDRICH AT THE APPLICABLE RATE OF \$17.75 CONDITIONAL WITH PASSING OP&F PHYSICAL AND FIRE FIGHTER ONE, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT 2 PEOPLE TO THE ZONING COMMISSION, NO 2ND, MOTION FAILED

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:24 PM FOR LEGAL PERSONNEL WITH BLAINE BROCK, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:46 PM, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO HIRE ATTORNEY BLAINE BROCK FOR 6 HOURS PER MONTH FOR \$1000 FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:51 PM WITH BLAINE BROCK AND JOHN BREWSTER FOR LEGAL ZONING DISCUSSION, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:04 PM, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:05 PM, 2ND, GREG KESSEN ROLLCALL.