

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

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

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER –

TRUSTEES COX AND SIDENER SIGNED THE STOOPS AND KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT PURCHASE ORDER- APPROVED AT 9/3/2024 MEETING

CHRIS RECEIVED AN EMAIL ABOUT A PROPOSED 30% HIKE FROM ENBRIDGE (FKA DOMINION ENERGY). THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING AT LIMA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 6:00 PM. THERE WERE HANDOUTS TO GIVE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR INFORMATION.

CHRIS THEN EXPLAINED THAT SHE MEET WITH THE PERRY TOWNSHIP WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR AND MADE NEEDED UPDATES TO THE WEBSITE. SHE EXPLAINED THAT THERE IS NOW A LIVE CALENDAR THAT WILL HAVE ROAD CLOSURES, MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER PERRY COMMUNITY EVENTS.

CHRIS THEN SAID THAT IN THE LAST MEETING WE MADE A MOTION TO ORDER A REFRIGERATOR FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICES AND 8 BANQUET TABLES FOR THE RENTAL HALL. THOSE HAVE ALL CAME IN.

THE TRUSTEES THEN SPOKE ABOUT AN EMAIL THAT WAS RECEIVED BY THE FISCAL OFFICER ASKING US TO LOOK INTO AND ANNOUNCE SOMETHING THEY DEEMED AS FRAUD BUT AFTER DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WILL NOT GET INVOLVED BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW THE PARTIES OR THE CONTEXT.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

JOHN ITEN, POLICE CHIEF-ABSENT – DEPARTMENT UPDATE READ BY LARRY SIDENER. (LETTER ATTACHED)

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR- ABSENT

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR- JOHN GAVE THE TRUSTEES THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16TH. THE ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDED TO REZONE BOTH PARCELS IN QUESTION IN FULL. REGIONAL PLANNING WANTED TO RESTRICT ACCESS FROM GREELEY CHAPEL ROAD OR HUME ROAD. THE TRUSTEES THEN DISCUSSED THE MOTION THAT ZONING MADE. BLAIN BROCK THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE WORDING OF THE MOTION MAYBE INCORRECT AND NEED AMENDED. CHAIRMAN SIDENER AGREED THAT IT WAS A CLERICAL ERROR. WE WILL SET NEXT TRUSTEE PUBLIC HEARING AT OCTOBER 1ST AT THE REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING WITH TRUSTEE GREG KESSEN. ZONING MINUTES SHOULD HAVE THE CORRECT WORDING BY THEN.

JOHN SPOKE WITH LEXIE PURDY BEFORE TONIGHT'S MEETING ABOUT THE HOUSE AT 1511 LENNOX. SHE DOESN'T HAVE MONEY TO FIX THE HOUSE OR PAY THE TAXES. SHE SIGNED A STATEMENT TO AUTHORIZE TEAR DOWN OF THE HOUSE. SHE WILL SEEK LEGAL COUNSEL TO GO AFTER THE OTHER OWNER.

THE ZONING INSPECTOR RECEIVED A SUMMONS FROM THE COURT ABOUT A DATE SET FOR A HEARING ON OCTOBER 11TH AT 8AM PERTAINING TO VICTORY LOUNGE.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF- CHIEF RADER ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO SET A DATE FOR TRICK-OR-TREAT IN PERRY TOWNSHIP. SCHOOL IS OUT ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH SO IS SHOULD BE SET ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH WHICH FOLLOWS HOW IT HAS BEEN TRADITIONALLY SET. BROOKE HEDGES STATED THAT WE ALWAYS SET OURS THE THURSDAY BEFORE SPENCERVILLE WHEN THE SMALLER COMMUNITIES HOLD THEIRS. WE WILL CONFIRM AND SET THE DATE AT THE NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 1ST.

CHIEF RADER PRESENTED A CHECK FROM ALLEN COUNTY FAIR FOR PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENT. RADER PRESENTED A LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM STEVEN FREED. RESIGNATION AFFECTIVE 9/20/2024 (LARRY READ THE ATTACHED LETTER).

CHIEF RADER THEN REQUESTED TO HIRE JACQUELINE GIBSON AS A PART-TIME EMT BASIC.

CHIEF RADER REQUESTED TO HIRE CHASE HOLCOMB AS A PART-TIME EMT BASIC.

CHIEF RADER REQUESTED TO HIRE KEAGEN FARRIS AS FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER PENDING PASSING A BACKGROUND CHECK, OP&F PHYSICAL, BE CERTIFIED AS AN ADVANCED EMT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO EMS ONE YEAR AFTER THE COURSE AND ADVANCE EMT. HE IS CURRENTLY A LEVEL ONE BASIC EMT.

ALLEN COUNTY IS PRETTY DRY. ALLEN COUNTY IS NOT ON A BURN BAND BUT BE MINDFUL OF BURNING.

HE REQUEST EVERYONE TO CHECK THE EPA WEBSITE "BEFORE YOU LIGHT IT" TO CHECK CONDITIONS.

CHIEF RADER REQUESTED EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL. WE WILL HOLD THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AFTER PUBLIC COMMENTS.

GUESTS

CHAIRMAN LARRY SIDENER STATED BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENTS TO PLEASE KEEP REMARKS TO 3 MINUTES OR LESS AND TO BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS AND STAY ON SUBJECT.

LYDIA PURDY

BLAIN BROCK

LORETTA HICKS

SHARON MULLINS

JASON STOMBAUGH

DAVE STOMBAUGH

NICK MYERS

CINDY LEIS

NICK AND LISA HEITZ

JANET LAUF

JIM CLEMETZ – JIM ASKED ABOUT SPEEDERS ON AMHERST ROAD AND UPDATE ON SPEED CAMERAS. FIVE MINUTES BEFORE HE LEFT TWO CARS ARE DRAG RACING AGAIN AND HE FEARS SOMEONE WILL GET KILLED. TRUSTEE COX STATED THAT THEY WILL CHECK WITH CHIEF ITEN FOR AN UPDATE ON THE SPEED CAMERAS AND PATROLS.

CHUCK WEIGT – HE STATED THAT BOWMAN ROAD THERE A TWO BROKEN TELEPHONE POLES. COREY HAS TURNED IT INTO ALLEN COUNTY BUT THEY REPLIED THAT WHEN THERE ARE SEVERAL THEY WILL REPLACE THEM. HE SPOKE WITH BLAIN BROCK ABOUT BEING ABLE TO ASK HIM RELEVANT QUESTIONS ABOUT ZONING ISSUES. MONEY AND TIME FOR MORE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. LARRY SIDENER SAID THEY WILL CHECK IT OUT. CHUCK REQUESTED THAT WE PROVIDE SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS AS MICROSOFT DID AT THEIR OPEN HOUSE. CHAIRMAN SIDENER STATED THAT WE AREN'T FINANCING THAT AND CHRIS STATED WE NEED MORE FIREFIGHTERS, NOT SNACKS.

FRANK & CATHY CLEMENTZ – HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW THE LETTERS ARE MAILED OUT FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING AND TO WHICH RESIDENTS. HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE WE LISTEN TO EVERYONE'S OPINIONS. HE DISLIKES THE FACT THE PUBLIC WAS TOLD THEY COULDN'T SPEAK AT ONE OF THE ZONING MEETINGS. JOHN BREWSTER STATED THAT IT WAS A WORK SESSION TO REVISE THE ZONING BOOK SO PUBLIC WAS AUTHORIZED TO BE THERE BUT COULDN'T PROVIDE INPUT. HE WILL SEND AN EMAIL TO THE TRUSTEES, FISCAL OFFICERS, AND JOHN BREWSTER FOR PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST PERTAINING TO THE DATA CENTER FOR THE LAST YEAR. HE ALSO REQUESTED MEETING MINUTES FROM THE FRIDAY WORK SESSIONS. CHAIRMAN SIDENER STATED THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER HAVING THOSE MEETINGS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT BEING HELD APPROPRIATELY WITH NOTES BEING TAKEN. FRANK REQUESTED A LETTER STATING THAT WE CANNOT PROVIDE THE NOTES BECAUSE THEY DON'T EXIST.

TOM & MICHELLE GRAHAM – TOM ATTENDED THE ZONING MEETING YESTERDAY AND DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE DATA CENTER BEING OUT THERE. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED BIG THINGS BEFORE. WE HAVE INDUSTRIAL PARKS THAT ARE NOT BEING UTILIZED. HE FEELS THAT THE TRUSTEES HAVE THE RIGHT INTENTIONS BUT RESULTS MATTER. HE WANTS THE COMMUNITY TO STICK TOGETHER AND SHOW THAT WE ARE NOT SUCKERS. HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE JOBS FOR PERRY AND FOR THE STUDENTS FROM PERRY SCHOOLS. HE KEEPS HEARING ABOUT TAXES. HE STATED THAT WE ARE ALL HAVING HARD TIMES AND LIVING ON BUDGETS. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND POLICE ARE HAVING ISSUES BUT WE ALL ARE. IF THEY ALL HAVE TO GO BACK TO VOLUNTEER FOR BUDGET PURPOSES THEN SO BE IT. HE DOESN'T LIKE TO SEE PERRY AS A DUMPING GROUND WHEN THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF LAND AVAILABLE. WE ARE LOSING FARM GROUND AGAIN THAT HAS BEEN IN SOME OF OUR FAMILIES FOR OVER 200 YEARS OR MORE. WHEN IS STARTS AFFECTING THE NEIGHBORS THEY SHOULD HAVE A SAY SO ALSO. A UNNAMED TRUSTEE TOLD HIM IN JANUARY WHEN HE HEARD SOMETHING WAS GOING ON TO NOT WORRY ABOUT IT, IT'S NOTHING. HE DOESN'T APPRECIATE BEING LIED TO AND IS DISGUSTED.

BROOKE HEDGES – BROOKE STATED THAT SHE HAS BEEN ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 17 YEARS. SHE WAS ALSO FULL-TIME FOR 8 YEARS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD A TIGHT BUDGET FOR 15 YEARS. THERE IS NO MORE CUTTING. SHE ENCOURAGE THE TRUSTEES TO LISTEN TO CHIEF RADER AND

DO SOMETHING TO HELP. SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THE DATA CENTER EITHER WAY BUT OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS HELP FROM THE TRUSTEES OR THE COMMUNITY.

CRAIG CRAIG—HE ASKED FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT HIS BUILDING PLANS FOR HIS ADDITION TO HIS HOME. JOHN BREWSTER ASKED BLAIN BROCK FOR AN UPDATE. BLAIN STATED THAT HE WILL LOOK OVER IT AND HAVE AN ANSWER LATER IN THE WEEK.

TRUSTEES

CHAIRMAN SIDENER STATED THAT AT CHIEF RADER'S REQUEST WILL HAVE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL WITH THE TRUSTEES, CHIEF RADER AND FISCAL OFFICER CHRISTINA.

LARRY SIDENER THEN STATED THAT WE NEED TO HAVE ANOTHER EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH MICROSOFT OFFICIALS, ATTORNEY BLAIN BROCK, THE BOARD AND FISCAL OFFICER UNDER RULE #3: CONFERENCE WITH AN ATTORNEY, AND RULE #8: TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO MARKETING PLANS.

RESOLUTIONS

LARRY SIDENER MOVED FOR RESOLUTION #2024.0917-01 FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION INCREASE OF \$30,000 TO THE GAS TAX, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FUND (2021-760-740-0000) TO CORRECT AN ERROR AT THE BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR 2024. 2ND KEVIN COX. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MOVED FOR RESOLUTION 2024.0917-02 TO TRANSFER \$50,000 TO GAS TAX FUND TRANSFER IN (2021-931-0000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TRANSFER OUT (1000-910-0000). NOT TO BE REPAID. TRANSFER OF FUNDS IS TO COVER THE COST OF NEW PLOW TRUCK TO THE ROAD DEPARTMENT RECEIVED, 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

LARRY SIDENER MOVED FOR RESOLUTION 2024.0917-03 TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS FOR ARPA FUND (2273-760-740) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,214.05. A REVENUE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT OF \$10.18 IS NEEDED TO ACCOUNT FOR INTEREST RECEIVED BY ARPA FUNDS. THIS INCREASE SHOULD ADJUST AMENDED CERTIFICATE FOR RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE WITHIN ARPA FUND TO COVER THE INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS. 2ND KEVIN COX. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT

KEVIN COX MOVED ON RESOLUTION 2024.0917-04 TO INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE BUDGET FOR GAS TAX TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,000 FOR PURCHASE REQUEST TO KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, THE BOARD MOVES TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$81,000 IN GAS TAX FUND, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT (2021-760-740-0000) FOR PURCHASE REQUEST TO KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT. 2ND LARRY SIDENER. KEVIN COX-YES, LARRY SIDENER-YES, GREG KESSEN- ABSENT

LARRY SIDENER MOVED ON RESOLUTION 2024-0917-05 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. 2ND KEVIN COX. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN- ABSENT

KEVIN COX MOVED ON RESOLUTION 2024.0917-06 TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT TO APPROPRIATE THE REMAINING ARPA FUNDS IN THE 2024 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,214.05 TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2024 FREIGHTLINER 1085D PLUS CAB AND CHASSIS, DUMP BED AND PLOW PACKAGE (SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT). 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT

MOTIONS

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2024. 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX- YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$121,180.69, 2ND LARRY SIDNER. KEVIN COX-YES, LARRY SIDENER-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR AUGUST 2024, 2ND LARRY SIDENER. KEVIN COX-YES, LARRY SIDENER-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE YEARLY CONTRACT AND PAY NOW MARKETING GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 FOR UP TO 30 HOURS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PERRY TOWNSHIP WEBSITE. 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO CREATE A NEW PAYROLL FUND (1000-130-141) FOR LEGAL COUNCIL AND FUNDING THE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4000.00. 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX- YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM STEVEN FREED. 2ND KEVIN COX. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JACQUELINE GIBSON AS A PART-TIME EMT BASIC AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO HIRE CHAYCE HOLCOMB AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND PART-TIME EMT BASIC AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO HIRE KEAGEN FARRIS AS FULL-TIME SHIFT WORKER PENDING PASSING A BACKGROUND CHECK, OP&F PHYSICAL AND ADVANCE EMT. ONE YEAR AFTER THE PASSING THE COURSE AT THE APPLICABLE RATE. 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:35 PM FOR PERSONNEL REASONS WITH THE BOARD AND FISCAL OFFICER, CHRISTINA. 2ND KEVIN COX. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:57 PM, 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

ACTION TAKEN: TRUSTEES ARE GIVING PERMISSION TO CHIEF RADER TO MOVE FORWARD AT LOOKING AT STAFFING OPTIONS TO PRESENT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH MICROSOFT REPRESENTATIVES, ATTORNEY BLAIN BROCK AND FISCAL OFFICER CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH AT 8:59 PM, 2ND KEVIN COX. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:15 PM, 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

NO ACTION TAKEN

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE TRUSTEE MEETING AT 10:16 PM, 2NDLARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.