

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 3, 2024

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

THE BOARD AND FISCAL OFFICER DISCUSSED AN APPOINTMENT MADE AT THE NOVEMBER 19, 2024 TRUSTEE MEETING ABOUT THE APPOINTMENT OF COSMO DI TOLLA TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A VOLUNTEER. IT WAS STATED THAT HE IS NOT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND IS IN THE UNITED STATES ON A STUDENT VISA AND MAY BE UNABLE TO BE PAID RUN PAY WITHOUT A WORK VISA BECAUSE OF REQUIRED FEDERAL AND STATE TAX WITHHOLDINGS. CHIEF RADER STATED THAT COSMO MAY BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE PROPER PAPERWORK AND AFTER CONFIRMING WITH CLEMANS AND NELSON THAT WE MAY APPOINT HIM AT A LATER DATE.

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER

CHRIS ASKED DEPARTMENT HEADS TO UPDATE THEIR INVENTORY LISTS AND TURN THEM IN AT THE NEXT MEETING. NATALIE SCOTT WILL ATTEND UAN YEAR-END WEBINAR ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH WITH CHRIS AND HAS OFFERED TO HELP CLOSE OUT THE YEAR-END FOR THE TOWNSHIP FOR WHICH CHRIS IS VERY THANKFUL.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

JOHN ITEN POLICE CHIEF – CHIEF ITEN SUBMITTED A PURCHASE REQUEST FOR THE GARAGE DOOR OPENERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200 FROM WAGNER OVERHEAD AND A COMPUTER REPAIR CONTRACT FROM M&D COMPUTERS AND ALSO TURNED IN STATS FOR NOVEMBER. THE GARAGE DOORS DON'T OPEN ENOUGH FOR THE TAHOE TO ENTER AND TWO OF THE DOORS ARE FAILING.

HE HAS BEEN RESEARCHING GRANTS FOR SPEED SIGNS BUT THEY DON'T QUALIFY BECAUSE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PART-TIME.

THE PAST SATURDAY THEY HAD SHOP WITH A COP WITH FOP. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO BE WITH THE KIDS IN PERSON SINCE COVID. THEY HAD 40 KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS. CHILDREN ARE SUBMITTED BY THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

CHIEF ITEN ALSO STATED THAT HE RECEIVED A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT AND THAT HE WILL PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION.

CHAIRMAN SIDENER ASKED CHIEF ITEN TO EXPLAIN WHY ONLY THEY ONLY HAD ONE CITATION OUT OF 21 STOPS. CHIEF ITEN EXPLAINED THAT THE PUBLIC SEES THE CRUISERS OUT AND KNOW THAT THE AREA IS BEING WATCHED. THEY ARE CURTAILING THE SPEEDING BY PULLING THEM OVER. IF THERE IS A 2ND OFFENSE THEY WOULD GET A TICKET. IF THE PERSON IS CONTESTING THE TICKET THE TICKETING OFFICER HAS TO BE AT THE COURT HOUSE. THE CURRENT STATS HAD NINE STOPS WITH TWO CITATIONS.

COREY LEHMAN, HEAD OF ROADS -

COREY REQUESTED THE BOARD TO HIRE SCOTT STOMBAUGH AS SNOWPLOW HELP AS NEEDED. SCOTT HAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR THE TOWNSHIP FOR YEARS AND IS AN EXPERIENCED PLOW OPERATOR. COREY THEN SPOKE ABOUT PAINTING THE RENTAL HALL AND OTHER MAINTENANCE THINGS THAT JERRY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DONE INCLUDING A LIGHT SWITCH THAT WASN'T FUNCTIONING THAT HE FIXED TODAY. CHRISTINA STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SERVICE MASTER IN TO DEEP CLEAN THE WALLS AND CARPET BEFORE PAINTING. THE BOARD THEN DISCUSSED GETTING A QUOTE FOR NEW OFFICE CHAIRS.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR – VICTORY LOUNGE HEARING IS CONTINUED FOR 60 DAYS. DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET.

1511 LENNOX HAS BEEN TORN DOWN.

THE ZONING BOARDS WOULD LIKE TO SET A REGULAR ZONING MEETING ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTING IN JANUARY AT 6 PM. THE BOARD THEN DISCUSSION CHANGING THE TIME OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING TIME BEING RESCHEDULED AT 6 PM. ON THE 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE DEPT – ON 11/20 THERE WAS AN INCIDENT. THE BRUSH TRUCK WENT OUT BAY 1 AND SHOULD HAVE GONE OUT BAY 2. THE BRUSH TRUCK WAS OKAY WITH ONLY MINOR DAMAGE BUT THE BAY DOOR HAD SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE. WAGNER OVERHEAD WAS ABLE TO MAKE A TEMPORARY

FIX FOR \$406. THE QUOTE FOR THE REPAIR IS \$2,875.00. CHIEF RADER CHECKED WITH VFIS AND WE HAVE A \$500 DEDUCTIBLE. THE TRUSTEES APPROVED CHIEF RADER TO MAKE AN INSURANCE CLAIM TO HAVE THE BAY DOOR FIXED. THE POLICY HANDBOOK WAS FOLLOWED WITH THE EMPLOYEE. ON DECEMBER 5TH THE NEW 1404 TRUCK WILL BE GETTING RUST PROOFING. THE ESTIMATE IS \$525.00. CHIEF RADER ACCEPTED A RESIGNATION FROM ETHAN HULL FROM PART-TIME FIRE STAFF. CHIEF RADER STATED THAT ETHAN HULL CAME TO US AS AN 18-YEAR-OLD WITH NO EXPERIENCE. HIS RESIGNATION LETTER SPEAKS HIGHLY OF THE FIRE CHIEF. HE GREW INTO AN EXCELLENT EMPLOYEE AND LEADER. HULL WILL ALWAYS BE TIED TO PERRY TOWNSHIP AND THE RESIDENTS. EVEN THOUGH HE LEFT AFTER LESS THAN SIX MONTHS FOR CINCINNATI AND THIS UPSET SOME PEOPLE HE CAME BACK TO PERRY TOWNSHIP. HE WILL BE AN AMAZING OFFICER SOME DAY BECAUSE OF THE START HE GOT AT PERRY TOWNSHIP WHEN HE COULD HAVE GONE ANYWHERE AS A LEVEL TWO PARAMEDIC. HE ONLY LEFT BECAUSE PERRY TOWNSHIP DOESN'T OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE. HE RESIGNED AS A FULLTIME EMPLOYEE LESS THAN THREE MONTHS AGO AND IS CURRENTLY ACTING PLATOON CHIEF AT ANOTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT. CURRENTLY NICK MYERS IS SEIZING THIS OPPORTUNITY ALSO. HE WILL ALSO HAVE TO RESIGN WHEN HE TURNS OF AGE AND NEEDS INSURANCE. PERRY TOWNSHIP WILL LOSE ANOTHER AMAZING EMPLOYEE THAT WILL BE AN AMAZING CHIEF SOME DAY BECAUSE OF THE START HE GOT AT PERRY TOWNSHIP. LAST YEAR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GOT A GRANT FOR THE MARCS RADIOS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000. THEY HAVE ALL OF THEM AND THEY ARE GETTING THEM RUNNING AT NO COST TO THE TOWNSHIP BECAUSE OF THE GRANT. CHIEF RADER THEN DISCUSSED A COMPUTER LEASE FOR EVERYONE AS A WHOLE. PREVIOUSLY IT WAS A 2-YEAR LEASE CONTRACT. CHIEF RADER HAS MADE A GREAT USE OF IT. TRUSTEE KESSEN WILL REACH OUT TO MIKE FROM M&D TO CHECK ON A REPAIR CONTRACT FOR EACH DEPARTMENT TOGETHER. CHIEF RADER ASKED FOR A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE 911 DISPATCH INVOICE. THE AMOUNT FOR 2025 IS \$34,783.70. CHIEF RADER WOULD LIKE IT DIVIDED FAIRLY BUT ISN'T TRYING TO AFFECT OTHER DEPARTMENTS BUDGETS. HE EXPLAINED THAT WHEN THEY WENT TO DISPATCH BECAUSE OF COST SAVINGS ALMOST ALL THE TOWNSHIPS SIGNED CONTRACTS WITH ALLEN COUNTY DISPATCH FOR 911 SERVICES. CHIEF RADER DISCUSSED THE HISTORY ON COUNTY 911 CONTRACTS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. INITIALLY IT WAS WITH THE FIRE CHIEFS, THE BILL AND CONTRACT WORDING USED FIRE SERVICES. BEGINNING IN 2023 IT INCLUDED POLICE, FIRE AND EMS. THE NEW CONTRACT VERBIAGE IS WITH THE GOVERNING BODIES, NOT THE FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE GOVERNING BODIES OF EACH TOWNSHIP ARE ABLE TO DECIDE HOW THE SERVICES ARE PAID FOR. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD AN INCREASE OF \$18,000 IN THE LAST 2 YEARS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY IS PAYING FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS CALL FOR SERVICES. EXAMPLE: 21 TRAFFIC STOPS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYS FOR THOSE AND THE TAX LEVY VOTED ON BY RESIDENTS IS FOR FIRE. A RESIDENT ASKED HOW DISPATCH KNOWS WHEN WE HAVE AN OFFICER ACTIVE. IT WAS STATED THAT THE OFFICERS LOG IN THAT THEY ARE ON DUTY. IF THERE IS A DOUBLE CALL AND THEY CALL ALLEN COUNTY SHERIFFS, PERRY TOWNSHIP ISN'T DINGED. GREG WILL SPEAK WITH BRYAN MCKINNEY TO FIND OUT NUMBERS. CHIEF RADER STATED THAT THE EXTRICATION TOOL THAT WAS APPROVED AT THE LAST MEETING WILL BE DELIVERED ON DECEMBER 9TH.

GUESTS

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH, JASON STOMBAUGH, CATHY CLEMENTZ, FRANK CLEMENTZ
DAVE STOMBAUGH, CHUCK WEIGT**

JIM CLEMENTZ – JIM ASKED WHAT WE ARE DOING ABOUT GETTING SPEED SIGNS. TRUSTEE KESSEN EXPLAINED THAT HE LOOKED IF THERE ARE GRANTS AVAILABLE AND THERE ISN'T ANY. GREG ASKED IF CAN WE CHECK ON GOVDEALS.COM FOR ANY POTENTIAL. COREY SPOKE WITH SOMEONE AT A SIGN COMPANY ABOUT THE SPEED SIGNS AND DATA CAN BE SENT TO A COMPUTER FOR A MONTHLY FEE. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT ADA HAS A BLUETOOTH CAPABLE SIGN THAT YOU HAVE BE CLOSE TO IT AND DOWNLOAD THE INFORMATION. TRUSTEE COX STATED THAT THERE ARE LOTS OF TYPES. THE SIGNS ARE MOBILE. THERE HAVE BEEN TRAFFIC STUDIES DONE ON AMHERST AND THERE ARE ABOUT 1000 MORE CARS GOING WEST ON AMHERST FORM STATE ROUTE 65 THEN GOING EAST OF STATE ROUTE 65. JIM ASKED ABOUT A NOISE ORDINANCE THAT AN ATTORNEY WAS CHECKING. HIS NEIGHBORS ARE HAVING PARTIES AND TRUCK POLLS. ATTORNEY BLAIN BROCK STATED THAT SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP HAD A NOISE ORDINANCE AND RESCINDED IT AFTER ABOUT A YEAR. WE NEED TO CHECK OHIO REVISED CODES. GREG ASKED CHIEF ITEN AND JOHN BREWSTER TO LOOK INTO NOISE ORDINANCE AND REPERCUSSION'S. THERE SHOULD BE A DECIBEL LEVEL. CHIEF ITEN SAID THERE IS AN ORC FOR NOISE CODE BUT NO ENFORCEMENT. EACH TOWNSHIP HAS TO ENACT A RESOLUTION BUT IT MAY BE DOUBLE EDGES.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE KEVIN COX - ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH BOARD HAD A MEETING. BETH SEIBERT IS THE CHAIR. TRUSTEE COX GAVE AN UPDATE FROM PAST MEETING SUCH AS THE BOARD POSITIONS THAT WERE FILLED. THEY STATED THAT IMMUNIZATIONS ARE DOWN. THE 2025 BUDGET WAS THE SAME AS 2024. **TRUSTEE GREG KESSEN** - DISCUSSED CANCELLING JANUARY 7TH 2025. THEY WILL SET DEPARTMENT HEAD EVALUATION'S AT THE NEXT MEETING. HE ASKED DEPARTMENT HEADS TO TURN IN PURCHASE REQUEST FORMS AT LEAST ONE MEETING BEFORE YOU NEED A DECISION AND INFORMATION ON WHO YOU'D LIKE TO HIRE TO GIVE THE TRUSTEES AND FISCAL OFFICER TIME TO LOOK AT THE REQUEST AND EVALUATE IF IT'S NOT NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. GREG THEN SPOKE TO CHIEF ITEN ABOUT THE GARAGE DOORS AND STATED THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THE FUNDING FOR THAT.

CHIEF RADER REQUESTED TO HIRE JOHN GRIEVE AS A LEVEL II ADVANCED EMT AS FULL-TIME WITH THE CONDITION THAT HE PASS THE BACKGROUND CHECK AND OP&F PHYSICAL. HE HAS 14 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

FRANK AND CATHY CLEMENTZ – CATHY GAVE A PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CHIEF ITEN. FRANK STATED THAT THEY BOUGHT A \$65,000 CRUISER AND HAS TO FIX THE DOORS TO GET IT TO FIT ALONG WITH THE COST FOR RADIOS, UNIFORMS, COMPUTERS AND MARCS RADIOS. IF THEY AREN'T ISSUING TICKETS THERE IS A DUPLICATION OF SERVICES WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE THINKS IT IS A WASTE OF FUNDS. GREG STATED THAT HE HAS INVESTIGATED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS. TRUSTEE COX STATED THAT WE HAVE A NEW CHIEF AND ARE LOOKING FOR A BETTER RESPONSE AND HE THINKS WE'RE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. PUBLIC RECORD REQUEST ATTACHED.

RESOLUTIONS

**GREG KESSEN MOVED FOR RESOLUTION #2024.1203-01 TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS FOR ISSUE 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000.00 (4401-760-1222), 2ND KEVIN COX
LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

**GREG KESSEN MOVED FOR RESOLUTION #2024.1203-02 TO APPROVE THE TEAR DOWN AT 1511 LENNOX AVE ESTIMATE FOR \$4,000 2ND KEVIN COX
LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

MOTIONS

**MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2024, 2ND.
LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO RESCIND THE APPOINTMENT OF COSMO DI TOLLA 2ND GREG KESSEN
LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$105,134.83 2ND GREG KESSEN
LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CREDIT CARD RECONCILIATION FOR 9/24/24 – 10/23/24,
2ND KEVIN COX
LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO HIRE SCOTT STOMBAUGH FOR SNOW PLOWING HELP AS NEEDED. 2ND
GREG KESSEN.
LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO SUBMIT AN INSURANCE CLAIM TO VFIS FOR DAMAGE TO BAY DOOR ONE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,281.00 WITH A \$500 DEDUCTIBLE. 2ND GREG KESSEN.
LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM ETHAN HULL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AS A PART TIME EMPLOYEE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. 2ND KEVIN COX
LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.
LETTER ATTACHED- READ BY CHAIRPERSON SIDENER**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 7, 2025, 2ND
KEVIN COX.
LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:52PM FOR FIRE PERSONNEL WITH CHIEF RADER, 2ND GREG KESSEN.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:00 PM. 2ND KEVIN COX.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES

ACTION TAKEN: THE EMPLOYEE WILL RECEIVE 2 DAYS SUSPENSION, UNPAID, FOR A GROUP 2 OFFENSE UNDER (O) WILLFUL DISREGARD OF DEPARTMENT RULES, (T) VIOLATION OF ANY WORK RULE, POLICY OR DIRECTIVE. EMPLOYEES 1ST OFFENSE.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ISSUE A FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE A 2 DAY SUSPENSION, UNPAID, FOR A GROUP 2 OFFENSE UNDER LETTERS "T" AND "O" IN THE POLICY HANDBOOK, 2ND KEVIN COX.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:02 PM FOR FIRE PERSONNEL, 2ND KEVIN COX.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:11 PM, 2ND KEVIN COX.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES

ACTION TAKEN: PER THE HANDBOOK: THE EMPLOYEE WILL NOT CONTINUE RETENTION AS FULL TIME WORK BASED ON POOR QUALITY OF WORK. CONSIDERATION OF THE EMPLOYEE STAYING AS PART-TIME.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR THE EMPLOYEE TO NOT CONTINUE RETENTION AS FULL-TIME PER THE HANDBOOK. WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE EMPLOYEE STAYING AS PART-TIME. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, 2ND KEVIN COX.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JOHN GRIEVE AS A LEVEL II ADVANCED EMT AS FULL-TIME WITH THE CONDITIONAL HE PASSES A BACKGROUND CHECK AND OP&F PHYSICAL, 2ND GREG KESSEN

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:30PM, 2ND KEVIN COX.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.