

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING  
HELD APRIL 1, 2025

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION, CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30PM BY CHAIRPERSON KEVIN COX. LARRY SIDENER, PRESENT, GREG KESSEN, PRESENT. ROLL CALL BY FISCAL OFFICER. THE TRUSTEES PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

### **CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER –**

CHRIS ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE NEW CREDIT CARD POLICY TO REMOVE CAITLYN STOVER AND TO ADD ASHLYN TRACY.

CHRIS ATTENDED THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> THRU MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>. SHE TOOK CERTIFIED PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING (SUNSHINE LAWS) FOR HERSELF AND THE TRUSTEES. WE HAVE AN AUDIT COMING UP SO SHE ALSO TOOK AUDIT PREPARATION AND TOP 10 AUDIT COMMENTS TO PREPARE.

CHRIS REMINDED EVERYONE WE NEED ARTICLES FOR THE ANNUAL NEWSLETTER BY THE END OF APRIL. WE ALSO NEED UPDATED PICTURES FOR THE ANNUAL NEWSLETTER AND THE PICTURE FRAME.

CHRIS REMINDED TRUSTEES WE NEED TO SET UP A DATE FOR THE CLEAN UP DAY. WE WILL DELAY SETTING THE DATE UNTIL NEXT MEETING WHILE COREY IS PRESENT.

CHRIS GAVE TRUSTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS REPORT FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER.

CHRIS SPOKE TO THE TOWNSHIPS HUMAN RESOURCE CONTACT ABOUT APPOINTING COSIMO DI TOLLA. CHRIS SPOKE ABOUT POSSIBLY HIRING JERRY HUNT AS AN EMPLOYEE THAT WOULD BE COVERED UNDER OUR ACCIDENT INSURANCE. THE BOARD DISCUSSED EITHER HIRING HIM OR CONTINUING AS IT IS NOW WITH HIM BEING A CONTRACT WORKER. WE WILL TABLE IT FOR NOW.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**JOHN ITEN, POLICE CHIEF- ABSENT**

THE TRUSTEES SPOKE ABOUT THE NEW 2024 CHEVY TAHOE THE CHIEF ITEN RECEIVED.

**COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR- ABSENT** NICK ADAMS PRESENT FOR COREY.

NICK HANDED PAPERWORK TO THE BOARD FOR ROADS THAT COREY WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO ACCESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

COREY APPLIED FOR A GRANT FOR \$4,400 FOR SIGNS AND POST.

THE TRUSTEES THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE ROAD PROGRAM MEETING WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$208,000.

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

JOHN SPOKE TO A PERSON ON STATE ROUTE 117 WHERE THE CAR LOT/JUNK YARD WAS. IT IS A NON-PROFIT THAT MAKES KNIVES. JOHN ADVISED GETTING IN TOUCH WITH CITY BUILDING BEFORE DOING ANYTHING. THE BUILDING NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT UP TO CODE. THEY ARE CLEANING THE PROPERTY UP.

THERE IS STILL HAVE A FEW THINGS AT REGIONAL PLANNING THAT THEY ARE WAITING FOR.

THEY ALSO NEED ZONING APPEALS BOARD MEMBERS. THEY DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE ENOUGH MEMBERS SO THEY CAN'T HAVE A MEETING UNTIL AFTER APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> BECAUSE OF ILLNESSES, VACATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FROM BOARD MEMBERS. BLAIN BROCK STATED THAT WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE THE ZONING BOARD MEETINGS TO EXPLAIN WHY IT HAS BEEN DELAYED. LARRY SIDENER SPOKE AT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ASKING FOR ZONING MEMBERS. GREG KESSEN TOLD JOHN THAT HE GOT A CALL FROM A PLUMBING COMPANY IN BLUFFTON ABOUT A PROPERTY AT 114 EAST 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET. THEY MAY NEED TO GET A PERMIT FROM THE CITY.

### **KEVIN RADER-FIRE CHIEF**

A RESIDENT CAME TO THE FIREHOUSE ON SATURDAY AND WANTED TO BURN. THEY WERE GIVEN MIS-INFORMATION FROM A NEW EMPLOYEE. THERE WAS ALSO AN INCIDENT ON A CALL AND THE EMPLOYEE IS RECEIVING CORRECTIVE ACTION.

PANCAKE DAY WENT VERY WELL. CHIEF RADER WILL BE GIVING OUR 13 LETTERS OF APPRECIATIONS FOR DONATING TIME OR RESOURCES. HE THEN THANKED EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS.

THEY HAD AN ISSUE WITH 1404 GEAR BOX. IT WILL BE OUT FOR A DAY OR TWO FOR THE WARRANTY WORK.

ALL THE BIG TRUCKS PASSED ODOT INSPECTIONS.

CHIEF RADER IS REQUESTING TO HIRE 3 PART TIME EMPLOYEES.

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ON SATURDAY THE CREW WAS HAVING ISSUES WITH MARCS RADIOS. SHERIFF'S OFFICE ASSIGNED A CHANNEL TO USE. STATE WILL MEET WITH SHERIFF'S FOR A FIX. THE PAGING SYSTEM THEY USE NEEDS UPGRADED BECAUSE THE SHERIFFS CAN'T CARRY BOTH CHANNELS. THEY ARE ABOUT \$4000 EACH BUT LOOKING AT HE IS LOOKING AT QUOTES.

EMA WILL NOT TEST SIRENS TOMORROW DUE TO STORMS.

IN 2020 AND 2021 THEY BEGAN REPLACING TIRES WHICH IS DONE. THE BRUSH TRUCK TIRES ARE 9 YEARS OLD SO NEED TO BE REPLACED. RADER WILL GET QUOTES ON THEM.

RADER THANKED THE BOARD FOR SHOWING UP TO PANCAKE DAY.

#### **GUESTS**

**FRANK CLEMENTZ** – FOLLOWING UP ABOUT THE POLICE CRUISER. APOLLO WOULD BUY IT SO THAT THE FUNDS CAN GO BACK INTO THE POLICE BUDGET. KEVIN COX SPOKE ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE REQUIRED FOR THAT VEHICLE. NO DECISION ON WHAT THEY ARE DOING YET.

**JANET LAUF** – SHE ASKED THE BOARD ABOUT REZONING THE I-2 AREA TO AGRICULTURE OR B-2. LARRY STATED THAT HE WANTED TO DISCUSS CHANGING IT TO GET SOME ACTION FROM AEDG. CINDY LEIS SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO COME TO A MEETING TO HAVE A DISCUSSION BUT NO FURTHER CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE. SHE ALSO ASKED ABOUT STAKES THAT ARE ALONG THE TRACKS. CHAIRPERSON COX SPOKE TO CINDY AND THE RAILROAD HAS BEEN OUT THERE SURVEYING THE EAST SIDE OF THE TRACKS. GREG KESSEN ASKED IF THE TRUSTEES HAVE SEEN THE SURVEY STAKES OFF OF HUME ROAD. BLAIN BROCK SPOKE ABOUT RAILROAD DOING WHAT THEY WANT THROUGH FEDERAL APPROVAL THEY DON'T NECESSARILY NEED LOCAL APPROVAL. JOHN BREWSTER GOT A CALL FROM HEITS BUT NOTHING IS STILL UNDER CONTRACT AS AN OPTION FOR PURCHASE THROUGH PORT AUTHORITY. THEY THEN HAD A

DISCUSSION WHETHER PORT AUTHORITY IS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE. THE BOARD WILL FOLLOW UP WITH CINDY AT THE NEXT MEETING SHE IS AT.

**JIM CLEMENTZ** – HE WANTED TO FOLLOW UP ON ST RT 65 AND AMHERST ROAD. JIM STATED THAT TODAY AT 4PM 2 CARS WERE DRAG RACING AT ABOUT 80 – 90 MPH.

**SHARON MULLINS**

#### **TRUSTEES**

TRUSTEE SIDENER ASKED ABOUT GETTING A HARD COPY OF ZONING LAWS FROM ADAM FOR THE TRUSTEES.

TRUSTEE KESSEN SPOKE ABOUT THE DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS AND THE SPEED LIMIT CHANGE ON AMHERST. HE HAS A QUOTE FOR 2 SIGNS AT \$8,340 INCLUDING SHIPPING AND HANDLING. 15 INCHES, STROBE LIGHTS AND BLUETOOTH TECHNOLOGY. IT WILL FLASH SLOW DOWN.

A REMINDER THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL START AT 5PM FOR POLICY HANDBOOK REVISIONS.

APRIL 9TH WILL BE THE FINAL ROAD MEETING.

BLAIN BROCK REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PENDING LITIGATION.

#### **MOTIONS**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 18, 2025, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.**

**SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$83,968.13, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.**

**SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CREDIT CARD POLICY UPDATED AS OF 4/1/2025, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.**

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**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE ERIN WERNER AS A PART TIME EMT AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.**

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**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JARED LEININGER AS PART TIME EMT AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.**

**SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JAMES COLLIN AS PART TIME EMT, VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND PART TIME INSPECTOR AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.**

**SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:32 PM FOR PENDING LITIGATION WITH BLAIN BROCK, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.**

**SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:41, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.**

**SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

NO ACTION TAKEN

**GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:42 PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER**

**SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**