

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD APRIL 15, 2025

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

CHRIS REMINDED DEPARTMENT HEADS TO HAVE THE NEWSLETTER INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE END OF APRIL. CHRIS ASKED ABOUT SETTING A DATE FOR CLEANUP DAY WHICH AFTER DISCUSSION WILL BE TENTATIVELY JULY 19TH. WILL SET AT NEXT MEETING.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

JOHN ITEN – POLICE CHIEF –

CHIEF ITEN ASKED THE BOARD TO SELL THE 3RD ROW OF SEATS FROM THE 2024 CHEVY TAHOE ON GOV DEALS.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RADIOS ARE INSTALLED AND IN COMPLIANCE.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A \$650 FLIR THERMAL CAMERA THROUGH A GRANT AT NO COST TO THE TOWNSHIP.

HE THEN ASKED WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO WITH THE CROWN VIC. TRUSTEE SIDENER THINKS WE SHOULD SELL IT BUT THEY WOULD LIKE TO WAIT UNTIL CHAIRMAN COX IS AVAILABLE.

CHIEF ITEN STARTED THE PAPERWORK TO CHANGE THE POLICE EMAIL ACCOUNT TO A DOT GOV FOR THE EMAIL ADDRESS TO BE MORE OFFICIAL. THERE IS NO COST BUT IT NEEDED TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD SO HE IS ASKING TO RESUBMIT. THE FIRST REQUESTED EMAIL ADDRESS WOULD BE PERRYPDOHIOALLEN COUNTY@.GOV BUT ONCE RESUBMITTED THAT MAY CHANGE.

HE THEN HANDED IN THE CALLS FOR SERVICE FOR LAST MONTH.

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR – ABSENT. NICK ADAMS PRESENT-

MR ADAMS HANDED IN INFORMATION FOR THE HRA (TASC) MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENTS CARDS. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE LIMITS OF HOW MUCH CAN BE CONTRIBUTED HAVE RAISED AND THE COST IS GOING UP ON EVERYTHING INCLUDING MEDICAL. HE STATED THAT ON PAGE 3 OF THE DOCUMENT THAT IT LIST THE STANDARD AMOUNTS FOR SINGLE AND FAMILY PLANS. HE THANKED THE TRUSTEES ON BEHALF OF ALL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR WHAT THEY CURRENTLY HAVE BUT WITH INFLATION HE WOULD APPRECIATE IF THE BOARD CAN CONSIDER RAISING THE AMOUNT ABOVE THE \$5,000, THEY RECEIVE EACH YEAR. CHIEF RADER STATED THAT IF WE DO RAISE IT WE SHOULD DO SEPARATE AMOUNTS FOR SINGLE AND FAMILY PLANS TO MAKE IT MORE FAIR FOR THOSE THAT LIVE ON THEIR OWN AND HAVE CHILDREN VERSUS SINGLE EMPLOYEES THAT LIVE WITH PARENTS AND DON'T HAVE THE EXPENSES THAT OTHERS MIGHT HAVE. TRUSTEE KESSEN THANKED THEM FOR THE INFORMATION AND SAID WE WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR –

THERE WAS NO MEETING LAST WEEK AS ONLY TWO PEOPLE SHOWED UP. THEY STILL NEED ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS. CHRIS STATED THAT THE POP UP ON THE WEBSITE WILL BE ON THE MAIN TOWNSHIP PAGE LATER TONIGHT AS THE OTHER MEETING NOTICE EXPIRES.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF –

CHIEF RADER ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF EMPLOYING COSIMO. CHRIS STATED THAT SHE RECEIVED THE DOCUMENTATION NEEDED YESTERDAY AND SHE WILL FORWARD THE INFORMATION TO OUR ATTORNEY TO VERIFY.

CHIEF RADER GAVE THE BOARD AN UPDATED ROOSTER.

1ST DUE IS GOING GREAT FOR SET UP. THEY DON'T HAVE AN END DATE YET BECAUSE THEY ARE WAITING ON SOME INFORMATION.

CHIEF RADER IS REQUESTING 2 EXECUTIVE SESSIONS FOR EMPLOYEES.

GUESTS

CATHY CLEMENTZ – SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY A RAIL ROAD SPUR IS NEEDED EAST OF STATE ROUTE 65. TRUSTEE SIDENER STATED THAT THEY CAN PULL A WHOLE TRAIN ONTO THE SPUR AND THEY DON'T HAVE ANOTHER AREA IN ALLEN COUNTY.

FRANK CLEMENTZ – HE ASKED THE TRUSTEES AND ZONING BOARD ABOUT THE NEW ZONING RESOLUTIONS FOR 10 X 10 SHEDS. IT WAS STATED THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS DONE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE REST OF THE COUNTY. HE STATES THAT ALLEN COUNTY ONLY TAXES BUILDINGS 144 SQ FT WHICH IS 12 FT X 12 FT. WHY ARE WE REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR A SMALLER SHED? JOHN BREWSTER STATES THAT THE ALLEN COUNTY AUDITOR’S OFFICE GAVE HIM INFORMATION FOR 10 X 10 SHEDS BEING TAXED. TRUSTEE KESSEN WILL CHECK WITH OTHER SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS AND ALSO STATED THAT A PERMIT IS BEING REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN A QUALITY OF LIVING FOR THE WHOLE TOWNSHIP. IF IT IS WRONG, IT SHOULD BE CHANGED BEFORE IT COMES BACK FROM REGIONAL PLANNING.

DAVE STOMBAUGH – WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF HE NEEDS A PERMIT TO TEAR DOWN A BUILDING. MR BREWSTER STATED THAT ONLY FOR A HOUSE, NOT FOR A BUILDING OR BARN.

SHARON MULLINS – ASKED IF CINDY LEIS WOULD BE HERE TONIGHT. TRUSTEE SIDENER STATED THAT HE THOUGHT SHE WOULD BE PRESENT ALSO.

DENNIS PHALEN – HE STATED THAT HE HAS A PROPERTY UNDER CONTRACT TO PURCHASE AT 5811 OSMAN RD AND WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY ZONING VIOLATIONS. THE BOARD STATED THAT THERE ARE NO ISSUES THAT ARE KNOWN. HE THEN ASKED ABOUT HIS PROPERTY AT 3201 YODER RD. HIS ATTORNEY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PERRY TOWNSHIP’S ATTORNEYS. MR PHALEN’S ATTORNEY SPOKE TO BLAIN BROCK ABOUT SIMPLIFYING SOME OF THE WORDING.

JIM CLEMENTZ – HE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS ON AMHERST ROAD. THERE HASN’T BEEN A TRAFFIC STUDY YET.

JANET LAUF – SHE WAS HOPING CINDY LEIS WOULD BE HERE TONIGHT AND WANTS TO KNOW IF THE TRUSTEES HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.

NORM CAPPS, JASON STOMBAUGH

TRUSTEES

GREG KESSEN- THE ROAD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY WAS ON TUESDAY. HE STATED THAT PERRY TOWNSHIP IS SPENDING 40 – 50 THOUSAND MORE FOR ROAD PROGRAM THAN OTHER TOWNSHIPS WHICH MAKES OUR ROADS MORE UPDATED AND NICER TO DRIVE. THEY ALSO HAD A LIST OF ROADS FOR ACCESS MANAGEMENT.

TRUSTEE KESSEN SPOKE ABOUT THE DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS WITH BLUETOOTH TECH AND WITH CLOUD STORAGE AS A BACK UP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,340.00 FOR TWO -15 INCH SIGNS. THEY WILL FLASH “SLOW DOWN” ALSO AND ARE SOLAR POWERED. JOHN ITEN SAID IT IS VERY EFFECTIVE AT GETTING PEOPLE TO SLOW DOWN. JIM CLEMENTZ STATED HE FEELS LIKE IT WILL SAVE SOMEONE FROM EVENTUALLY GETTING REALLY HURT.

THE TRUSTEES THEN DISCUSSED CANCELING THE REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING THAT WOULD BE HELD ON MAY 6TH AS THAT IS ELECTION DAY.

TRUSTEE KESSEN ASKED THAT THE PUBLIC TO PLEASE SUPPORT ISSUE 2. IT HELPS TO CUT COST FOR THE ROAD FUNDS AND IS NOT A TAX.

THE TRUSTEES THEN DISCUSSED A NEEDED RESOLUTION FOR THE ROAD PROGRAM.

KEVIN COX - ABSENT

LARRY SIDENER – NOTHING FURTHER

MOTIONS

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 1, 2024, 2ND GREG KESSEN.

LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$54,328.58, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR MARCH 2025, 2ND LARRY SIDENER

LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW CHIEF ITEN TO SELL THE THIRD ROW OF SEATS FROM THE 2024 CHEVY TAHOE ON GOVDEALS, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE THE PERRY POLICE EMAIL ADDRESS TO A DOT GOV. 2ND GREG KESSEN.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE 2 PORTABLE DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS FROM KLEEM INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,340.00, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE MAY 6TH REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING DUE TO ELECTION DAY, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION #2025.0415-01 APPROVING THE ROAD PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$208,523.88, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL AT 7:14 WITH CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH AND FIRE CHIEF RADER, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:21, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.
ACTION TAKEN: LETTING AN EMPLOYEE GO DUE TO HANDBOOK VIOLATIONS.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO LET A FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE GO DUE TO HANDBOOK VIOLATIONS, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL AT 7:22 WITH CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH AND FIRE CHIEF RADER, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:31, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.
ACTION TAKEN: TERMINATION OF AN EMPLOYEE WITHIN THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD DUE TO HANDBOOK VIOLATIONS.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO LET A FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE GO DUE TO HANDBOOK VIOLATIONS WITH THE PROBATIONARY CLAUSE, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.

GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:32PM, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
LARRY SIDENER – YES, KEVIN COX – ABSENT, GREG KESSEN – YES.