

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD JULY 1, 2025

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

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER –

GREG KESSEN SPOKE ABOUT A FEW OF THE HIGHER BILLS SUCH AS \$108,900 FOR KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT WHICH WE HAVE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR, \$4,000 FOR CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS WE A REFUND OF A PERFORMANCE BOND, \$8,340.00 FOR THE DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS AND A NORMAL MONTHLY PAYMENT TO THE CONVENTION CENTER FOR HALF OF THE LODGING EXCISE TAX. CHRISTINA ALSO DISCUSSED ASKING VFIS IF WE SHOULD ADD THE DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS TO OUR POLICY. NEED TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 2025. 0617-04 DUE TO INCORRECT FUND INFORMATION AND WORDING. WE THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE VFIS INSURANCE RENEWAL. LAST YEAR'S RENEWAL WAS \$38,372 WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF \$4,325.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

JOHN ITEN, POLICE CHIEF – ABSENT

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR – ABSENT NICK ADAMS PRESENT

FREIGHTLINER IS IN AND BACK FROM KALIDA, AND THEY ARE WAITING TO GET LETTERING PUT ON IT. ONE DIGITAL SIGN IS UP ON AMHERST ROAD BUT NOT FUNCTIONING YET. THE OTHER ONE IS ASSEMBLED BUT NOT UP YET. THEY HAVE TO DO A ONE-HOUR TRAINING ON THURSDAY. TRUSTEE KESSEN STATED THAT PART OF THE TRAINING WILL PROBABLY BE ABOUT SIGNING UP FOR CLOUD STORAGE FOR THE SIGN.

TRUSTEE SIDENER ASKED ABOUT THE ROAD PROGRAM COST AND HOW IT IS FIGURED BY THE COUNTY. NICK SAID THEY ESTIMATE BY THE TON.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR – THEY HAVE ONE ESTIMATE FOR HOUSE TEAR DOWN BEHIND PTC, BUT NEED TWO MORE.

MOWING LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT AND MOST HAVE COMPLIED ALREADY. TRUSTEE KESSEN SPOKE ABOUT THE PROOFS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PRINTER FOR PERMIT HAND COPIES. DUE TO APPLICATIONS NOT BEING FILLED OUT CORRECTLY ON THE WEBSITE, THEY WILL BE DENIED UNLESS SUBMITTED CORRECTLY.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF – EMPLOYEE HELTON RESIGNED LAST MEETING. WITHOUT A WRITTEN RESIGNATION, THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO BE REINSTATED PER THE HANDBOOK.

BACK IN FEBRUARY, WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MEDICARE STATING THAT THEY OVERPAID US. THE CHIEF FILLED PAPERWORK. AFTER A REVIEW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WASN'T OVER PAID.

NICK FLEMING WAS HIRED IN FEBRUARY. CHIEF RADER WOULD LIKE TO RELEASE HIM BECAUSE HE HAS MADE NO CALL FOR SERVICES, NO VOLUNTEER TIME, ATTENDED NO TRAININGS AND SUBMITTED NO PARTTIME HOURS.

HE ALSO ASKED TO RELEASE BRANDI WEBER FOR NO PART TIME HOURS SUBMITTED OR WORKED AND NO CALL FOR SERVICES, ATTENDED NO TRAININGS. HE SPOKE WITH HER IN APRIL AND CALLED HER WITH NO RESPONSE, LEFT A VOICE MAIL. WEBER HASN'T CALLED BACK.

TRUSTEE KESSEN ASKED ABOUT THE EMPLOYEES LEAVING. CHIEF RADER EXPLAINED THAT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES DO THAT A LOT. HE SAID THAT SINCE 2018, THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH 75 EMPLOYEES. THE BUDGET DOESN'T HAVE THE FUNDS TO BE COMPETITIVE. WITH THREE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYEES PAY AND HIRING CLASSIFICATIONS.

THEY RECEIVED AN APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE FROM THE SECRET SERVICE FOR HELPING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DIDN'T RECEIVE THE EMS GRANT. THEY REWORDED THEM AS HARDSHIP GRANTS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DIDN'T RECEIVE THE FIRE OR EMS GRANT THIS YEAR. THIS IS A MAJOR CONCERN FOR THE BUDGET.

CHIEF RADER STATED THE COSIMO DI TOLLA IS ABLE TO WORK 20 HOURS PER WEEK NOW LEGALLY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. FRED LORD HAS APPROVED THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK. HE IS ON A STUDENT VISA CURRENTLY AND ABLE TO WORK UP TO 20 HOURS PER WEEK, AND HE WILL BE RETURNING TO ITALY TO APPLY FOR A WORK VISA.

TRUSTEE SIDENER ASKED ABOUT CHIEF RADER'S NEWSLETTER BECAUSE HE DIDN'T PUT ANYTHING ABOUT THE RENEWAL LEVY IN THE NEWSLETTER. CHIEF RADER APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING ANYTHING IN THE NEWSLETTER, BUT NOW THAT THE PROCESS IS STARTED AND THE BOARD HAS PASSED THE MOTION FOR THE RENEWAL, HE WILL START PUTTING OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THE LEVY AND LOOKING FOR SIGNS.

GUESTS

SASHA WEIGT – SASHA ASKED ABOUT THE RENEWAL FIRE LEVY, INFORMATION THAT WAS IN THE NEWSLETTER AND ABOUT LOSING GRANT MONEY. SHE ASKED IF WE ARE LOOKING AT A NEW LEVY. CHAIRMAN COX EXPLAINED THAT WE AREN'T LOOKING AT A NEW LEVY FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION BECAUSE TIME TO DO SO IS LIMITED. SHE ASKED HOW ARE WE FOR THE NEXT YEAR OR SO. CHIEF RADER STATED THAT WE ARE HAVING SOME ISSUES BUT WE ARE OKAY NOW AND WE HAVE A BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. HE STATED THAT WE ARE BEING PROACTIVE AND WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING AT WAYS TO MAKE OUR BUDGET GO FURTHER. WE ARE TRYING TO GET IN FRONT OF THE EMPLOYMENT ISSUES AND THE AGING EQUIPMENT. TRUSTEE KESSEN STATED THAT WE ARE BUDGETING WITH THE MONIES WE HAVE AND THE COMMUNITY IS BEING TAKEN CARE OF IN ALL WAYS THAT WE CAN. SASHA STATED THAT SHE IS A CONCERNED CITIZEN AND WANTS TO KNOW WHAT THE BOARD IS DOING TO HELP THE BUDGET CONCERNS. CHAIRMAN COX STATED THERE ISN'T ONE ANSWER TO THAT ISSUE AND DECISIONS ARE HARD TO MAKE. WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE RESIDENTS SIDE AND THE BUDGET SIDE. TRUSTEE SIDENER STATED THAT THE SCHOOL HAD AN ISSUE A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WITH A NEW LEVY. WE NEED THE RENEWAL TO PASS, THEN WE CAN START LOOKING AT DIFFERENT WAYS, INCLUDING POTENTIALLY A NEW LEVY. CHRISTINA STATED THAT WITH EVERYONE'S PROPERTY TAXES GOING UP THIS YEAR THAT WE WILL HAVE INCREASED REVENUE NEXT YEAR AND SPOKE ABOUT THE STATE POTENTIALLY TAKING AWAY PROPERTY TAXES THAT FUND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. A CITIZEN SAID THAT IT WAS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR, BUT IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD GO THROUGH IN THE FUTURE, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL PROBABLY NOT BE MAKING THE DECISIONS THAT IMPACT ALL OF US. SHE THEN STATED THAT THERE WAS A RESIDENT THAT WAS ASKING FOR CALL HISTORIES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. SHE ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE FUNDING FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE TRUSTEES ANSWERED THAT THEY DON'T HAVE A LEVY JUST FOR THE POLICE. THEY OPERATE OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND.

PAULA PATTON FOR RICH PATTON – SHE ASKED ABOUT THE REMAINING INSURANCE FUNDS HOLD. IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE HELD UNTIL IT IS HABITABLE. SHE ASKED ABOUT THE OHIO REVISED CODE. BLAIN BROCK SAID HE AND JOHN WILL CHECK THE PROPERTY AND GIVE AN UPDATE.

DAVE STOMBAUGH – HE ASKED IF WE HAVE MONEY TIED UP WITH FIRE EMPLOYEES THAT WE ARE LOSING. CHIEF RADER HAS CUT COST ON UNIFORMS AND SHIRTS UNTIL THEY ARE HERE FOR 6 – 12 MONTHS BUT WE ARE OUT THE TRAINING HOURS THAT THEY ARE BEING PAID FOR. THEY ALSO HAVE A UNIFORM LOCKER. HE ASKED IF WE CAN PUT SOMETHING ON THE SIGN ABOUT THE RENEWAL LEVY. A RESIDENT STATED THAT WE CAN PUT SOMETHING ON THE SIGN BUT IT CAN'T BE ON THE SIGN ON ELECTION DAY.

FRANK AND CATHY CLEMENTZ – CATHY ASKED ABOUT DIFFERENT KINDS OF RUNS AND DIFFERENT QUALIFICATIONS FOR WHAT THEY CAN PERFORM. CHIEF RADER EXPLAINED SOME THINGS THAT EMT BASIC, ADVANCED, OR PARAMEDICS CAN PERFORM. HE EXPLAINED THAT THERE IS INFORMATION ON THE OHIO EMS SCOPE OF PRACTICE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS. CHIEF RADER EXPLAINED THAT THE INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER WASN'T MEANT TO SCARE ANYONE, BUT TO GIVE INFORMATION ON THE TYPES OF CALLS THEY GO ON AND THE COST.

JEFF CAROLUS – HE ASKED ABOUT THE FIRE LEVY AND HOW MUCH THAT GENERATES. CHAIRMAN COX STATED THAT A MIL IS ABOUT \$90 THOUSAND. BLAIN STATED THAT THE AUDITOR WILL PROVIDE A REEVALUATION AND WE WILL HAVE THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING. GREG STATED THAT THIS IS A 4.4 MILLAGE AND AN OUTSIDE MILLAGE DOESN'T CHANGE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT.

JIM CLEMENTZ – HE IS GLAD ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE SPEED SIGNS. HE HOPES THEY HELP. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT IF SOMEONE BLOWS THROUGH AT 85 MPH. THE SIGN WILL KICK OUT IF ANYONE IS SPEED TESTING THE SIGN AT A CERTAIN MPH. ONCE THEY TAKE THE TRAINING THEY WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION.

CHAD CLEMENTZ – VISITING PARENTS FROM COLORADO

JASON STOMBAUGH, SCOTT STOMBAUGH, JANET LAUF

TRUSTEES

LARRY SIDENER - A COMPANY WAS REPLACING TELEPHONE POLES. LARRY SPOKE TO THEM AND CALLED BRIGHT SPEED AND TOLD THEM THAT TWO ARE BROKEN OFF, WHICH IS A HAZARD. A RESIDENT SAID SOMEONE SHOULD RIDE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP AND KEEP A LIST OF ANY OTHERS THAT NEED REPLACED OR REPAIRED.

HE THEN SPOKE ABOUT REGULATIONS WITH OHIO DEPT OF AGRICULTURAL. SOMEONE WANTS TO PUT UP A CHICKEN FARM IN PERRY ON WONNELL RD. THE BOARD IS LOOKING INTO ANYTHING THEY CAN DO THROUGH ZONING SUCH AS A PUBLIC HEARING OR SET BACKS.

GREG KESSEN – GREG STATED THAT THERE IS NO PERMIT NEEDED FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF BIRDS. THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSION IN THE ZONING MEETINGS. HE THINKS THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING IN ZONING THAT MAINTAINS OUR STANDARD OF LIVING IN OUR TOWNSHIP. THE STATED THAT THEY SHOULD BE NEIGHBORLY AND RESPECT OUR TOWNSHIP AND NOT PUT A BIG CHICKEN FARM IN SOMEONE’S FRONT YARD JUST AS WE DO WITH FARMERS THAT DON’T LIVE IN OUR AREA THAT ARE ON OUR ROADS WITH FARMING MACHINERY. HE SUGGEST THAT THE ZONING BOARDS ADJUST SETBACKS TO HELP THE RESIDENTS.

LARRY REMINDED EVERYONE THAT CLEAN UP DATE IS SATURDAY, JULY 19TH. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE AT THE THREE LOCATIONS AND NICK SAID WE MAY HAVE SOME STUDENT VOLUNTEERS AND WE ALSO REQUESTED IN THE NEWSLETTER ABOUT VOLUNTEERS.

LARRY SPOKE ABOUT RESCHEDULING AND CANCELING THE 8/5 AND 8/19 MEETINGS FOR THE FAIR AND VACATIONS AND SCHEDULING ONE ON AUGUST 12TH.

RESOLUTIONS

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION # 2025-0617-04 FOR INCORRECT FUND AND WORDING. 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025.0701-01 TO INCREASE THE REVENUE FOR ROAD & BRIDGE FUND, OTHER-MISC. NON-OPERATING (2031-892-0000) BY \$16,000 TO \$20,000, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025.0701-02 TO INCREASE APPROPRIATION FOR POLICE FUND, ELECTRICITY FUND BY \$3,000 TO \$7,000 DUE TO INCREASED ELECTRICITY COST, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025-0701-03 TO CREATE FUND #1000-990-990 AND APPROPRIATE \$17.96 FOR A WITHHOLDING OVERPAYMENT CREDIT FOR A PAYROLL ITEM, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025-0701-04 FOR A LEVY OF NECESSITY EXCEEDING A 10 MIL LIMITATION FOR A 4.4 FIRE LEVY RENEWAL, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES

MOTIONS

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 25, 2025, 2ND GREG KESSEN.

SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 17, 2025, 2ND GREG KESSEN.

SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,517.73 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CREDIT CARD RECONCILIATION FOR JUNE 2025, LARRY SIDENER.

SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO TRANSFER \$15,000 FROM FIRE FUND, OP&F FUND (2111-110-215) TO OPERS FUND (2111-220-211) TO COVER WITHHOLDINGS FROM FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES THAT PAY INTO OPERS, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY VFIS INSURANCE RENEWAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,697.00, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY NORTHLAND QUICK PRINT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,884.64 FOR THE 2025 NEWSLETTER, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ADD THE DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS TO THE VFIS POLICY, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ORDER 50 PERMITS IN TRIPLICATE FROM QUICK AS A WINK, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO LET NICK FLEMING GO DUE TO NO HOURS TURNED IN AND NO RUNS WITHIN THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO LET BRANDI WEBER GO DUE TO NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND NOT SUBMITTING HOURS. 2ND GREG KESSEN.
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE COSIMO DI TOLLA AS A PART-TIME, NO MORE THAN 20 HOURS PER WEEK, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE MEETINGS ON AUGUST 5TH AND AUGUST 19TH, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO SCHEDULE A TRUSTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 12TH, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:59PM, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**