

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING  
HELD JULY 15, 2025

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

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

CHRIS SPOKE ABOUT A FEW LARGER BILLS. VFIS INSURANCE WAS ALMOST \$43,000 WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY MADE A MOTION AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING, NORTHLAND QUICK PRINT FOR THE NEWSLETTER WAS ALMOST \$2,900 WHICH WAS ALSO ALREADY APPROVED BY MOTION AND AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT TO THE ALLEN COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER WHICH IS A REGULAR MONTHLY PAYMENT FOR THE BED TAX.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### ***JOHN ITEN, POLICE CHIEF – ABSENT***

Officers are required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of continued education each year and up to 40 hours as required by the State of Ohio. It has come to light that OPOTA has not put in enough online hours on the training web page. I reached out to OPOTA and was told the last 6.5 hours need to be in-person training. We are looking for ways to complete the required hours. The best option may be the Owens Consortium, in Toledo at the Owens College. It currently costs \$550.00 per year and can be used by all officers for as many classes as are offered that are not full. Many local agencies are going there to do their required training in person. It is cost-effective to pay a flat yearly fee, as paying for a class can be between \$100 - \$350 if paid individually.

Speaking with Trustee Sidener, and at the direction of the Board, the Crown Vic will be donated to the Port Jefferson Police Department. They have a population of 301 people, and their current vehicle has over 200,000 miles, and they do not have the funds to purchase a replacement.

Officers provided police services for the 2025 Lima ½ mile motorcycle races at the fairgrounds. I want to thank the American Township Police Department, the Spencerville Police Department, and Johnny Appleseed Metro Park for the officers who assisted in making the event a success in Perry Township.

Troy Elwer, fair manager, and I have discussed blocking Bowman Road off for the final night of the fair for safety reasons related to the fireworks display. I spoke with Corey, who will provide the road closed signs and barricades, and the fair maintenance team will put them up when it is time to shut the road down. ***If we have personnel available***, we will also provide an officer and a cruiser to keep people from going around the barricades.

In August, Lt. Watson and I will be attending a joint Allen County Active Shooter training at Lima Memorial Hospital, free of charge, trying to get the officers that work the road training together as we are the ones that will be responding to an active shooter call and working together, training with each other only makes us all better prepared to respond together.

CATHY CLEMENTZ ASKED IF THE OFFICERS ARE WORKING AT ANOTHER DEPARTMENT AS FULL-TIME DO THEY ALSO HAVE TO HAVE THE SAME TRAINING THROUGH PERRY. THE BOARD WAS UNSURE OF THE ANSWER.

#### ***COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR –***

COREY STATED THAT THEY PICKED UP THE NEW FREIGHTLINER AND IT IS IN THE ROAD DEPARTMENT BARN. THEY WOULD LIKE TO LIST THE 2000 STERLING ON GOVDEALS AND WOULD HOPE TO GET AT LEAST \$10,000 FOR IT.

THE DIGITAL SIGN IS UP AND TURNED ON. IT WAS IN STEALTH MODE FOR ONE WEEK BUT WAS ACTIVE AS OF JULY 10TH. AVERAGE SPEEDS IS ABOUT 46 MPH OVER THE LAST 2 WEEKS AND THERE WAS ONE SPEED THAT WAS RECORDED AT 85 MPH. COREY STATED THAT IT GIVES US A LOT OF DETAIL AND WE CAN LOOK AT TIMES OF DAYS OR CERTAIN DAYS OF THE WEEK SO THAT WE CAN HAVE POLICE PATROL

AROUND THOSE TIMES WHEN WE HAVE MORE SPEEDERS. HE STATED THAT IF YOU ARE GOING TO SLOW IT WON'T SHOW YOUR SPEED AND IT ALSO BLACKS OUT AFTER 65 MPH SO NO ONE CAN "SPEED TEST" IT BUT THAT CAN BE ADJUSTED. WE HAVE A CLOUD ACCOUNT FOR ONE YEAR WHICH WE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE TO RENEW. IF WE WANT TO SAVE THE DATA WE WILL HAVE TO RENEW THE CLOUD ACCOUNT. TRUSTEE KESSEN THEN STATED THAT HE DIDN'T REALIZE HOW BIG AND HEAVY THEY ARE AND WE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO HAVE THE COUNTY DRIVE A POST, WHICH COST \$50 EACH, TO PUT IT ON SO WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT GETTING A TRAILER THAT WE CAN MOUNT THEM TOO. THE SIGNS ARE SOLAR POWERED WITH BATTERY BACKUP. GREG SUGGESTED WE LOOK AT GOVDEALS FOR DISCOUNTED TRAILERS.

COREY STATED THAT BOWMAN ROAD WILL HAVE TO BE CLOSED TO REPLACE TWO CROSSOVERS SOUTH OF BREESE. THERE IS ANOTHER ONE ON OSMAN SOUTH OF WONNELL THAT WILL NEED REPAIRED.

***JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR –***

JOHN SPOKE WITH THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE ON ST JOHNS ROAD. HE IS A COUPLE OF MONTHS BEHIND AND WILL BE OUT OF TOWN FOR A WHILE. WHEN HE GETS BACK HE WILL APPLY FOR A PERMIT. JOHN HAS BEEN WORKING ON LETTERS FOR GRASS THAT NEEDS MOWED.

THE MOTION THAT ACCEPTED DATA CENTERS IN THE ZONING BOOKS WAS DONE AS A MOTION AND WE NEED TO MAKE IT A RESOLUTION SO THAT IT CAN BE RECORDED.

JOHN THEN STATED THAT VICTORY LOUNGE WAS DENIED ON THE APPEAL THROUGH THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TO REOPEN ON 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET.

JOHN STATED THAT AT THE ZONING MEETING LAST WEEK THAT BOTH OF THE ZONING BOARD'S MEMBERS WANT THE TRUSTEES TO READ THE ZONING BY-LAWS AND TO SIGN A RESOLUTION AFTER READING THEM.

***KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF –***

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE GOING LIVE WITH FIRST DUE SOON. THEY ARE FINISHING UP SOME ADMIN TYPE THINGS SUCH AS SCHEDULING AND PAYROLL. THE DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>.

CHIEF RADER MET WITH TROY FROM ALLEN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, HOMELAND SECURITY AND ALLEN COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT ABOUT LIFE SAFETY FOR THE FAIR. THEY WILL HAVE ANOTHER MEETING ABOUT THE FIREWORKS. CHIEF RADER STATED THAT TROY HAS BEEN AMAZING TO WORK WITH EVERY YEAR AS THE FAIR MANAGER. THEY HAVE GIVEN HIM PROJECTS AND WORKED TOWARDS COMPLIANCE WITH BUILDING CODES. CHAIRMAN COX STATED THAT HE HAS A LOT OF FAITH IN TROY AND HE IS STRIVING TO DO EVERYTHING RIGHT AND SAFE.

CHIEF RADER HAS ALSO BEEN WORKING WITH AMAZON FOR THE ACCIDENT WITH THE FIRE HYDRANT. THEY HAVE ALL THE PAPERWORK AS OF JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> AND AMAZON IS INVESTIGATING IT SO THAT WE CAN HOPEFULLY RECOVER THE COST OF FIXING THE DAMAGED HYDRANT.

CHIEF RADER IS DRAFTING A LETTER TO PUT OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT THE 4.4 MIL TAX LEVY AND WILL HAVE CHAIRMAN COX READ IT BEFORE POSTING.

**GUESTS**

**BRENT TABLER-** (DEFERRED COMP) – DEFERRED COMP IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO STATE RETIREMENT. OPERS IS GREAT BUT MOST FINANCIAL PLANNERS WILL SAY THAT YOU NEED MORE FOR YOUR RETIREMENT. IN TAX CODE IT IS A 457(B) WHICH IS A PUBLIC WORKERS' RETIREMENT PLAN. HE THEN SPOKE ABOUT LIMITS TO CONTRIBUTE PER AGE OF EMPLOYEE. DEFERRED COMP IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT PLAN. IT IS A PAYROLL DEDUCTION THAT CAN BE PRE-TAX AND CAN CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR. THERE ARE ALSO NO AGE RESTRICTION PENALTIES FOR WITHDRAWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS. *HANDOUT AND BUSINESS CARD ATTACHED*

**CATHY AND FRANK CLEMENTZ –** CATHY STATED THAT SHE LIKED OUR NEW CHAIRS. TRUSTEE KESSEN STATED THAT THEY WERE DONATED TO THE TOWNSHIP BY THE PERRY CHURCH OR FAITH. THEY WERE IN NEED OF MORE ROOM FOR LIFEWISE ACADEMY AND HAVE LIMITED STORAGE AREA.

**JIM CLEMENTZ –** JIM ASKED IF THEY ARE STILL GOING TO DO ANOTHER ROAD STUDY ON AMHERST ROAD. CHAIRMAN COX STATED THAT THE GENTLEMAN THAT WE SPOKE WITH BEFORE HAS TAKEN A DIFFERENT POSITION. HE WILL FIND OUT IF THAT IS STILL GOING TO BE SCHEDULED. JIM IS STILL HOPING WE CAN GET THE SPEED LOWERED TO 45 MPH. HE IS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT SOMEONE GETTING HURT.

**DAVE STOMBAUGH –** DAVE ASKED ABOUT THE ELECTRIC BILL THAT WENT THROUGH THE ROOF FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHRIS STATED THAT CHIEF ITEN SENT AN EMAIL STATING THAT THERE IS A HEATING UNIT IN THE BAYS THAT HAS BEEN MALFUNCTIONING. COREY STATED THAT THE ELECTRICAL HEATER PROBABLY NEEDS REPLACED RATHER THAN REPAIRED. IT HAS BEEN THERE FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS AND IS NOT BIG ENOUGH TO HEAT THE BAYS. IT MAY NEED REPLACED WITH A GAS TUBETH

HEATER. COREY STATED THAT PREMIERE WILL BE SERVICING THE HEATING AND AIR FOR THE TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS AND WILL TALK TO THEM ABOUT GETTING AN ESTIMATE. THEY ALSO CHECKED THE WELL IF THERE WAS A LEAK CAUSING THE INCREASED BILLS.

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH -**

**FRANK LAMAR** – FRANK ASKED ABOUT THE DATA CENTER THAT IS GOING INTO AMERICAN TOWNSHIP. HE SAID WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN PERRY TOWNSHIP HOW DID WE LET THAT GET AWAY. TRUSTEE KESSEN STATED THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENT DATA CENTER THAT IS GOING IN THERE. MICROSOFT PULLED OUT OF THE PERRY PROJECT BECAUSE OF OTHER ISSUES THEY WERE HAVING AND THEY ALSO PULLED OUT OF OTHER PROJECTS THAT WERE BEING DISCUSSED THROUGHOUT OHIO. THE GENTLEMAN FROM MICROSOFT THAT HAD BEEN A CONTACT STATED THAT HE WAS SURPRISED THAT THEY PULLED OUT. CHAIRMAN COX STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT OTHER DATA CENTERS ARE STILL INVESTIGATING THE PROPERTY HERE.

**PAULA PATTON** – SHE ASKED IF THERE HAS BEEN A RESOLUTION FOR HER SONS INSURANCE MONEY. MR BROCK IS NOT PRESENT SO JOHN BREWSTER STATED THAT THE NEW OWNER IS MAKING PROGRESS AND HAS THE PROPERTY CLEANED UP AND HAS NOT FILED A PERMIT YET. JOHN STATED THAT THE VARIANCE HAS BEEN APPROVED. PAULA STATED THAT ACCORDING TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE THE INSURANCE MONEY IS SUPPOSED TO BE HELD UNTIL IT IS HABITABLE. SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HOW HER SONS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPERTY BEING HABITABLE WHEN HE DOESN'T OWN IT ANYMORE. CHAIRMAN COX STATED THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LEGALITIES AND HAVE TO FOLLOW WHAT OUR ATTORNEY SAYS. SHE STATED THAT SINCE WE AREN'T HAVING A MEETING IN AUGUST THAT THE TOWNSHIP IS DRAGGING IT OUT AGAIN. TRUSTEE KESSEN STATED THAT WE ARE HAVING A MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM. THE BOARD STATED THAT WE WILL NOT MAKE ACTION ON IT TONIGHT.

**TRUSTEES**

**LARRY SIDENER** – LARRY SPOKE ABOUT THE MUTUAL AID CONTRACT THAT CHIEF ITEN EMAILED TO THE BOARD. CHAIRMAN COX STATED THAT THEY HAVE NEVER SIGNED ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE. THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO CAME UP WITH THE CONTRACT AND TO SPEAK TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

HE THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS MANNING THE FAIR BUILDING ON AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup>. LARRY SAID HE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAN IT IN THE 23<sup>RD</sup>. KEVIN AND CHRIS VOLUNTEERED TO MAN IT ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup>. CHRIS THEN SPOKE ABOUT GETTING NEW PICTURES FOR PERRY TOWNSHIPS FRAME BEFORE THE FAIR. IF ANYONE HAS PICTURES PLEASE SEND THEM TO CHRIS.

**KEVIN COX** – KEVIN HAD A MEETING WITH SOMEONE ABOUT A WEBSITE. HE STATED THAT EVERYTHING HE SPOKE ABOUT WE ALREADY HAVE ON OUR AND WE ARE HAPPY WITH IT. KEVIN THEN REMINDED EVERYONE ABOUT CLEAN-UP DAY. IT IS THIS SATURDAY FROM 9AM – 1 PM AT THREE LOCATIONS. 15<sup>TH</sup> AND REESE, CHARLEDON AND 9<sup>TH</sup> AND THE ROAD DEPARTMENT GARAGE ON BREESE RD.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025.0715-01 FOR FIRE LEVY RENEWAL FOR 4.4 MIL. BOARD APPROVES THE RESOLUTION TO PROCEED, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.**

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

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025.0715-02 TO MODIFY AND ADOPT THE LANGUAGE OF THE ZONING BOARD AND REGIONAL PLANNING TO LOCATE DATA CENTERS LANGUAGE INTO THE PERRY TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION FROM THE RECOMMENDATION FROM I-1 MODIFYING TO I-2 ZONING UNDER 11.1.6 " FOR THE PURPOSE OF STORING AND SAVING COMPUTER DATA ON SERVERS AND SIMILAR EQUIPMENT", 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX.**

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

**MOTIONS**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 1, 2025, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.**

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

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$98,928.69. 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.**

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

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO REAFFIRM THE MOTION FROM THE BUDGET MEETING FOR THE 2026 BUDGET AS APPROVED ON JUNE 25, 2025 BUDGET HEARING, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.  
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE ROAD DEPARTMENT TO LIST THE 2000 STERLING FOR SALE ON GOVDEALS, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.  
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER RESCINDED A MOTION FROM 9/5/2024 TO MODIFY AND ADOPT THE LANGUAGE OF THE ZONING BOARD AND REGIONAL PLANNING TO LOCATE DATA CENTERS LANGUAGE INTO THE PERRY TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION FROM THE RECOMMENDATION FROM I-1 MODIFYING TO I-2 ZONING UNDER 11.1.6 " FOR THE PURPOSE OF STORING AND SAVING COMPUTER DATA ON SERVERS AND SIMILAR EQUIPMENT", 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX.  
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**

**GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:45 PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.  
SIDENER – YES, COX – YES, KESSEN – YES**