

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD AUGUST 12, 2025

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

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER –

CHRIS EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE OF A CHANGE IN STATE LEGISLATION, WE HAD TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY MEETING ON AUGUST 1ST TO REWRITE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TAX LEVY THAT HAD A DEADLINE OF AUGUST 6TH.

CHRIS EXPLAINED SOME OF THE HIGHER-DOLLAR BILLS. \$19,014.10 WAS TO LIMA ALLEN COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FOR ½ OF THE LODGING EXCISE TAX, \$4,784.40 WAS TO ALLEN COUNTY RECYCLERS FOR CLEAN UP DAY WHICH WE WILL FILE FOR A GRANT TO GET UP TO HALF THAT BACK, \$3000 IS FOR THE YEARLY LEADS FEES AND \$3,366.00 FOR FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR KITS THAT WAS APPROVED IN A PRIOR MEETING.

THE DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE VFIS POLICY AS OF AUGUST 1ST, WITH NO ADDITIONAL PREMIUM DUE AT THIS TIME, AS IT WAS INCLUDED IN THE INLAND MARINE POLICY.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR – ABSENT BUT LEFT REPORT FOR CHAIRMAN COX TO READ CONTRACT PAVING IS DONE ON HUME ROAD FROM GREELY CHAPEL TO BOWMAN AND WONNELL FROM OSMAN TO KERR. ROAD MOWING HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR THIRD TIME. A NEW CROSSOVER WAS INSTALLED ON OSMAN. A NEW BASIN WAS INSTALLED ON BOWMAN ROAD AT BREESE TO HELP WITH DRAINAGE DURING HEAVY RAINS. CURRENT BID FOR THE STERLING IS \$7,200 AND ENDS ON AUGUST 19TH. COREY WILL BE ADJUSTING HIS WORK SCHEDULE FROM 6:30 – 3 FOR SCHOOL COACHING FROM AUGUST 25 – OCTOBER 10TH.

JOHN ITEN, POLICE CHIEF –

CHIEF ITEN REQUESTED TO HAVE JODIE PHILLIPS REMOVED FROM THE PERRY POLICE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY BANK ACCOUNT AND TO ADD LORI ITEN AS JODIE HAD RESIGNED FROM PERRY TOWNSHIP. HE THEN REQUESTED TO DONATE THE OLD MARCS RADIOS TO A COMPANY THAT DOES CONCERTS. THEY CAN BE REPROGRAMMED AS TWO-WAY RADIOS. HE THINKS HE HAS 11 RADIOS, BUT WILL CHECK THE INVENTORY. THE COMPANY IS CALLED INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES LOCAL 146.

HE THEN STATED THAT COREY IS INSTALLING LED LIGHTS AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT.

CHIEF ITEN AND LT WATSON ATTENDED AN ACTIVE SHOOTER AT LIMA MEMORIAL ON THURS AND FRIDAY. LOTS OF OFFICERS FROM THE AREA TOOK PART AND IT WAS VERY BENEFICIAL TRAINING.

HE THEN STATED THAT HE HAD EMAILED A MUTUAL AID CONTRACT FROM ALLEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW IT, BUT IT WILL NEED TO BE SIGNED SOON. JOHN STATED THAT THE LAST ONE WAS 10 YEARS OLD, SO IT NEEDED TO BE UPDATED.

HE THEN REQUESTED TO MOVE CHRIS HOLT TO AUXILIARY FOR FAMILY ISSUES WITH TRAVEL.

HE THEN GAVE THE BOARD THE CALLS FOR SERVICE FOR JULY.

LT WATSON HAS AN ONGOING CASE FROM THE WALMART PARKING, AND BECAUSE OF A QUICK RESPONSE TIME, HE WAS ABLE TO GET A LOT OF GUNS AND DRUGS FROM A FELON OFF THE STREET. GREG KESSEN ASKED ABOUT THE CALLS FOR SERVICE THAT CHIEF ITEN HANDED TO THE BOARD. IF IT SAYS "PHONE" IT IS A DIRECT CALL TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INSTEAD OF A 911 CALL.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR –

JOHN ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY HAVE REVIEWED THE BYLAWS FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. THEY STATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE MORE TIME TO REVIEW THEM.

JOHN STATED THAT HIS LAPTOP WOULDN'T POWER ON. HE WILL CONTACT MIKE FROM M&D COMPUTERS. HE IOS ALSO STILL HAVING ISSUES WITH THE ZONING APPLICATION WEBSITE.

HE THEN ASKED THE BOARD ABOUT DENNY PHALEN'S AGREEMENT ON YODER RD. BLAIN BROCK STATED THAT MR PHALEN HAS SUBMITTED HIS PLANS TO JOHN. JOHN STATED THAT THE PLANS ARE TO TEAR DOWN THE EXISTING HOUSE AND KEEP THE GARAGE THAT WAS TURNED INTO A RESIDENCE, BUT IT DOESN'T MEET THE SQUARE FOOTAGE REQUIREMENTS. MR BROCK WOULD LIKE THE BOARD'S OPINION

IN WRITING SO THAT HE CAN SEND IT TO MR PHALEN'S LAWYER WITH ZONING RESOLUTION INFORMATION.

THE ST John's ROAD PROPERTY OWNER SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TODAY AND HAS NOT STARTED ANY MORE WORK. JOHN STATED THAT TRUSTEE KESSEN FOUND THE MINUTES FROM THE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW PROPERTY OWNER FROM 5/21/2024 OR 3/5/24.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF-

CHIEF RADER STATED THAT THEY APPLIED FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RECEIVED 200 DRIP DROP PACKETS FOR REHYDRATION. IT SAVES OVER \$200 AND IS BETTER FOR PEOPLE THAN GATORADE BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HAVE SUGAR IN IT.

1406 IS STILL AT ATLANTIC BEING REPAIRED TO PASS THE ANNUAL TEST. IT IS THE OLDEST TRUCK IN THE FLEET. HE WILL CHECK WITH THEM AGAIN ON FRIDAY. HE WILL THEN TAKE THE REST OF THE TRUCKS SOON.

HE HAS BEEN SPEAKING WITH AMAZON AND THE INSURANCE CARRIER FOR THE DRIVER ABOUT THE HYDRANT AT PTC. THEY ARE WILLING TO PAY EVERYTHING ON THE INVOICES IF WE SIGN AN AGREEMENT NOT TO COME AFTER THEM FOR ANY MORE, WHICH WAS A LITTLE UNDER \$2,000.

THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FAIR THINGS SUCH AS LIFE SAFETY. HE STATED THAT TROY, THE FAIR MANAGER, IS AMAZING TO WORK WITH. HE ATTENDED THE FAIR DINNER WITH A GREAT DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE FAIR SINCE IT IS THE 175th ANNIVERSARY.

THE AUXILIARY PAID FOR THE MAJORITY OF A TRAILER, AND THE FIRE FUND PAID THE ADDITIONAL PORTION. THE TRAILER ALLOWS THEM TO MOVE THE PLAYHOUSE AROUND MORE EASILY AND TAKE IT TO EVENTS LIKE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. IT IS VERY HEAVY AND DANGEROUS TO MOVE. HE INTENDS TO TAKE IT TO DIFFERENT EVENTS MORE EASILY NOW, INCLUDING THE FAIR. TRUSTEE KESSEN ASKED HOW MUCH THE TRAILER WAS, AND CHIEF RADER STATED THAT IT WAS A LITTLE OVER \$2000, WHICH THE AUXILIARY PAID HALF OF.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WENT WELL, BUT A LITTLE LOWER TURNOUT. THE HOUSE WAS A HIT WITH THE KIDS, AND THE CREWS DID AMAZINGLY WELL IN INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC.

CHIEF RADER MET WITH THE SHERIFF. WE HAVE A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE THAT HAS A DIVE CERTIFICATION. SHE SPOKE WITH THE TEAM LEAD OF THE DIVE TEAM. THE SHERIFF HAS AMAZING THINGS TO SAY ABOUT PERRY FIRE. THEY HAVE HAD MEMBERS ON THE ALLEN COUNTY HAZMAT TEAM, BUT HAVE NEVER HAD A MEMBER ON THE DIVE TEAM. THEY WILL HAVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE STILL DISCUSSING DETAILS, AND HE WILL UPDATE MORE LATER. IT WOULD BE NO COST TO US.

MARCS RADIOS WAS PUSHED TO JANUARY BECAUSE THE STATE WASN'T READY, BUT PERRY IS READY AND AHEAD OF OTHER TOWNSHIPS WITH THE PAGING SYSTEM AND IS PROGRAMMED. O2EAST IS CRASHING AND OVER 20 YEARS OLD.

CHIEF RADER THEN ASKED ABOUT THE RESOLUTION FOR THE FIRE LEVY. MR BROCK STATED THAT IN JUNE THE LANGUAGE WAS AGREED UPON BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND WE PASSED THE RESOLUTION ON JULY 15TH. STILL, A NEW LAW WENT INTO EFFECT ON JULY 18TH THAT RECALCULATED HOW REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE APPLIED TO LEVIES. THE BOARD THEN HAD AN EMERGENCY MEETING ON AUGUST 1ST TO EDIT THE RESOLUTION TO THE NEW LANGUAGE. IT HAD TO BE INTO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BY AUGUST 6TH AND WAS RESUBMITTED ON AUGUST 5TH. WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE YET. WHEN A DECISION IS MADE, THEY WILL SEND IT BACK TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

CHIEF RADER STATED THAT FIRST DUE WENT LIVE ON AUGUST 2ND, ALTHOUGH PAYROLL IS NOT 100% YET. ALL INVENTORY HAS BEEN ADDED, AND THEY CAN ALSO INCLUDE THE VALUE. SHIFT SCHEDULING IS GOING VERY WELL ON THE NEW SYSTEM, AND THEY SHOULD BE 100% IN THE NEXT 3 – 4 MONTHS. THE SPEEDWAY DIESEL PUMPS HAVE BEEN DOWN FOR TWO WEEKS. THEY HAVE BEEN USING MURPHY'S BECAUSE SOME OF THE BIGGER TRUCKS ARE HARD TO GET INTO THE SMALLER STATIONS. THEY HAVE BEEN USING THE TOWNSHIP CREDIT CARDS, SO THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING GAS TAX. NO ONE HAS BEEN GIVEN AN ANSWER AS TO WHEN THEY WILL BE BACK UP. CHRISTINA STATED THAT THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH PAYING TAX, SO SHE AND RADER WILL LOOK INTO IT TO SEE HOW WE GET REIMBURSED. HE IS ASKING THE BOARD TO HAVE A BACKUP STATION WE CAN USE IN CASES LIKE THIS.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER, ANDREW KLAUS, HAS EARNED HIS ADVANCE EMT CERTIFICATION. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE BLAICI LEE HAS ALSO EARNED HER ADVANCED EMT CERTIFICATION.

KEVIN COX STATED THAT EVERYONE FROM PERRY TOWNSHIP DID A GREAT JOB AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AND THE KIDS ENJOYED THE FIRE HOUSE TO SPRAY. THIS IS THE FIRST ONE HE HAS BEEN TOO BECAUSE WE NORMALLY HAVE A MEETING.

GUESTS

PAULA PATTON – SHE ASKED ABOUT THE BALANCE ON THE INSURANCE. TRUSTEE KESSEN THEN READ THE MEETING MINUTES ABOUT THE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW OWNER. “MR. BROCK STATED THAT THE IDEA IS TO ENSURE REMEDIATION HAS HAPPENED BEFORE FUNDS ARE RELEASED. ONCE THE NEW

OWNER REBUILDS THE FUNDS CAN BE RELEASED.” MS. PATTON STATED THAT THE PREVIOUS OWNER DOESN’T OWN THE PROPERTY ANYMORE AND ASKED HOW HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMEDIATING THE PROPERTY IF HE DOESN’T OWN IT. SHE THEN STATED THAT IT WAS NOT IN THE MEETING MINUTES AFTER THE EXECUTIVE SESSION THAT THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT TO GIVE HIM HALF OF THE FUNDS. CHAIRMAN COX STATED THAT WE AREN’T THE ONES WHO DECIDE HOW MUCH MONEY IS HELD. WE ARE OBLIGATED TO MAKE SURE THE PROPERTY IS SAFE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SHE STATED THAT IT IS SAFE, BUT THE BOARD DISAGREES. CHAIRMAN COX THEN ASKED MS PATTON IF SHE HAS ANY STATEMENT THAT ALLOWS HER TO DISCUSS LEGAL ISSUES FOR HER SON. HE REQUESTED A NOTARIZED STATEMENT ALLOWING THIS DISCUSSION TO BE WITH HER. CHAIRMAN COX THEN TOLD HIM THE DISCUSSION WAS DONE AND SHE STATED THAT SHE WILL CALL THE GOVERNOR AND SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE TO MAKE A COMPLAINT.

SHARON MULLINS – MS MULLINS ASKED IF THE NEXT MEETING WILL STILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2ND SINCE IT IS THE DAY AFTER LABOR DAY. THE TRUSTEES STATED THAT IT WILL STILL BE ON THAT DAY.

CATHY & FRANK CLEMENTZ – NOTHING

DAVE STOMBAUGH – NOTHING

PAUL NEFF – HE IS VISITING FROM SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP AS HE IS RUNNING AS A TRUSTEE.

TRUSTEES

LARRY SIDENER – HE STATED THAT THERE ARE SIX RUNNING FOR TRUSTEE AND ONLY TWO HERE AND CONGRATULATED MR CLEMENTZ ON HIS SUCCESSFUL PETITION AND MR CLEMENTZ CONGRATULATED TRUSTEE SIDENER AS WELL.

CHAIRMAN COX – HE STATED THAT HE HOPES TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE ALLEN COUNTY FAIR, WHICH STARTS ON FRIDAY. THIS IS THE 175TH YEAR, AND THEY WILL BE HAVING A LOT OF SPECIAL THINGS GOING ON. LARRY STATED THAT EVERYONE SHOULD WATCH THE SPECIAL THAT THEY HAD ABOUT THE FAIR, IF YOU CAN FIND IT.

GREG KESSEN – HE STATED THAT THE BOARD RECEIVED A REVISED 2025 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS THAT WE NEED TO PASS A RESOLUTION FOR TO STAY COMPLIANT WITH OEPA. MR COX STATED THAT HE WAS A PART OF IT AND THEY LOOK AT WHAT HELPS THE COUNTY IN FULL, AND THE CONTROL NEEDS TO STAY LOCAL. THE BOARD THEN EXPLAINED THAT THEY CONTROL WHERE WATER RUN OFF GOES TO SUCH AS CREEKS INTO RIVERS WITH POLLUTANTS.

RESOLUTIONS

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025-0812-01 TO ADOPT A REVISED 2025 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES

MOTIONS

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 15, 2025, 2ND GREG KESSEN.

SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 1, 2025, 2ND

SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,859.80 2ND LARRY SIDENER, SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 2025 BANK RECONCILIATION, 2ND GREG KESSEN. SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 2025 BANK RECONCILIATION, 2ND GREG KESSEN. SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CREDIT CARD RECONCILIATION FOR JULY 2025, 2ND GREG KESSEN.

SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 TO LEGAL COUNSEL SALARY (1000-130-141) FROM WORKER COMPENSATION (1000-110-220) FOR TAX LEVY WORK, 2ND GREG KESSEN.

SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A FUND BALANCE ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20 TO VOID A UNPAID/LOST CHECK FROM NOVEMBER 2024. 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO TRANSFER \$50,000 TO STAR OHIO, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.
SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MOTION TO REMOVE JODIE PHILLIPS AND ADD LORI ITEN FOR AUXILIARY BANK ACCOUNT, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO DONATE OLD POLICE MARCS RADIOS TO INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES, LOCAL #146, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE CHRIS HOLT FROM THE PATROL OFFICERS ROOSTERS AND TO ADD HIM TO THE AUXILIARY ROOSTER, 2ND GREG KESSEN.
SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:31 PM, 2ND GREG KESSEN
SIDENER – YES, COX- YES, KESSEN – YES**