

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING  
HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

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

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

CHRISTINA ASKED THE BOARD FOR A MOTION TO PAY THE NOW MARKETING INVOICE FOR \$2,500.00 FOR 30 HOURS OF SUPPORT.

CHRISTINA REQUESTED THE BOARD TO PASS A RESOLUTION FOR THE ALLEN COUNTY AUDITOR FOR THE ADOPTED TAX BUDGET FOR 2026.

CHRISTINA ASKED FOR A MOTION TO REHIRE ATTORNEY BLAIN BROCK AT THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 EACH MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER 2025 – DECEMBER 2025.

CHRISTINA NOTIFIED THE BOARD THAT WE RECEIVED THE 1<sup>ST</sup> INVOICE FOR THE ROAD PROGRAM FOR A CREDIT OF -\$2,450.61. THE INVOICE AMOUNT WAS \$5,549.39 WITH A CREDIT OF \$8,000 FOR 2025 MOWING.

CHRISTINA HAS SIGNED UP FOR FISCAL OFFICER TRAINING IN PERRYSBURG ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AT A COST OF \$110.

CHRISTINA NOTIFIED BOB KIMMET AND BETH SIEBERT THAT WE HAVE BEEN GETTING OPIOID SETTLEMENTS EMAILS. SHE HAS FORWARDED ALL EMAILS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED TO BOB AND BETH. THEY ARE GOING TO DISCUSS IT AT THE BAQUET ON THURSDAY LAST WEEK. KEVIN COX STATED THAT THEY HAD DISCUSSED UIT AND ADVISED TO NOT DELETE THE EMAILS BUT WE WON'T MAKE ACTION ON THEM DURING THE MEETINGS AT THIS TIME.

CHRISTINA ASKED FOR A MOTION TO SET A MEETING FOR HANDBOOK REVISIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9AM – 11 AM.

THE PERRY TOWNSHIP ACCOUNT HAS RECEIVED THE ACH PAYMENT FROM GOVDEALS LAST WEEK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,600 FOR THE 2000 STERLING. THAT HAS BEEN RECEIPTED TO THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR ROAD & BRIDGE.

CHRISTINA NOTIFIED THE BOARD AND DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT MARCS IS HAVING ISSUES WITH THEIR INVOICING. WE HAVE AN INCIDENT NUMBER AND ONCE RESOLVED, THEY WILL CONTACT US.

CHRISTINA NOTIFIED THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC OF A PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> FROM 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. INFORMATION IS ON A HANDOUT AT THE SIGN-IN TABLE.

JP MORGAN CHASE HAS REQUESTED THAT WE ADD ANOTHER SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR TO THE JP MORGAN ACCESS BESIDES FOR CHRISTINA. DUE TO THE ELECTION BEING HELD IN NOVEMBER WE WILL ADD KEVIN COX AS SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### **JOHN ITEN, POLICE CHIEF-**

CHIEF ITEN SPOKE ABOUT A FOLLOW UP FROM A QUESTION FROM NORM CAPPAS ABOUT SCHOOL SPEED LIMITS. ODOT SAYS THAT BECAUSE PERRY SCHOOLS IS NOT ON A STATE ROUTE THAT FUNDING FOR FLASHING LIGHTS WOULD BE THE TOWNSHIP AND/OR SCHOOLS COST AND THAT THE COUNTY MAY ALSO CHIP IN ON THE COST. SINCE THE TIME ON THE SIGNS SAY 7 AM – 4 PM LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT WILL ONLY FORCE CITATIONS WHEN THERE IS EGRESS AND INGRESS OF STUDENTS, FACULTY OR PARENTS.

CHIEF ITEN SPOKE ABOUT THE DATA COLLECTED FROM THE DIGITAL SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON AMHERST AND BREESE. AVERAGE SPEED ON AMHERST IS 54 MPH. AVERAGE SPEED ON BREESE IS 47 MPH. HE SPOKE OF OTHER DATA PER TIME FRAMES WHICH IS **ATTACHED AND AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**. TRUSTEE SIDENER ASKED IF MUNICIPAL COURT GENERALLY ISSUES FINES FOR SPEEDING UP TO 5 MPH OVER THE SPEED LIMIT. CHIEF ITEN ANSWERED NO BECAUSE THEY GIVE A LEEWAY FOR INACCURACY OF VEHICLES SPEEDOMETERS SINCE THEY AREN'T GENERALLY CALIBRATED. CHIEF NORMALLY GIVES 10 MPH OVER THE SPEED LIMIT BEFORE HE PULLS OVER. TRUSTEE KESSEN EXPLAINED TO THE PUBLIC THAT WE PUT UP TWO SOLAR POWERED DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS TO HELP PD PATROL AT CERTAIN TIMES.

**COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR-**

COREY SUBMITTED A 3 YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT FROM SMITH BOHN MECHANICAL FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ON HVAC EQUIPMENT.

COREY STATED THAT SIGN GRANT WAS APPROVED FOR \$4500. HE IS FINISHING UP SOME ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK BUT DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO EXPECT THE FUNDS.

**JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR-**

JOHN CONTACTED HEFNER'S WHO HAD THE WINNING BID TO TEAR DOWN THE CROWN HOUSE BEHIND PTC ON ST JOHNS RD. TEAR DOWN WILL START ON MONDAY.

HE HAS ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT CHICKEN FARM MOST OF THE WEEK.

THE WEBSITE IS WORKING RIGHT AGAIN AND HAVE BEEN RECEIVING A LOT OF ZONING PERMIT PAYMENTS.

CHRISTINA NOTIFIED JOHN AND THE BOARD THAT THE TWO RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE TABLES AT LAST MEETING IS READY IF EVERYONE HAS READ THEM. TRUSTEES PASSED BOTH RESOLUTIONS.

**KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF-**

CHIEF RADER SUBMITTED TWO PURCHASE ORDERS. NO DECISION NEEDED AT THIS TIME. THE 1<sup>ST</sup> IS TO REPLACE 5" RUBBER HOSE WITH SYNTHETIC. 100 FOOT, 3 SECTIONS AT A COST OF \$4,005.00 AND THE 2<sup>ND</sup> IS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE FIGHTERS. TWO EMPLOYEES' GEAR IS ABOUT TO EXPIRE AND ONE EMPLOYEE DOESN'T FIT INTO ANY OF THE GEAR WE CURRENTLY HAVE. THE COST IS \$15,200 AND THE TURN OUT GEAR IS GOOD FOR 10 YEARS FOR 4 EMPLOYEES. WE ARE ALREADY BUDGETED FOR \$16,000 IN THAT LINE ITEM.

ON SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> WINGS AND RINGS HAD A TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT, WHICH IS GOOD PR AND THEY DONATED HALF OF FOOD SALES TO THE FIRE AUXILIARY ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$553.00. CHIEF RADER THANKED MANAGER ADAMS.

TRUSTEE SIDENER ASKED AT LAST MEETING ABOUT BURN BANDS. OHIO DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY WHICH GIVES A PAMPHLET THAT STATES NO BURNING FROM MARCH THRU NOVEMBER BETWEEN 6AM TO 6PM. AT TRUSTEE KESSENS REQUEST WE WILL PUT SOMETHING ON SIGN ABOUT BURNING.

FIRE SAFETY WEEK IS OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup>. THEY WILL BE AT THE SCHOOL ALMOST EVERYDAY INTERACTING WITH THE KIDS ABOUT FIRE SAFETY.

**GUESTS**

**CHAIRMAN COX STATED THAT HE IS PRETTY SURE HE KNOWS WHY MOST OF THE PUBLIC IS AT THE MEETING BUT ASK THAT WE BE DISCREET AND KIND WITH REMARKS MADE. LET'S WORK THIS OUT TOGETHER BECAUSE WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT AND HAVE BEEN FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR A LONG TIME.**

**MATTHEW LILES – CAME TONIGHT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHICKEN FARM. HE MOVED HERE ABOUT 2 YEARS AGO TO GET OUT OF THE CITY. HE GREW UP IN THE COUNTRY AROUND TURKEYS AND OTHER FARM ANIMALS BUT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE WASTE, NEEDS FOR WATER, THE SMELL. HE MOVED OUT OF THE CITY BECAUSE OF THE SMELL FROM THE REFINERY. HE UNDERSTANDS ABOUT THE OCCASIONAL ODOR FROM FARMS WHEN SPREADING MANURE AND THE ADDED FLIES FROM THAT UNTIL IT IS SPREAD. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE PLAN IS MOVING FORWARD.**

**THE TRUSTEES THEN DISCUSSED AN EMAIL RECEIVED FROM LYDIA ARCHAMBO WHICH IS WITH ALLEN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT THAT MAY ANSWER A LOT OF QUESTION FROM THE PUBLIC IN WHICH TRUSTEE SIDENER READ AS FOLLOW:**

*I wanted to update you all, so we are all on the same page regarding some of this information of the chicken farm in Perry Township.*

*Today (September 15th, 2025) myself, Joe Gearing (Allen County Engineer) and Keiran Fetter had a conference call we discussed...*

*-Keiran will require a stormwater permit for this facility and I can confirm he has spoken to*

*-Ohio EPA and an engineer consultant about this process.*

*-Keiran is aware that these permits are only pertaining to stormwater regulations.*

*He seems to have been in contact with ODA, Lima Building etc. for other permits but was made aware that he should double check.*

*-Keiran shared that he does have some drinking water safe practice plans for the facility such as.....*

*Pulling water from below the water table.*

*Concrete flooring*

*Not planning to spread manure (already has a contract in place for where that manure will be taken.)*

*- I spoke to Trustee Castle on the phone to relay this information and Mr. Kesson wanted to ensure Keiran knew of the Perry Township permit he will be required to have.*

*-I contacted John Brewster with zoning (encouraged by Greg) to ensure that permit is required...*

*-The Perry Township permit is the last permit in the process, as it requires the turning in of all other permits and a sketch of the building location with property lines.*

*-I contacted Keiran to ensure he knew of this process and he stated he will add a phone call to your office, Perry Township, to ensure he is following the proper process.*

*At this time, this is how I foresee the stormwater permit portion planning out panning out.*

*-Keiran is in contact with an engineer consultant to get all of the stormwater permits in place.*

*-Once stormwater permits are completed they will be sent to Joe to review and once approved they will be submitted to OEPA.*

*-Allen SWCD will be in charge of stormwater construction, site inspections as the facility is being built (and possible long term STORMWATER inspections).*

*As far as other permits required... Joe and I emphasized that we were not in charge of anything other than stormwater. Keiran understands this and will keep us in the loop.*

*I spoke of our nutrient manager here at a ASWCD (Jarrod) about some of the agricultural questions confirming.*

*- Per the ODA permitting limit - he is not required to have a permit as long as he is under the threshold.*

*-Allen SWCD will get involved if there is a manure spill later, but are not required to monitor the facility.*

*In summary, Keiran wants to follow the necessary steps to get this completed the correct way but was not made aware, uh, of some of these procedures until very recently. I hope I'm correct in this statement and we are all willing to help point him in the proper directions to ensure that all of the requirements are met.*

*We have had a few phone calls to our office about this and we have been sharing the above information. "He is currently working through his permitting process and as far as Allen SWCD is concerned, we do not have a say in this matter."*

*Thanks!*

*Lydia Archambo*

*Stormwater Coordinator for Allen Soil and Water Conservation District*

**JOHN GODFREY** – HE STATED THAT MOST OF THE COMMUNITY DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS AND THET HE HEARD ABOUT IT LAST THURSDAY. THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY PERMITS AT THAT TIME AND THE ENGINEERS OFFICE AND ALLEN SOIL & WATER DIDN'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT IT. THEY ARE NOT NEW TO THIS PROCESS AS THEY HAVE OTHER BUILDINGS BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY THEY ARE JUST FINDING OUT ABOUT IT. HE HAS COLLECTED 50 SIGNATURES ON THE PETITION JUST FROM THAT BLOCK. THIS HUGE BUILDING IN COMING IN IS GOING TO AFFECT PROPERTY VALUES AND WATER QUALITY. HE STATES MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THAT AREA HAVE WELLS THAT ARE 40 FOOT DEEP OR LESS. ALLEN SOIL AND WATER TOLD HIM THAT THEY WILL BE DIGGING FOUR WELLS ON THAT PROPERTY WHICH WILL BE 60 – 80 FOOT DEEP. HE ASKED IF THAT WOULD AFFECT ANYONE ELSE'S WELLS AND WAS SAID THAT WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL IT HAPPENS. HE ASKED IF THEIR WELLS DRY UP ARE THEY GOING TO HAVE TO PAY TO HAVE NEW WELLS DUG OR USE CISTERNS. WE HAVE GOOD HOMES IN THAT AREA THAT WE TAKE CARE OF AND APPRECIATE. THEY DO NOT WANT LARGE LIVESTOCK BARNs IN THAT AREA. HE STATES THAT THERE IS ANOTHER ONE THE WANTS TO BUILD AT THE END OF AMHERST AND THAT HE KNOWS ONE ZONING PERSON THAT IS FOR IT. HE HAS CONTACTED A LAWYER FROM COLUMBUS THAT IS WILLING TO HELP THEM TO EITHER GET AN INJUNCTION TO STOP IT OR TO GET IT ON THE BALLOT IN MAY. WE CAN'T HAVE TRAILERS IN THE AREA BUT WE CAN HAVE HUGE LIVESTOCK BARNs? HE THEN STATED THAT THE AREA IS TOO RESIDENTIAL TO HAVE THIS KIND OF BUILDING. **CHAIRMAN COX** STATED THAT THE BOARD IS LISTENING TO EVERYONE'S CONCERNS BUT HE ISN'T SURE IF THEY CAN DO ANYTHING OR WHAT THEY ARE ABLE TO DO. HE THEN STATED THAT THEY HAVEN'T KNOWN ABOUT IT FOR LONG BUT TRUSTEE KESSEN HAS KNOWN FOR A LITTLE BIT LONGER. KEVIN STATED THAT HE JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT IT 2 – 3 WEEKS AGO. A RESIDENT ASKED WHY THEY DIDN'T GO DOOR TO DOOR TO INFORM ANYONE ELSE AND AS A TRUSTEE DON'T YOU REPRESENT US? CHAIRMAN COX THEN INFORMED THE GUEST TO NOT SPEAK OUT OF TURN THAT HE HAS THE LIST AND HE WILL GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO SPEAK BUT WANTS EVERYONE TO WAIT UNTIL THEY ARE CALLED UPON. MR GODFREY THEN STATED THAT HE HAS YARD SIGNS IF ANYONE WANTS ONE, THEY CAN CONTACT HIM

AND THEY HAVE A PETITION IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SIGN IT. HE THINKS THEY WOULD NEED ABOUT 1,000 SIGNATURES TO GET IT ON THE MAY BALLOT TO KEEP LARGE LIVESTOCK BARN OUT OF THE TOWNSHIP.

**MICHELE HOUSEWORTH** – SHE STATES THAT THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY TRANSPARENCY TO ANYONE IN THAT AREA. THEY WENT TO A ZONING MEETING LAST WEEK AND SHE ASKED JOHN IF THE BOARDS HAVE MET SINCE THEN. THEY ASKED FOR SETBACKS TO BE INCREASED FROM NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OR ROADS BY 500 FEET INSTEAD OF 100 FEET. SHE STATES THAT JOHN TOLD HER THAT THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT BECAUSE IT IS ZONED AGRICULTURE BUT FROM WHAT SHE RESEARCHED ON GOOGLE THAT THE ZONING COMMISSION CAN MAKE CHANGES. SHE FEELS THAT THEY ARE GETTING PUSHBACK FROM THE ZONING BOARDS BECAUSE A FEW OF THEM WANT TO HAVE BIG CHICKEN FARMS. JOHN HAD STATED THAT MR FETTER MIGHT BE HERE TONIGHT BUT HE ISN'T AND HE NEEDS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING AND HAVE MR FETTER HERE SO THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON BUT WE ARE CURRENTLY BLINDED BY WHAT IS HAPPENING. THEY DON'T WANT IT PERIOD BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY DETAILS. **CHAIRMAN COX** STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN OUT THERE THREE TIMES AND THAT IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS AND WANTS TO CALL HIM THAT IT IS FINE WITH HIM. MR GODFREY STATED THAT IF WE LET THIS ONE COME IN THAT MORE WILL.

**TRUSTEE KESSEN** STATED THAT FETTER JUST PUT A LARGE BUILDING UP IN AUGLAIZE COUNTY, WAYNE TOWNSHIP OFF OF ST RT 117 AND FAIRMONT. HE THOUGHT WHEN HE HEARD THAT ONE WAS BEING BUILT THAT THEY DECIDED NOT TO BUILD THE OTHER ONE IN PERRY. HE WAS TOLD THAT THAT ONE WOULD HOUSE ABOUT 180 BIRDS. HE DOESN'T WANT TO MISSPEAK ABOUT HOW MANY BIRDS HE MIGHT HAVE BUT 82,000 OR LESS HE DOESN'T NEED A PERMIT FROM ODA. THE OTHER BUILDING IN AUGLAIZE COUNTY IS TO ROTATE BIRDS INTO THE BUILDING HE WILL HAVE IN PERRY. IN MERCER COUNTY (ST HENRY, MARIA STEIN, MARION LOCAL) IT IS BAD AND THEY ARE TRYING TO MAINTAIN THESE FARM FACTORIES BY CHANGING ZONING LAWS. THEY ARE CALLED CAFF (CONSOLIDATED ANIMAL FEEDING FACILITY). IF YOU WANT TO GOOGLE IT ON OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. ANYTHING UNDER THE THRESHOLD OF 82,000 BIRDS EPA WAS SUPPOSED TO BE INVOLVED BUT THAT DISCUSSION HAS BEEN TABLED WITH OHIO EPA SINCE 2022. HE STATED TO REACH OUT TO HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES. HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ODA AND RESEARCHING. ANYTHING WITH LIQUID MANURE HAS TO BEEN 100 FOOT FROM THE PROPERTY LINE AND A 1000 FOOT SETBACK FROM RESIDENTS. SOLID WASTE MANURE ONLY HAS TO BE 500 FOOT FROM RESIDENTS.

**DIETER WIREMAN** – HE ASKED ABOUT DRY MANURE AND STATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 10 YEARS AGO HE HAD AN ISSUE WITH THE AIRPORT AND A FIELD ACROSS FROM HIS HOME DUMPING MANURE AND LEAVING IT THERE FOR MONTHS. HE CONTACTED EPA AND GAVE HIM THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ABOUT HOW MUCH AND HOW OFTEN THE FARMERS CAN PUT IT ON THEIR FIELDS. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO IS GOING TO REGULATE THE MANURE FROM THE CHICKEN FARM AND WHERE IT WILL GO. HE THEN STATED THAT YEAR WAS SO BAD THAT THEY SPRAYED FROM A CROP DUSTER FOR ALL THE FLIES. **CHAIRMAN COX** SUGGESTED HE CONTACT SOIL & WATER.

**TOM CRISENBERRY** – HE AGREES WITH MR GODFREY THAT HE DOESN'T WANT IT IN PERRY TOWNSHIP OR ANY OTHER TOWNSHIP. HE HAS BEEN AROUND THESE FACILITIES AND EVEN WORKED IN A FEW. HE WANTS US TO DO WHAT WE CAN DO TO SLOW IT DOWN. GIVE EVERYONE MORE TIME TO RESEARCH.

**CHRIS WELLS** – HE STATES THAT AN AVERAGE CHICKEN DRINKS ABOUT 1 - 1 1/2 CUPS OF WATER A DAY. FOR 80,000 CHICKENS THEY CAN DRINK 7,500 GALLON OF WATER PER DAY OUT OF OUR WATER TABLE. HE NAMED RESIDENTS THAT SHARE THE SAME WATER TABLE THAT IT WILL HAVE AFFECTS ON. IF HE PUTS HIS WELLS 60 FOOT DEEP. HOW DOES THAT AFFECT THAT TABLE? **CHAIRMAN COX** STATED THAT NO ONE REALLY DOES HOW DEEP THE AQUIFERS ARE OR HOW MUCH WATER IS THERE. MR WELLS STATED THAT WITH 80,000 CHICKENS THAT WILL BE ABOUT 300,000 GALLONS A MONTH.

**KYLE WALLACE** – HE STATED THAT HE IS A NEIGHBOR TO THE LAND AND IS WORRIED ABOUT HIS WELL.

**TIM RIEPENHOFF** – HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT OTHER POTENTIAL CHICKEN FARMS COMING IN ON OTHER LAND THAT THEY ALREADY OWN IN THE AREA.

**MICHEAL LILES** – HE HAS THE SAME CONCERNS AS EVERYONE ELSE BUT HIS MAIN CONCERN IS ABOUT AIR QUALITY.

**LAURA DURKEE** – SHE HAS THE SAME CONCERNS AS OTHERS ABOUT THE WATER TABLE.

**RALPH HAGGARD** – HE FELLS CONCERNS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AND THAT OUR ATTORNEY SHOULD BE HERE AND DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THIS AND IF HE'S NOT HE SHOULD BE FINDING OUT. HE HAS BULLS RIGHT BESIDE HIS PROPERTY AND THOUGHT HE'S HAVE FLIES BUT HE DOESN'T. DRIVE BY WRIGHTWAY MULCH ON HANTHORN AND SMELL THE ODOR FROM THE CHICKEN POOP THEY DUMP THERE.

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH** – HE IS SPEAKING ON BEHALF ON THE ZONING APPEALS AND ZONING COMMISSION BOARDS. THEY ARE RESEARCHING IT AND THEY FOUND OUT THAT ON AGRICULTURAL ZONED LAND IN OHIO IS AT LEAST 5 ACRES THAT STATE AND FEDERAL IS WHAT REGULATES IT. IF IT WAS LESS THAN FIVE ACRES, THEY CAN TRY TO CHANGE SETBACKS. HE HAS ALSO SPOKEN TO MULTIPLE ATTORNEYS. A RESIDENT SAID THEY HAD READ THAT ABOUT HOG FARMS BUT NOT ABOUT CHICKEN FARMS. SCOTT REPLIED THAT IT IS WITH ANY FARM. ONLY WAY TO CHANGE IT IS TO CHANGE THE

ZONING IS TO ZONE IT RESIDENTIAL. THE BOARD THEN ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT SCOTT HAS FOUND AND HE STATED THAT HE WILL PROVIDE THAT.

**JEFF CAROLUS** – JEFF IS HERE ON BEHALF OF THE ZONING BOARD ALSO. HE STATED THAT IF ANYONE WANTS TO LOOK INTO IT HE ADVISED TO READ OHIO REVISED CODE 519.19 (519.21) WHICH STATES “

*This section confers no power on any township zoning commission, board of township trustees, or board of zoning appeals to prohibit the use of any land for agricultural purposes or the construction or use of buildings or structures incident to the use for agricultural purposes of the land on which such buildings or structures are located”* AND FURTHER STATES THAT “*Dairying and animal and poultry husbandry on lots greater than five acres”* HE THEN STATES THAT SEVERAL OF THE VISITORS WERE HERE FOR ZONING MEETING LAST WEEK. THEY HAVE TO HAVE TIME TO LOOK THROUGH IT AND SEEK LEGAL COUNSEL TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. HE THEN NOTIFIED THE PUBLIC THAT BOTH ZONING COMMISSION AND ZONING APPEALS BOARDS ARE SHORT MEMBERS. THEY NEED PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD AND HELP. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED THERE ARE APPLICATIONS ON THE WEBSITE.

**DOUG MOONEY** – HE IS JUST HERE TO GATHER INFORMATION BECAUSE HE JUST HEARD ABOUT IT TWO DAYS AGO AND STATED THAT BIG MONEY IS AGAIN TRYING TO SLAM THE LITTLE GUY.

**FRANK CLEMENTS** – WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO CHIEF ITEN AFTER THE MEETING TO DISCUSS SOMETHING ELSE.

**TIM JACKSON**- HE STATES THAT THIS IS AT HIS BACK DOOR. HE ASK THE ZONING COMMISSION TO DO THEIR RESEARCH, GET OUR ATTORNEY INVOLVED. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT MR BROCK IS AT THE MEETING. HE SEES VIOLATIONS ALREADY SUCH AS IS NO SILT FENCE, NO STRAW WADDLE, NO EROSION FENCE AND THERE WAS A BIG DUST CLOUD ON SATURDAY. HE WANTS TO KNOW HOW A 100 TON PIECE OF MACHINERY WENT DOWN THE ROADS. IT WAS ON OUR BRIDGES. WHAT IF THAT THE BRIDGES ARE DAMAGED NOW. THEY NEED INSPECTED. DID THEY HAVE PERMITS TO BE ON THE ROADS? HE KNOWS THAT ZONING BOARDS ARE SHORT HANDED BUT APPRECIATES WHAT THEY ARE DOING. HE IS A VICTIM RIGHT NOW SO CAN'T BE ON A ZONING BOARD. DO RESEARCH AND FIND OUT WHAT OTHER COMMUNITIES DID OR DIDN'T DO. HE SUGGEST LOOKING INTO WHO OWNS THE LAND. THE LAND MAY BE IN A FAMILY TRUST. WOULD HE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BUILD A CHICKEN FARM ON THAT LAND? HE STATED THAT WE PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP THIS SO WANTS TO KNOW WHAT THE PROCESS FOR COMPLAINTS. GO TO THE TRUSTEES OR EPA. RIGHT NOW HE WANTS TO COMPLAIN ABOUT DUST, NO SILT FENCE. **CHAIRMAN COX** STATED THAT JOE GEERING SAID ALBERT SIEGWELL(sp) IS INVOLVED. THEY TALKED TO THE STATE AND CONTACTED KIEREN FETTER. THE BOARD THINKS CONSTRUCTION IS STOPPED RIGHT NOW WHILE SEEKING PERMITS WHICH JOHN BREWSTER CONFIRMED THAT HE IS GETTING PERMITS. HE THEN SPOKE ABOUT TURKEY OR CHICKEN MANURE BEING DUMPED ON A FIELD LAST SUMMER AND LEFT THERE FOR MONTHS. THE FLIES AND STENCH WAS HORRIBLE. HE KNOWS ITS ZONED AGRICULTURE BUT WHEN DOES IT BECOME A NUISANCE OUTSIDE OF AGRICULTURE. HE CALLED EPA AT THE TIME AND THEY STATED THAT IT HAS TO BE 300 YARDS AWAY FROM HOUSE AND THEY 3 – 6 MONTHS TO GET IT IN THE GROUND. THE FIRST THING THAT GOES WILL PROBABLY BE OUR WELLS AND HEALTH CONDITIONS. WHO WILL BE INSPECTING THIS PROPERTY IF IT HAPPENS. WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE NEED TO FIGHT THIS. HE IS CONCERNED WITH TRUCK TRAFFIC ON OSMAN ROAD. **TRUSTEE KESSEN** STATED THAT COUNTY ENGINEERS WILL HAVE TO BE INVOLVED AND **TRUSTEE SIDENER** CALLED BRION RHODES AND HE STATED THAT WE MAY HAVE TO TALK TO FETTERS ABOUT THE ROAD CONDITION. **TRUSTEE SIDENER** ALSO SPOKE TO ALLEN SOIL AND WATER AND THEY WILL HAVE INSPECTIONS FOR STORM WATER WHILE BEING BUILT AND POSSIBLY LONG TERM. TIM STATED THAT THEY MOWED THE BEANS OFF OF THE HILL RIGHT BESIDE HIS PROPERTY AND WILL START PULLING DIRT FROM IT WHICH WILL CAUSE A LOT OF DIRT CLOUDS. HE STATED THAT HE WORKS CONSTRUCTION AND THEY HAVE TO WET DOWN THE DIRT TO KEEP THE DUST DOWN. HE WANTS TO KNOW WHO HE CAN CALL WHEN HE GETS A QUARTER INCH OF DUST ON HIS TRUCK AND HOUSE. THIS BOARD IS THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY. IF ASKED HE WILL CALL ALSO. HE SPOKE TO MR FETTER. HE IS GOING TO PUT UP A 700 X 80 FOOT BUILDING. HE SAID HE WILL HAVE TWO WELLS. THERE WAS A HAND DUG WELL ON THE HILL THAT WAS FILLED IN WITH DIRT. HIS DOG HAS FALLEN IN THE WELL ABOUT 4 FOOT DEEP AND MR FETTER REFILLED IT WITH MORE DIRT BUT IT IS STILL THERE. THAT WELL IS CONNECTED TO HIS ALONG WITH OTHER NEIGHBORS. **TRUSTEE KESSEN** STATED TO CONTACT ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ABOUT WELL CONCERNS. THERE IS PROCEDURES ON HOW TO PROPERLY CLOSE THAT WELL.

**KELLIE JACKSON** – SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT NOISE AND ODOR AND HEALTH AND LISTED CERTAIN HEALTH CONDITIONS. ASKED IF THEY SHOULD GET WELLS TESTED NOW AND AFTER IT COMES IN HAVE THEM TESTED AGAIN. **CHAIRMAN COX** STATED THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO DO THAT.

**JANET LAUF**- SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WE SPOKE ABOUT THE TELEPHONE POLLS THAT ARE BUSTED AND BROKEN. THE ONE HANGING ON BOWMAN ROAD WILL PROBABLY BE A BIGGER PROBLEM BECAUSE WHEN COMBINES ARE COMING IN AND OUT OF FIELDS THEY COULD GET TANGLED IN THE LINES THAT

ARE HANGING FROM IT. SHE ASK THE BOARD TO CONTACT THEM DAILY. **TRUSTEE SIDENER** WILL CALL AGAIN. THEY DID FIX ONE ON BOWMAN AND 4<sup>TH</sup>. A RESIDENT ADVISED TO CALL PUCO.

**RITA FRICKE**– SHE DOESN'T LIKE HOW THEY SNUCK IN. THERE WAS TURKEY MANURE DUMPED A FIELD AND THE FLIES WERE HORRIBLE. THERE WAS ALSO MEADOW GOLDS RODENTS LIKE A MOLE THAT'S ABOVE GROUND. SHE SPENT HUNDRED OF DOLLARS TRYING TO GET RID OF THEM. SHE ALSO ASKS WHY FETTER IS ALLOWED TO BRING THIS KIND OF THING INTO OUR AREA BUT DOESN'T LIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP.

**DEB RIEPENHOFF** – SHE DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT ANYTHING UNTIL LAST WEEK AND CONTACTED JOE GEARING AND WAS TOLD THEY HAVEN'T FILED FOR PERMITS. THEY ONLY HAVE A DRIVEWAY PERMITS AND WAS DOING IT AT NIGHT WITH BIG EARTH MOVERS.

**JAMES CONRAD** – ABOUT 30 YEARS AGO THERE WAS A SHOOTING BECAUSE OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENING AND THEY SHOT INTO HIS PARENTS HOUSE. IT CAN CAUSE MENTAL ISSUES.

**LORI BROOKS** – SHE IS BUILDING A NEW HOUSE IN THAT AREA AND HAD A LOT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITS FOR BUILDING A HOUSE. SOMETHING THAT AFFECTS SO MANY PEOPLE DOESN'T HAVE THE SAME REQUIREMENTS. SHE IS MOVING HER FAMILY TO PERRY TOWNSHIP FOR A FARM SETTING BUT IS NOW CONCERNED WITH THE AIR QUALITY FOR HER YOUNG CHILDREN. THEY ALSO JUST PUT IN A NEW WELL. SHE WOULD LIKE HER KIDS TO BE ABLE TO PLAY OUTSIDE WITHOUT BEING CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR HEALTH. THIS IS WHERE SHE INTENDS TO SPEND THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. ANOTHER RESIDENT ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF MS BROOKS HADN'T GOTTEN THEIR PERMITS. **TRUSTEE COX** STATED THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE STOPPED THE BUILD. THE STATE IS INVOLVED NOW. ZONING INSPECTOR JOHN BREWSTER STATED THAT IN THE ZONING BOOKS WE HAVE TWO PARAGRAPHS DOING WITH AGRICULTURAL USES AND SETBACKS. HE STATED THAT WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO STOP THIS ONE BUT IF THE ZONING BOARDS CAN HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL THEY MAY BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE ANOTHER COMES IN.

**ATTORNEY BLAIN BROCK** – HE STATED THAT HE DOES NEED TO DO MORE RESEARCH BUT HAS BEEN WORKING IN TOWNSHIP LAWS FOR OVER 35 YEARS. THE ORC'S THAT JEFF CAROLUS READ IS WHERE TOWNSHIPS ARE STOPPED BECAUSE OF AGRICULTURE. THERE WAS A CASE IN ALLEN COUNTY, AMERICAN TOWNSHIP THAT HAD A SMALL FARM AND BOUGHT LEATHER GOODS INTO HER SHOP AND SOLD THEM. SHE STATED THAT WAS AGRICULTURAL BECAUSE THE LEATHER CAME OFF OF A FARM. HE WILL RESEARCH AND SEND THE BOARD A MEMO. THE TOWNSHIP BOARDS CAN'T DO MUCH ABOUT IT THAT HE KNOWS OF BUT WILL RESEARCH IT. **TRUSTEE KESSEN** STATED THAT SOME OF THE SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS DON'T HAVE AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND MAYBE THIS IS WHY. ME BROCK WILL CHECK ON THAT AS WELL AND 2/3 MAJORITY REFERENDUM TO PUT ON BALLOT.

**TINA KIRKENDALL** – SHE ASKED IF THE LETTER FROM ALLEN SOIL AND WATER WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE. **TRUSTEE SIDENER** WILL GIVE LETTER TO CHRISTINA TO BE INCLUDED INTO THESE MINUTES. SHE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. JOHN BREWSTER REPLIED THAT IF THEY APPLY FOR PERMITS THAT HE HAS TO GIVE THEM IF IT APPLIES. JOHN STATED THAT WE HAVE 30 DAYS TO DECIDE ON A PERMIT AT THE TOWNSHIP AND HE ONLY NEEDS A BUILDING PERMIT AND A PLOT PLAN.

**TRUSTEE KESSEN** ASKED WHO OVERSEES THE BUILDING CODE.

**MATTHEW DURKEE**– ANSWERED THAT IF THERE ARE INTERIOR DRAINS THEY PROBABLY NEED THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SEPTIC AND EPA ASSESSMENT FOR DRAINAGE. ANYTHING OVER AN ACRE WILL NEED A WATER DRAINAGE PERMIT OR ASSESSMENT TO A RETENTION POND OR SEPTIC AND OTHER ISSUES THAT HE WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF. THEY WILL PROBABLY HAVE EMPLOYEES WHICH IS AGRI-BUSINESS. **TRUSTEE KESSEN** RECENTLY WAS SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE AGRI-BUSINESS AT A MEETING. THEY THEN SPOKE ABOUT OUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES WHICH IS SUSAN MANCHESTER AND JIM JORDAN. ODA HAS BEEN HELPFUL. AS CITIZENS WE WILL SUPPORT THE BOARD IF THE BOARD SUPPORTS US.

**RICK PHILLIPS   DAVE STOMBAUGH   TONYA LILES   RON MCELWAIN   DAN GOSSARD**  
**TINA KIRKENDALL**

#### **TRUSTEES**

**CHAIRMAN COX** - STATED THAT THEY WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN BUT NOT SURE THEY CAN DO ANYTHING.

**GREG KESSEN** - PTC HAS A NEW OWNER. WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND OUT WHO IT IS AN INTRODUCE OURSELVES.

**CHAIRMAN COX** – THE BOARD WAS HANDED A PETITION FOR FETTER CHICKEN FARM WITH OVER 50 SIGNATURES TURNED IN. TRUSTEES WILL REACH OUT TO KEIRAN FETTER ABOUT COMING IN TO NEXT MEETING WHICH IS ON OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025.0916-01 THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED A TAX BUDGET FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND WAS PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE FROM ALLEN COUNTY AUDITOR OF THE RATE OF TAX LEVIED BY THE BOARD AND ARE HEREBY ACCEPTED, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025.0916-02 TO ADD TO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS R1, 5.8; R2, 6.8; R3, 7.9; AGRICULTURAL, 4.4. ALL STRUCTURES MUST ADHERE TO THE OHIO BUILDING CODE IN FORCE AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION. THE PERMIT HOLDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING PROOF OF INSPECTION AND APPROVAL COMPLETED BY A LICENSED HOME INSPECTOR AT OWNER'S EXPENSE. 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025.0916-03 TO CHANGE THE FOLLOWING IN AGRICULTURAL, 4.4: SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, BUT EXCLUDE TENTS, CABINS, TRAILER COACHES AND MOBILE HOMES, SHALL BE ALLOWED AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PROVIDED THE DWELLING IS PLACED ON A LOT THE MINIMUM SIZE OF WHICH IS TO BE TWO AND ONE-HALF (2.5) ACRES IF NO PUBLIC SEWER OF TWO (2) ACRES IF PUBLIC SEWER IS AVAILABLE. 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES**

#### **MOTIONS**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,883.05, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER. KEVIN COX-YES, LARRY SIDENER-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE YEARLY CONTRACT AND PAY NOW MARKETING GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 FOR UP TO 30 HOURS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PERRY TOWNSHIP WEBSITE. 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO REHIRE ATTORNEY BLAIN BROCK FOR LEGAL COUNCIL FOR \$1000 PER MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2025 AND FUNDING THE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4000.00. 2<sup>ND</sup>. GREG KESSEN LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX- YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW CHRISTINA TO ATTEND FISCAL OFFICER TRAINING ON OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AT A COST OF \$110.00, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX- YES, GREG KESSEN-YES**

**GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC MEETING FOR HANDBOOK REVISIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9AM – 11 AM. 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX- YES, GREG KESSEN-YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE TRUSTEE MEETING AT 8:19 PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-YES.**