

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING  
HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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

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

CHRIS SPOKE ABOUT SOME OF THE HIGHER BILL AMOUNTS. MILLER AUTO FOR \$2,382.84 IS FOR MULTIPLE INVOICES FOR POLICE, ROADS AND FIRE, TWO BILL AMOUNTS FOR ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS ARE FOR MULTIPLE INVOICES AND THE OTHER IS FOR FIRE HOSE THAT WAS APPROVED IN A PRIOR MEETING, SHELLY MATERIALS FOR \$28,325.01 IS FOR THE ROAD PROGRAM AND LIMA/ALLEN COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER IS A NORMAL EXPENSES FOR HALF OF THE LODGING EXCISE TAX FOR \$13,819.64.

CHRIS ASKED THE TRUSTEES FOR MOTIONS TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER BANK RECONCILIATION AND CREDIT CARD RECONCILIATION.

CHRIS RECEIVED THE SIGNED SERVICE AGREEMENT BACK FROM SMITH BOUGHAN. SHE GAVE A COPY TO EACH DEPARTMENT HEAD, TRUSTEES, AND ELECTED TRUSTEES STARTING IN JANUARY 2026.

CHRIS ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO DISCUSS AND SET THE YEAR-END MEETING WHICH WILL BE MONDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 8AM. IT WILL START WITH EXECUTIVE SESSIONS FOR DEPARTMENT HEAD EVALUATIONS AND THE OPEN MEETING WILL START AT 11 AM. NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES SCOTT STOMBAUGH AND FRANK CLEMENTZ IS INVITED TO THE EVALUATIONS.

CHRIS THEN ASKED THE TRUSTEES IF THEY HAVE READ OVER THE CONTRACT FOR DISPATCH SERVICES AND REMINDED THEM THAT THE CONTRACT IS DUE BY 11/30/2025. THE CONTRACT WAS PASSED BY TWO TRUSTEES WITH ONE ABSTAINING.

CHRIS ASKED THE BOARD FOR A RESOLUTION TO REALLOCATE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND, POLICE - TELEPHONE TO OPERATING SUPPLIES AND OTHER EXPENSES NECESSARY TO COVER REMAINING FUEL, AMMO, AND TASER CARTRIDGES INVOICES. ALSO, MOTIONS TO APPROVE THE DECREASE OF THE TELEPHONE FUND PURCHASE ORDER AND FOR INCREASING PURCHASE ORDERS FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES AND OTHER EXPENSES.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

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

CHIEF ITEN HANDED THE BOARD MONTHLY CALLS FOR SERVICE FOR OCTOBER AND THE SPEEDS FOR THE SIGN ON AMHERST ROAD.

THE HOMELESS CAMP IS TAKEN CARE OF, BUT THEY LEFT A MESS. THE MANAGER AT RED LOBSTER CONTACTED THE STREET DEPARTMENT WANTING THEM TO BUSH HOG THE OVERGROWN AREA. CHIEF ITEN TOLD THEM THAT ACCORDING TO THE AUDITORS OFFICE THAT THE LAND BELONGS TO RED LOBSTER. CHAIRMAN COX SPOKE TO THE MANAGER AND HE WAS APOLOGETIC ABOUT THE CALLS HE MADE ASKING PERRY TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES TO CLEAN UP THE LOT. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT THE HOMELESS CAMP HAS BEEN GONE FOR ABOUT A MONTH.

CHIEF ITEN ADDRESSED TRUSTEE KESSEN ABOUT SOMETHING HE SAID IN THE LAST MEETING. GREG HAD SAID HE WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT THE SPEED CAMS. THAT HE'S WORRIED ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND JOHN ASKED WHAT HE MEANT BY THAT. TRUSTEE KESSEN STATED THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT GOES ON OVER THERE BECAUSE HE HASN'T BEEN GIVEN A REPORT SINCE APRIL. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT HE FURNISHES THE REPORTS AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH AND SENDS CHRIS THE INFORMATION TO PUT IN THE MEETINGS BINDER. TRUSTEE KESSEN STATED THAT HE MUST HAVE OVERLOOKED THEM OR HADN'T RECEIVED THEM. TRUSTEE KESSEN STATED THAT HE'S SPOKE BEFORE OF CONCERNS OF HOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP. HE HAS BEEN CONCERNED FOR A LONG TIME AND IT HAS NOT BEEN HIDDEN. CHIEF ITEN ASKED IF IT WAS ABOUT PEOPLE OUT ON THE ROAD BECAUSE DURING THE FAIR AND MAX'S THEY WEREN'T PATROLLING ON THE ROADS BECAUSE THEY WERE WORKING THOSE EVENTS. TRUSTEE KESSEN SAID THAT YES THAT IS A CONCERN AMONG OTHER THINGS ALSO. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT THAT IS BROAD AND HE CAN'T FIX ANYTHING WHEN IT IS THAT BROAD. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT IF HE LOOKS AT THE CALL RECORDS THEY ARE GOING UP BECAUSE THEY ARE OUT ON THE ROAD MORE. CHAIRMAN COX THEN ASKED CHIEF ITEN TO EXPLAIN THE SPEED CAMERA REPORT. CHIEF ITEN EXPLAINED THAT THE REPORT WAS FOR OCTOBER AND HAS A VEHICLE COUNT ON AMHERST ROAD, WHICH SHOWS THE HEAVIEST TRAFFIC TIME BY DAYS AND HOURS AND AVERAGE SPEEDS WHICH WAS 48 MPH. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT HE SAT IN JIM'S DRIVEWAY ABOUT A WEEK AGO FOR 30 MINUTES. THE LOWEST SPEED WAS 39 MPH AND HIGHEST WAS

57 FROM TRAFFIC GOING BOTH WAYS. JIM CLEMENTZ STATED THAT HE APPRECIATES HIM SITTING IN HIS DRIVEWAY. HE THINKS IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE ON THE SPEEDING AND ASKED HIM TO VARY THE TIMES. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT HE HAS SAT OUT THERE AND WILL CONTINUE TO. JIM THINKS THE SIGN IS HELPING BUT THERE ARE STILL STUPID DRIVERS THAT GO 80 MPH AND HE IS AFRAID SOMEONE WILL GET KILLED. JASON STOMBAUGH WENT BY THE SIGN EARLY TODAY AND THE SIGN WAS READING "IP" AND THE LIGHTS STAYED ON. COREY STATED THAT HE WILL LOOK AT IT TOMORROW. NORM CAPPS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SIGN ON BREESE ROAD MOVED CLOSER TO THE SCHOOL. COREY STATED THAT HE PLACED IT WHERE IT IS BECAUSE IT IS BEFORE THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT BUT IT CAN BE MOVED CLOSER TO THE SCHOOL. JIM ASKED IF THE SIGN COULD READ TRAFFIC FROM BOTH WAYS. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT NO IT CAN'T BUT WHEN HE SITS OUT THERE, HE TRACKS THE TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. A RESIDENT ASKED WHAT KIND OF SPEEDS THEY ARE GETTING ON BREESE ROAD. CHIEF ITEN DIDN'T PULL THAT REPORT BUT HE CAN.

#### **COREY LEHMAN, ROAD DEPT.-**

COREY HANDED A PURCHASE REQUEST FOR TRANSMISSION FOR 2016 GMC. TRUSTEE SIDENER DID ALREADY GIVE HIM THE GO AHEAD TO GET IT FIXED AND COREY STATED THAT IT IS DONE ALREADY. COREY EXPLAINED THAT THE TRANSMISSION WENT OUT IN THE 2016 GMC. IT COST \$5,345.00 TO FIX IT WHICH THE TRUSTEES APPROVED THE REPAIR.

COREY RECEIVED THE SALT PRICES FOR 2026. HE STATED THE NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED. \$41.63 A TON FOR MIX AND \$67.56 FOR PURE. IT WAS JUST FILLED WITH ABOUT 75 TONS. THE SALT SHED TOP NEEDS REPLACED NEXT YEAR. IN THE OVERHANG THERE IS A HOLE IN IT. THE CONCRETE LOOKS GOOD BUT THE WHOLE TOP NEEDS REPLACED DUE TO YEARS OF SALT AND MOISTURE. HE WOULD LIKE TO GET ESTIMATES NOW TO REPLACE IN SPRING OR SUMMER 2026 AFTER MOST OF THE SALT IS OUT OF IT BEFORE WE CLOSE OUT THE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. THE BOARD APPROVED HIM TO GET ESTIMATES NOW AND IF WE NEED TO OFFSET SOMETHING IN THE BUDGET NEXT YEAR THE NEW BOARD CAN DO THAT.

COREY STATED THAT THEY ARE STARTING TO RECEIVE THE SIGNS AND HARDWARE FROM THE GRANT OF \$4,644. THEY HAVE A YEAR TO GET THEM OUT BUT IT WILL BE DONE BEFORE THEN. COREY EXPLAINED THAT IT IS TO UPGRADE SAFETY SIGNS. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE A PICTURE OF THE OLD SIGNS, INSTALL THE NEW ONES AND TAKE ANOTHER PICTURE TO DOCUMENT FOR THE GRANT.

#### **JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR-**

JOHN STATED THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISN'T HELPING CONDEMN PLACES ANYMORE IF THERE IS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR RODENTS. THERE IS A LAND BANK GRANT THAT THE TOWNSHIP CAN GET TO PURCHASE THE HOUSE AND CLEAN IT UP, TEAR IT DOWN OR RESALE IT. THAT WILL BE THE BEST BET FOR WAUGHTEL'S HOUSE ON 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET.

JOHN THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING LAST WEEK FOR VICTORY LOUNGE. THERE WAS NO DECISION MADE. THEY WILL MEET AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 6 PM WITH THEIR DECISION AND THE LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING IS ON DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> IN COLUMBUS FOR THEM AND THEY SAID THEY WON'T POSTPONE IT AGAIN.

THE ETHANOL PLANT IS DOING SOME EXPANSION AND ADDING SILOS. THEY ARE JUST FINISHING UP THE PERMIT PROCESS ON THAT.

TRUSTEE KESSEN ASKED IF THE MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN APPROVED YET. JOHN STATED THAT THEY JUST GOT THEM. CHRISTINA TOOK THE MINUTES AS SANDY HAD A FAMILY EMERGENCY AND THEY CANCELED THE OTHER MEETING BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE TO TAKE MINUTES AT THE SAME TIME AS THE PUBLIC HEARING. JOHN EXPLAINED THAT THE MEETING WAS LEFT OPEN AND THEY WILL ANNOUNCE THEIR DECISION ON DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>.

CHAIRMAN COX ASKED ABOUT THE HOUSE ON ST JOHNS ROAD. JOHN STATED THAT THE PERMIT IS NOT EXPIRED YET AND HE PLANS TO HAVE THE WALLS UP AND THE EXPANSION DONE BY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.

TRUSTEE KESSEN SAID HE WOULD LIKE THIS TO BE FINISHED AS IT IS WAY OVERDUE. CHAIRMAN COX SAID THAT IT HAD BETTER BE DONE BY JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>. HE DOESN'T BLAME ANYONE FOR BEING UPSET BECAUSE IT HAS TAKEN TOO LONG. JOHN STATED THAT AS SOON AS HE MEETS THE SQUARE FOOTAGE REQUIREMENTS THEN WE ARE DONE WITH IT.

THERE WAS ANOTHER ISSUE WITH HOUSES BEING SOLD IN BUSINESS AREAS. BANKS DON'T WANT TO LOAN MONEY ON THESE HOUSES BECAUSE IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THEM, THEY CAN'T BE REBUILT. IT IS CAUSING A HARDSHIP TO THOSE WANTING TO SELL SO ZONING APPEALS WILL BE ADDRESSING THAT TO FIND OUT WHAT OPTIONS THEY HAVE. TRUSTEE KESSEN ASKED IF WE STILL HAVE STEP DOWN ZONING. IT USED TO BE THAT IF YOU WANTED TO HAVE A HOUSE IN A BUSINESS OR INDUSTRIAL AREA THAT WAS ALLOWED BY STEP DOWN ZONING. JOHN STATED THAT ZONING DISTRICTS WOULDN'T MATTER IF WE DID THAT BECAUSE IT WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BE WHAT IT IS ZONED FOR. ATTORNEY BLAIN BROCK STATED THAT THE WAY MOST TOWNSHIPS ARE ADDRESSING THAT IS TO HAVE RESIDENTIAL AS A PERMITTED USE IN A COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. PERRY DOES NOT HAVE THAT IN THEIR ZONING TEXT. HE STATED THAT IF THAT HOUSE BURNS DOWN OR IS DAMAGED BY MORE THAN 50% THAT IT IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE REBUILT AS A RESIDENCE WITHOUT GOING THROUGH A VARIANCE WHICH PROHIBITS

LENDERS FROM ALLOWING A LOAN FOR NEW BUYERS TO BUY A HOUSE IN THAT AREA. A LOT OF TOWNSHIPS DO STEP DOWN ZONING. THAT IS A WAY TO FIX IT BUT IT'S NOT THE ONLY WAY TO FIX IT. THE ZONING BOARDS GRANT THE VARIANCE 99.9% OF THE TIME BUT THE ISSUE IS WITH LENDERS NOT WANTING TO LEND THE MONEY BECAUSE THEY WON'T KNOW IF THE VARIANCE WILL BE APPROVED AND IT CAUSES HARDSHIP AND MORE COST TO THE NEW HOME OWNER TO APPLY FOR A VARIANCE THAT MAY NOT BE APPROVED. BLAIN EXPLAINED THAT WHEN ZONING FIRST TOOK PLACE THAT THERE WAS LARGE AREAS THAT WAS ZONED AGRICULTURAL OR RESIDENTIAL THAT BECAME BUSINESS. BLAIN SAID ANOTHER WAY TO FIX IT IS TO TWEAK THE NON-CONFORMING USE LANGUAGE WHICH SAYS IF IT IS DAMAGED 50% OR MORE THAT YOU CAN'T REBUILD IT. TWEAK THAT SO IT DOESN'T APPLY. IT WOULD ADJUST THE GRANDFATHER CLAUSE. BLAIN SAID HE UNDERSTAND WHAT JOHN IS SAYING THAT IT WILL NEVER BE A BUSINESS DISTRICT BUT THE AREA IN QUESTION ONLY HAS A FEW BUSINESSES BUT MOST ARE STILL RESIDENTIAL IN THAT AREA. BLAIN'S PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT IT NEEDS TO CHANGE BUT IT IS UP TO THE BOARD TO MAKE THAT DECISION. HE HAS WORKED IN ZONING FOR A LONG TIME AND ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT A LEGAL OPINION HIS PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT THE LANGUAGE NEEDS TWEAKED. TRUSTEE SIDENER SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ZONING APPEALS BOARD IN WHICH JEFF CAROLUS IS THE CHAIRMAN AND HE IS AWARE OF THE ISSUE.

**KEVIN RADER, FIRE DEPARTMENT-**

CHIEF RADER STATED THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THE RESIDENTS OF PERRY TOWNSHIP FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE 4.4 MIL FIRE LEVY RENEWAL.

THE TOYS FOR TOTS BOXES HAVE ARRIVED. HE SPOKE WITH THE ORGANIZATION ABOUT SETTING UP A TRUCK EVENT TO PROMOTE AND HOPEFULLY GET MORE PARTICIPATION. IF THE BOARD APPROVES, HE WILL SET UP SOMETHING ON SOCIAL MEDIA. THE BOARD APPROVES.

CHIEF RADER THEN TURNED IN A RESIGNATION FROM JASON SMEDLEY AS DEPUTY CHIEF. HE WILL STAY ON AS A RUNNER AND PART-TIME PARAMEDIC AND FIRE FIGHTER. *LETTER ATTACHED*. CHAIRMAN COX AND THE BOARD THANKED HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SAID HE HAS BEEN A GREAT ASSET.

**GUEST**

CHAIRMAN COX STATED THAT HE WILL ALLOW CINDY LEIS AND HER GUEST TO SPEAK BEFORE OTHER GUEST ABOUT A BUSINESS PROPOSAL.

**CINDY LEIS (ALLEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP)** – SHE STATED THAT SHE BRINGS DEVELOPMENT DEALS TO PERRY TOWNSHIP. SHE SPOKE ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT DEALS HAPPENING ON COMMERCE PARKWAY. THE PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEN COUNTY OWNS THAT PROPERTY AND IT WILL LOOK DIFFERENT OVER THE COMING YEAR. OHIO LOGISTICS WILL BE BREAKING GROUND ON DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>. THE TRUSTEES WILL BE GETTING AN INVITATION ON THAT SOON. THEY WILL BE BUILDING A 100,000 SQUARE FOOT SPEC BUILDING IN 2026 AND IN 2027 THEY WILL BE BUILDING AN ADDITIONAL 100,000 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING. THE PROPERTY BEING PROPOSED TONIGHT WILL TAKE UP THE REST OF THAT PROPERTY FROM BOB EVANS DOWN TO MCCLAIN ROAD. THE PORT AUTHORITY HAS OPTIONED MORE PROPERTY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COMMERCE PARKWAY AND THEY CONTINUE TO GET PROSPECTS THERE. ALTHOUGH IT IS FOR A DIFFERENT TOWNSHIP, THEY JUST ANNOUNCED AN AMAZON FACILITY ON JAY BEGG PARKWAY IN SHAWNEE. THEY STILL HAVE ABOUT 30 ACRES TO DEVELOP IN SHAWNEE. THE PROPOSAL TONIGHT IS FROM MURPHY TRACTOR. THEY ARE CURRENTLY AT 3550 ST JOHNS AVENUE SINCE 2010 AND HAVE BEEN LEASING THAT FACILITY. ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO SHE WAS APPROACHED BY THE PRESIDENT/CEO BILL BUCKLES WHO IS PRESENT. HE WAS INTERESTED AT LOOKING FOR ANOTHER AREA TO BUILD A MORE MODERN LOCATION FOR JOHN DEERE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. HE WANTED TO BE VISIBLE TO INTERSTATE 75. THERE WERE A FEW OTHER POSSIBILITIES BUT THEY DIDN'T WORK OUT SO THEY STARTED LOOKING AT COMMERCE PARKWAY JUST WEST OF PERRY PROTECH. 80% OF THE ONE PARCEL IS IN A FLOOD PLAIN SO THEY KNEW IT WOULD TAKE AWHILE TO FIND THE RIGHT FIT FOR ABOUT 10 ACRES OF DEVELOPABLE PROPERTY. BILL BUCKLES AND HIS TEAM FELT IT WOULD BE SUITABLE TO WHAT THEY WANTED TO BUILD. THEY ARE PROPOSING A 20,000 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY AND PROVIDED A PICTURE OF WHAT THEIR BUILDING LOOKS LIKE IN ROSSBURG. SHE TURNED IT OVER TO BILL BUCKLES AND HIS TEAM, WHICH FLEW INTO THE ALLEN COUNTY AIRPORT FROM KANSAS.

**BILL BUCKLES – PRESIDENT OF MURPHY TRACTOR** – MR BUCKLES STATED THAT THE BUILDING THEY ARE CURRENTLY IN HAS BEEN THERE FOR EONS BUT THEY HAVE BEEN THERE SINCE 2010. IT HAS BEEN A GOOD PRODUCING FACILITY BUT THEY HAVE OUTGROWN IT. THEY NEED A LARGER PARTS AREA, SERVICE AREA, WAREHOUSE. THE EQUIPMENT HAS GOTTEN BIGGER OVER THE YEARS AND THEY CAN'T SERVICE SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT THAT THEY SELL IN THIS AREA RIGHT NOW. THEY WILL HAVE A 10-TON OVERHEAD CRANE TO BE ABLE TO SERVICE THE LARGER EQUIPMENT MORE EFFICIENTLY AND HAVE AUTOMATED LUBE AND AIR SYSTEMS. JUST TO CLARIFY WHAT CINDY SAID. THEY ARE THE JOHN DEERE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT DEALER THAT IS USED TO BUILD AIRPORT ROADS, SEWERS AND WATER LINES. THEY HAVE A GOOD TEAM AT THE LIMA FACILITY BUT ARE IN NEED OF A SERVICE MANAGER. WITH A NEW FACILITY THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ADD MORE TECHNICIANS AND EMPLOYEES, STOCK MORE PARTS AND REPAIR LARGER EQUIPMENT. THE LIMA AREA HAS BEEN GOOD TO THEM SO THEY PREFER TO

STAY IN THIS AREA. THEY WILL FRONT IT TO THE INTERSTATE AND HAVE A NICE DISPLAY AREA THAT WILL BE VISIBLE TO THE HIGHWAY. THEY HAVE TENTATIVE SITE PLANS THAT WILL FIT NICELY ONTO THAT PARCEL WITH THE FLOOD PLAIN.

CINDY LEIS THEN SPOKE OF THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF 8.2 - 9.2 MILLION. TRUSTEE KESSEN ASKED ABOUT THE SIZE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHERE THERE ARE LOCATED NOW VERSUS THE NEW PROPOSED BUILDING. **VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES, RICK FAWSON** ANSWERED THAT IT WILL BE CONSIDERABLY LARGER WITH LARGER BAYS WILL BE A VAST IMPROVEMENT ESPECIALLY WITH THE 10-TON OVERHEAD CRANE. THEY DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE A CRANE AT THEIR CURRENT FACILITY. TROY MOELLINGER IS HERE FROM THE PARENT COMPANY THAT BUYS ALL THE BUILDING AND LEASES IT TO MURPHY TRACTOR. HE ASKED WHY THE BUILDINGS ARE SO EXPENSIVE AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THE OVERHEAD CRANE, HARDENED CONCRETE, COMPUTERIZED LUBE SYSTEMS AND LARGER OVERHEAD DOORS. **CINDY LEIS** THEN SPOKE ABOUT CURRENT STAFFING. THERE ARE 15 – 16 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND THEY ARE COMMITTED TO GROWING BY 7 NEW EMPLOYEES. THEY HAVE A \$1.1 MILLION PAYROLL RIGHT NOW AND WILL GROW BY ABOUT \$500,000. THEY WILL CREATE A LARGE CAPITAL INVESTMENT, STATE OF THE ART FACILITY AND FRONTAGE TO I-75. THEY DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO FIT ANYONE INTO THAT SITE. IT IS CURRENTLY FARMED AND CREATES ABOUT \$11,000 IN TAXES PER YEAR BECAUSE IT'S A CAUV. EVEN AFTER THE 75% 10 YEAR TAX ABATEMENT WE WILL HAVE INCREASED TAX REVENUE OF OVER \$26,000. THE TOWNSHIP IS CURRENTLY ONLY GETTING \$162.50 OFF OF THAT PROPERTY AND THE TOWNSHIP WILL RECEIVE ABOUT \$5,000 AFTER THE ABATEMENT. THEY HAVE ALREADY DELIVERED A NOTICE TO PERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO APPOLLO CAREER CENTER ON OCTOBER 30TH. THE SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE TO APPROVE IT BUT JUST BE DELIVERED THE NOTICE. AFTER THE TRUSTEES APPROVE IT THEN GOES TO CITY COUNCIL BECAUSE IT IS IN A NON-WITHDRAWAL AREA AND THEN TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. SHE RECOMMENDS THE BOARD APPROVE THE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TONIGHT SO THAT THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD SO THAT IN CAN GO TO CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND HOPEFULLY TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY THE END OF THE YEAR. TRUSTEE KESSEN ASKED WHAT THE TARGET DATE IS FOR COMPLETION. BILL BUCKELS STATED THAT THEY HOPE TO BREAK GROUND IN MARCH 2026 WEATHER PERMITTING AND IT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. THE TRUSTEES ASKED IF ANY GUEST HAD QUESTIONS. CHRISTINA EXPLAINED THAT SHE GAVE TRUSTEE ELECTS SCOTT AND FRANK THE INFORMATION ALSO AND HAS A RESOLUTION READY IF THE BOARD WISHES TO PASS IT. TRUSTEE KESSEN READ NECESSARY PARTS OF THE RESOLUTION AND THE BOARD WISHED THEM LUCK. **NORM CAPPS** SPOKE ABOUT THE INCOME TAX IN EXCESS OF A MILLION DOLLARS THAT THE SCHOOLS WILL GET PART OF THAT.

**JODI CARTAGENA** – THEY BOUGHT THE LAND AT 3200 YODER RD. THEY WOULD LIKE TO START BUILDING AND CAN TAP INTO THE CITY SEWER. THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET CITY WATER, SO THEY CONTACTED THE ALLEN WATER DISTRICT. IT CURRENTLY STOPS AT THE CHURCH AND WOULD LIKE IT TO GO DOWN TO BREESE ROAD, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ABOUT 20 PROPERTIES. SHE THEN EMAILED THE INFORMATION TO JOHN BREWSTER, AND HE SUGGESTED SHE SPEAK TO THE TRUSTEES. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THEY HAVE A PUBLIC MEETING SO THAT WE CAN SEE IF RESIDENTS ARE FOR OR AGAINST IT. **TRUSTEE KESSEN** EXPLAINED THAT HE SITS ON THE ALLEN WATER BOARD AND IT IS USUALLY THE INTERESTED PARTY THAT STARTS THE PROCESS BY GOING DOOR TO DOOR WITH A QUESTIONNAIRE OF ANYONE AFFECTED TO SHOW WHO HAS AN INTEREST. THE WATER BOARD WOULD THEN PURSUE THE COST IF THE MAJORITY IS INTERESTED. THE COST WOULD THEN BE SPLIT BY THE RESIDENTS WITH OTHER THINGS IN MIND, SUCH AS GRANTS AND MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME. THE TRUSTEES COULD MOVE IT FORWARD AS WELL. JODI SPOKE TO KIM ABOUT THE TRUSTEE'S SETTING AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING. **BLAIN** STATED THE HISTORY OF THE WATER LINE. THE WATER LINE COMES IN FROM OIO, AND HE REPRESENTED THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME. THE CHURCH PAID FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE WATER LINE, AND THEY ALSO OWN THE SMALL HOUSE AND PAID TO RUN THE WATER LINE THERE AS WELL. **CHIEF RADER** STATED THAT IF THEY DO RUN THE LINE, THEN HYDRANTS CAN BE PUT IN AS WELL, WHICH WILL HELP WITH HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE. TRUSTEE KESSEN STATED WE CAN HAVE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING BUT MOST OF THE TIME WE HOPE TO GET 80% PARTICIPATION BUT IT IS NORMALLY CLOSER TO 10%. **GREG** ASKED THEM TO GIVE THE BOARD SOME TIME AND MADE SURE WE HAVE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THEM.

**JIM CLEMENTZ** – JIM ASKED ABOUT THE ROAD SURVEY FOR AMHERST ROAD. **CHAIRMAN COX** STATED THAT HE DID SPEAK WITH THEM. THEY WASN'T GOING TO PUT THE LINES OUT AGAIN, BUT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO DO A DIFFERENT KIND OF STUDY, AND HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DONE BY NOW. **KEVIN** OFFERED TO GIVE JIM THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION SO THAT HE CAN FOLLOW UP AND ASK QUESTIONS.

**NORM CAPPS** – STATED THAT HE IS GLAD TO SEE THE TWO NEW TRUSTEES HERE.

**CHUCK WEIGT** – CHUCK WISHED CONGRATS TO THE NEW TRUSTEES.

**CATHY CLEMENTZ, JASON STOMBAUGH, SCOTT STOMBAUGH, RON MCELWAIN, DAVE STOMBAUGH**

## **TRUSTEES**

THE TRUSTEES THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE YEARLY RAISE THAT COREY AND NICK FROM THE ROADS DEPARTMENT ARE DUE FOR.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025.1118-01 TO ACCEPT THE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR DISPATCH SERVICES FROM THE ALLEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$34,889.31 FOR 2026, \$35,412.65 FOR 2027, AND \$35,943.84 FOR 2028, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-ABSTAIN

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025.1118-02 TO REALLOCATE FUNDS FROM POLICE, TELEPHONE (1000-210-341-0000) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00 TO POLICE, OPERATING SUPPLIES (1000-210-420-0000) FOR \$3,000 AND TO POLICE, OTHER EXPENSES (1000-210-599-0000) FOR \$6,000.00 TO COVER REMAINING EXPENSES FOR 2025, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2025.1118-03 FOR A 10-YEAR, 75% TAX ABATEMENT WITH MURFIN INCORPORATED, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES.

## **MOTIONS**

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2025, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$138,522.43, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT BANK RECONCILIATION FOR OCTOBER 2025, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CREDIT CARD RECONCILIATION FOR OCTOBER 2025, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO HAVE THE YEAR-END MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 8 AM, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO DECREASE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR POLICE, TELEPHONE (1000-210-341-0000) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR A PURCHASE ORDER FOR POLICE, OPERATING SUPPLIES (1000-210-420-0000) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION FOR A PURCHASE ORDER FOR POLICE, OTHER EXPENSES (1000-210-599-0000) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE REQUEST FROM MILLER AUTO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,345.00 TO FIX THE TRANSMISSION ON THE 2016 GMC, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM JASON SMEDLEY AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF PERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>. HE WILL REMAIN AS A PART-TIME AND VOLUNTEER LEVEL II FIRE FIGHTER/PARAMEDIC, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO GIVE A 3% RAISE TO COREY LEHMAN WITH NEW RATE BEING \$27.05 AS OF HIS ANNIVERSARY DATE OF NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES**

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO GIVE A 3% RAISE TO NICK ADAMS WITH THE NEW RATE BEING \$22.97 AS OF HIS ANNIVERSARY DATE OF DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL WITH BLAIN BROCK AT 7:57, 2<sup>ND</sup> LARRY SIDENER.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:05, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.**  
ACTION TAKEN: BLAIN BROCK ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS RESIGNING AS LEGAL AT THE END OF 2025. HE HAS ENJOYED HIS TIME WITH PERRY. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND A YOUNG HUFFMAN THAT WOULD BE GREAT FOR THIS POSITION, BUT WANTS TO GIVE THE NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES A CHANCE TO DECIDE WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO GOING FORWARD. HE CAN STAY INVOLVED WITH VICTORY LOUNGE AND ANY OTHER LEGAL HELP.

**LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:08 PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> GREG KESSEN.  
SIDENER-YES, COX-YES, KESSEN-YES**