

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 2, 2025

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

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER

TRUSTEE SIDENER SAID HE HAD AN ISSUE WITH THE MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 18TH. THE YEAR-END MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT IS AT 8 AM FOR EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS AND 11 AM FOR THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING. CHAIRMAN COX ALSO READ THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE NEWSPAPER AS FOLLOWS:

YEAR-END MEETING FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP, MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, STARTS AT 8 AM WITH EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS, 11 AM OPEN PUBLIC MEETING AT PERRY TOWNSHIP ADMIN BLDG., 2408 E BREESE RD. THE BOARD THEN DISCUSSED IF THE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT WAS CORRECT BECAUSE IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 8 AM. STILL, THE EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS ARE DONE IN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL.

TRUSTEE SIDENER THEN SPOKE ABOUT TRUSTEE ELECTS CLEMENTZ AND STOMBAUGH BEING INVITED TO THE EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS BECAUSE OF TRANSPARENCY ISSUES. HE STATED THAT IN A PRIOR EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPOINTING A TRUSTEE THAT SOMEONE TALKED ABOUT SOMETHING THAT WAS SAID IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SHARED, AND IT CAUSED CONFLICT. HE WANTED THE TRUSTEE ELECTS VIEWS AND WHAT'S TO KNOW IS THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IS. IF DURING THE EVALUATION A DEPARTMENT HEAD GOT IN TROUBLE FOR SOMETHING, THEN NOTHING CAN BE SAID ABOUT IT OUTSIDE OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. CHRISTINA THEN STATED HER OPINION THAT THEY WILL HAVE THEIR OATH OF OFFICE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH. AND THEIR BONDS ARE DONE AND CURRENTLY BEING MAILED TO US, ALTHOUGH THEIR APPOINTMENT ISN'T IN EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 1ST, 2026. BOTH SCOTT AND FRANK STATED THAT THEY KNOW AND UNDERSTAND WHAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IS FOR AND THAT YOU CAN'T DISCUSS ANYTHING SAID IN THEM. TRUSTEE SIDENER JUST WANTS TO MAKE SURE THEY BOTH UNDERSTAND BECAUSE TWO YEARS AGO, WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED, HE WAS INVITED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT TOOK PLACE.

CHRIS DISCUSSED SOME OF THE HIGHER BILLS. STEVE MYERS FOR \$2,999.99 WAS FOR MULTIPLE INVOICES. THE LARGEST AMOUNT WAS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S CHAINSAW REPAIR. ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEERS FOR \$14,808.56 IS FOR THE ROAD PROGRAM, MILLER AUTO FOR \$5,359.95 WAS APPROVED IN A MOTION AT THE NOVEMBER 18TH TRUSTEE MEETING, ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS FOR \$30,459.53 WAS APPROVED IN A OCTOBER 7TH TRUSTEE MEETING FOR TURN-OUTS, AND STRYKER SALES WAS FOR A YEARLY CONTRACT PAYMENT.

CHRIS ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO CANCEL THE 1ST MEETING IN JANUARY DUE TO THE YEAR-END MEETING. CHRIS THEN ASKED FOR A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO ROAD & BRIDGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,000 TO PAY THE REMAINING INVOICE FOR ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEERS. CHRIS ASKED DEPARTMENT HEADS TO UPDATE THEIR INVENTORY LISTS AND TURN THEM IN BY THE YEAR-END MEETING.

CHRIS STATED THAT THE UAN YEAR-END WEBINAR IS 8 AM – 4 PM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH. NATALIE WILL BE JOINING FOR THE WEBINAR TO ASSIST WITH YEAR-END PROCEDURES.

CHRIS ASKED TO DISCUSS RAISING THE TASC CARDS TO \$7,500 FOR EMPLOYEES WITH DEPENDENTS OR GOING FORWARD WITH INSURANCE QUOTES. UPDATED INSURANCE QUOTES WERE HANDED OUT TO DEPARTMENT HEADS, TRUSTEES, AND TRUSTEE ELECTS. CLEMANS AND NELSON IS HELPING WITH RESOLUTION LANGUAGE FOR THE TASC CARDS STATING ALL THE TERMS OF HOW MUCH AND WHEN EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THEM. CHRIS ALSO SENT A MESSAGE TO TASC REQUESTING TO FUND THE CARDS MONTHLY UNTIL THE NEW BOARD HAS TIME TO REVIEW THE MEDICAL INSURANCE QUOTES.

FRANK AND SCOTT'S ORIGINAL BONDS ARE BEING MAILED. CHRIS WILL BE ORDERING NEW BUSINESS CARDS AND NAMEPLATES FOR THE NEW TRUSTEES.

BLAIN BROCK EMAILED THE CERTIFICATION FOR THE 4.4 MILL FIRE DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY, WHICH SHE PROVIDED A COPY TO THE CURRENT BOARD, TRUSTEE ELECTS, AND FIRE CHIEF.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

JOHN ITEN POLICE CHIEF – ABSENT

CHIEF ITEN DIDN'T PROVIDE A REPORT BUT DID PROVIDE A DAILY INCIDENT LOG FOR NOVEMBER. CHRIS STATED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF BREAK-INS IN THE AREA OF UNLOCKED CARS AND VACANT HOUSES. THE BOARD ASKS THE RESIDENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR NEIGHBORS.

COREY LEHMAN, HEAD OF ROADS – ABSENT

COREY DIDN'T PROVIDE A REPORT, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN OUT SINCE 3 AM PLOWING, WHICH IS WHY HE IS ABSENT.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR –

THE VICTORY LOUNGE DECISION IS TOMORROW AT 6 PM. THEY ALSO WITHDREW THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING FOR TODAY.

SOMEONE IS LOOKING TO BUY THE OLD WOLAHAN LUMBER BUILDING FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT. TRUSTEE SIDENER STATED THAT HE RECEIVED A CALL LAST WEEK ABOUT THE DATA CENTER THAT GOT DENIED. LARRY TRIED TO EXPLAIN THEY WANTED TO KNOW WHERE THE MONEY WAS COMING FROM AND THAT THE LAND OWNERS COULD HAVE PASSED THAT THEMSELVES. THE OPTIONS WERE FOR THE TRUSTEES, ZONING COMMISSION OR LANDOWNERS COULD HAVE STARTED THE PROCESS. THEY MAY SUE. THE LANDOWNER STATED THAT HE WAS TOLD HE COULDN'T AT THAT TIME. JOHN BREWSTER STATED THAT THE DATA CENTER LANGUAGE BEING ADDED WAS APPROVED AND THAT ANOTHER DATA CENTER HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN THAT SAME AREA THAT IS ALREADY ZONED INDUSTRIAL. HE ALSO THREATENED TO SUE US.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE DEPT –

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING WITH WALMART'S MAINTENANCE TEAM ON GETTING THEIR HYDRANTS FIXED. THE HYDRANTS BELONG TO WALMART.

THE TRAILER PARK COLONY TRAIL HAS PRIVATE HYDRANTS. THEY HAVE DIFFERENT CONNECTORS. THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THEIR MANAGEMENT TO GET NEW ADAPTERS THAT TAKE 4 STEPS. OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS, THEY WILL BE GETTING ADAPTERS FOR THEIR HYDRANTS AT THEIR COST.

ON NOVEMBER 29TH. WHEN IT SNOWED, THE CREWS WERE BUSY. THEY HAD EIGHT CALLS FOR SERVICE, 4 EMS RUNS, A FIRE ALARM, AND A MUTUAL AID CALL, AN MVA, AND POWER LINES DOWN. THE ON DUTY CREW HANDLED ALL OF THE CALLS WITH TWO OFF-DUTY FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND TWO VOLUNTEERS. SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED. A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE ROAD DEPARTMENT ALSO FOR HELPING CLEAR THE DEBRIS AND A DRIVEWAY.

CURRENT CALLS FOR SERVICE THIS YEAR ARE 1182 CALLS, WHICH IS 19 BEHIND WHAT THEY HAD AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

THEY ENTERED INTO A STATE PROGRAM FOR FREE SMOKE DETECTORS. THEY HAVE CURRENTLY INSTALLED 3 IN HOMES THAT DIDN'T HAVE ANY SMOKE DETECTORS. TWO MORE WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE RESIDENTS' HOMES. RESIDENTS CAN REQUEST SMOKE DETECTORS, AND ALSO WHEN CREWS ARE IN HOMES, THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE CHECKING TO SEE IF THE RESIDENTS NEED THEM. IT IS A STRICT PROGRAM WHERE THE RESIDENTS HAVE TO SIGN WAIVERS, EDUCATION PAMPHLETS AND THEY HAVE TO TAKE PICTURES. THEY STILL HAVE 5 MORE TO GIVE.

ON NOVEMBER 19TH. SPRAGUE AND LEE HIT THEIR 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

ON NOVEMBER 29TH. THE FAIRGROUNDS STARTED THEIR CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAYS. THE FIRE AUXILIARY IS HOSTING A DISPLAY.

ON JANUARY 25TH. FROM NOON – FOUR, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HOSTING THEIR YEAR-END GATHERING AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING. THE BOARD IS INVITED IF THEY WISH TO COME. THEY WILL HAVE FOOD AND GIVE OUT AWARDS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE. THEY WILL BE INVITING TWO SPECIAL GUESTS FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR HELPING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND GIVING THEM A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION.

WE ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. THERE MAY BE SOME BILLING ERRORS WITH ANOTHER PERRY TOWNSHIP. IT IS THEIR ERROR, AND WE AND THEIR OFFICE ARE GATHERING MORE INFORMATION.

WHEN THEY BOUGHT 1404 THEY NEEDED TO ADD SOME THINGS TO SAVE TIME AT A FIRE. THEY INSTALLED PISTON INTAKE VALVES ON THE TRUCK WITH A SOURCE ADAPTER THAT NOW SNAPS INTO THE TRUCK.

THEY ARE HOSTING TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE ON DECEMBER 6TH FROM 8 AM to 10 AM. THEY WILL HAVE TOUCH A TRUCK AND FIRE EDUCATION FOR GUEST AND KIDS. ALL TOYS STAY LOCAL.

CHIEF RADER PUT FREE PAMPHLETS ABOUT OHIO FIRE LAWS ABOUT OPEN BURNS ON THE SIGN-IN TABLE FOR RESIDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE THEM.

CHAIRMAN COX STATED THAT AT THE TRAINING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS DOING LAST WEEK. THEY SHOULD HAVE ESCORTED HIM AWAY. HE ASKED CHIEF RADER TO LET HIS CREWS KNOW THAT, REGARDLESS OF WHO IT IS, THEY NEED TO MAKE THEM GO FOR HIS SAFETY AND ANYONE ELSE. BROOKE HEDGES STATED THAT IF IT HAD BEEN A REAL FIRE, THEY DEFINITELY WOULD HAVE.

GUESTS

JIM CLEMENTZ, DAVE STOMBAUGH, CASSIE BETTS, TIM MYERS, BROOKE HEDGES, FRANK CLEMENTZ, CATHY CLEMENTZ, SCOTT STOMBAUGH

NORM CAPPS – NORM STATED THAT ON THE LIMA NEWS LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING, THE CITY GOT A LOT OF COVERAGE ABOUT GIVING MURPHY TRACTOR A TAX ABATEMENT. PERRY TOWNSHIP HAD TO APPROVE IT FIRST. HE ASKED WHY LIMA HAD TO APPROVE IT. CHAIRMAN COX STATED THAT IT IS IN A NON-WITHDRAWAL PROPERTY SO LIMA AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ALSO HAVE TO APPROVE IT. NORM IS NOT HAPPY THAT THE LIMA CITY COUNCIL GOT ALL THE COVERAGE AND THAT PERRY TOWNSHIP WAS LEFT OUT. IF PERRY HADN'T SIGNED IT THERE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN AN ABATEMENT.

ANDREW KLAUS – ANDREW SAID HE NOTICED ON OUR CALENDAR LINK ON OUR WEBSITE THAT TONIGHT'S MEETING SHOWS IT IS AT 7:30. CHRIS WILL CHECK ON IT AND GET IT CHANGED.

JANET LAUF – SHE WANTS TO KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING NEW COMING IN. JOHN BREWSTER MENTIONED THAT A NEW DATA CENTER MIGHT BE COMING IN. JOHN BREWSTER MENTIONED IT IS JUST INQUIRIES RIGHT NOW. **CHAIRMAN COX** STATED THAT AEDG GETS INQUIRIES ALL THE TIME THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT. THEY WILL SAY SOMETHING IF IT IS POSITIVE. SHE STATED THAT SHE WANTS THE HEARSAY BECAUSE AFTER THAT IT IS TOO LATE. SHE WANTS US TO BE PROACTIVE, NOT REACTIVE. JOHN BREWSTER HAS TALKED TO SEVERAL DATA CENTERS ABOUT WHAT IS ALREADY ZONED AS INDUSTRIAL. **TRUSTEE SIDENER** STATED THEY HAVE NO NEW INFO ON TELEPHONE POLES EITHER. THE ONE ON MAIN AND 14TH OR 15TH HAS A NEW POLE.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE SIDENER STATED THAT RED LOBSTER HOMELESS CAMP PEOPLE ARE BACK. THE MANAGER NEEDS TO TALK TO ITEN ABOUT IT. NOW THAT THEY KNOW THEY OWN THE LAND, THEY WILL CUT DOWN THE BRUSH. NORM CAPPS SEEN A MAN COMING OUT OF THAT AREA, BUT DOESN'T SEE ANY TENTS.

CHAIRMAN COX HOPES EVERYONE HAD A GOOD THANKSGIVING AND HOPES EVERYONE HAS A GOOD CHRISTMAS.

RESOLUTIONS

KEVIN COX MADE RESOLUTION #2025.1202-01 TO TRANSFER, NOT TO BE REPAID, FROM GENERAL FUND TRANSFER OUT (1000-910-910-0000) TO ROAD AND BRIDGE TRANSFER IN (2031-931-0000) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,000.00 TO COVER INVOICES FOR THE 2025 ROAD PROGRAM, 2ND LARRY SIDENER. LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT

MOTIONS

LARRY SIDENER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2025, 2ND KEVIN COX.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$112,777.02 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 2025 CREDIT CARD RECONCILIATION, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 6, 2026, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO TRANSFER \$100,000 TO STAR OHIO, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:20 PM, 2ND LARRY SIDENER.

LARRY SIDENER-YES, KEVIN COX-YES, GREG KESSEN-ABSENT.