

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP

MEETING
HELD JANUARY 8, 2026

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MET IN A SPECIAL MEETING, CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM BY CHAIRPERSON SCOTT STOMBAUGH. FRANK CLEMENTZ PRESENT, KEVIN COX PRESENT. ROLL CALL BY FISCAL OFFICER. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS FOLLOWED.

IT WAS STATED THAT WE ARE MEETING FOR A 2026 BUDGET REVIEW PRIMARILY FOR THE TWO NEW TRUSTEES, SCOTT STOMBAUGH AND FRANK CLEMENTZ. CHRISTINA WILL STATE WHICH LINE ITEMS WERE EDITED FROM THE BUDGET THAT WAS SUBMITTED IN JULY 2025 AND WHY.

WE SPOKE ABOUT THE ROAD PROGRAM FIRST WITH ROAD SUPERVISOR, COREY LEHMAN, PRESENT. IN JULY WE HAD CREATED A CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR THE ROAD PROGRAM TO PLACE ABOUT \$50,000/YEAR TO BE SPENT WHEN WE RECEIVE ISSUE II MONEY FROM THE STATE TO HAVE A LARGER ROAD PROGRAM EVERY FOUR YEARS. UPON FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS, WE ARE MOVING THE \$50,000 BACK INTO THE 2026 ROAD PROGRAM AND RAISING THE FUND AMOUNTS TO BE SPENT IN 2026 ON ROAD PROGRAM TO \$220,000 TOTAL.

CHRISTINA EXPLAINED THAT THE REVENUES ARE NOW PERMANENT AND CAN ONLY BE CHANGED BY SUBMITTING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

THE BOARD THEN DISCUSSED POSSIBLY HIRING A TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR. IT WAS DECIDED TO HOLD OFF ON HIRING ANYONE NEW FOR NOW, UNTIL WE KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PROPERTY TAX REFORM OR ABOLISHMENT.

WE THEN DISCUSSED LEGAL COUNSEL THAT WILL NEED TO BE HIRED STILL, BUT FUNDS HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATED FOR 2026. TRUSTEE WILL NEED TO INTERVIEW.

WE DISCUSSED NEEDING TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. WE RECEIVED THE LODGING EXCISE TAX FOR NOVEMBER 2025 IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS OF DECEMBER, SO WE WERE NOT ABLE TO PAY OUT ½ OF THOSE FUNDS TO LIMA/ALLEN COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER UNTIL 2026, SO WE MAY NEED TO MAKE 13 PAYMENTS IN 2026 INSTEAD OF 12.

CHRISTINA PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL SPREADSHEET OF ALL EMPLOYEES' SALARIES WITH CUSHIONS TO ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS IN ALL PAYROLL FUNDS. FISCAL OFFICER AND TRUSTEES' SALARIES ARE SET BY THE STATE.

WE THEN DISCUSSED THE DISPATCH BILL AND HOW TO SPLIT IT BETWEEN FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT. LAST YEAR IT WAS SPLIT 90% FIRE DEPARTMENT AND 10% POLICE DEPARTMENT. AFTER DISCUSSION, WE ARE CHANGING 2026 TO AN 80/20% SPLIT. TOTAL BILL WAS \$34,889.31. POLICE CONTRACTED SERVICES 20% WILL BE \$6,977.86, AND FIRE CONTRACTED SERVICES 80% WILL BE \$27,911.45.

THE BOARD THEN ASKED CHIEF RADER ABOUT THE T-MOBILE BILL THAT IS ON THE CREDIT CARD MONTHLY, ABOUT WHAT ALL THE CHANGES ARE FOR, AND TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ WILL CHECK WITH POLICE CHIEF ITEN ABOUT HIS MONTHLY PHONE BILL. IT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED WITH CHIEF RADER THAT EMPLOYEES SHOULD CONTACT THE CHIEF ON HIS BUSINESS PHONE SO THAT WE AREN'T MIXING HIS OWN PERSONAL PHONE WITH BUSINESS CONVERSATIONS OR MESSAGING. CHIEF RADER WILL SEND OUT A DIRECTIVE TODAY STATING THE NEW POLICY PER THE TRUSTEES.

THE BOARD ASKED CHIEF RADER TO GET A QUOTE FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AND WE HAVE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO COVER THE COST IN THE GENERAL FUND.

TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH SPOKE ABOUT THE PERCENTAGES OF PROPERTY TAX THAT THE TOWNSHIP RECEIVES, WHICH IS AROUND 14%. THE SCHOOLS RECEIVE OVER 60% OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A PIE CHART POSTED IN THE MEETING ROOM AND IN THE NEWSLETTER.

THE TRUSTEES THEN SPOKE ABOUT TWO LEVIES THAT ARE UP FOR RENEWAL THIS YEAR FOR FIRE. 1.5 MIL AND 1.0 MIL. WE MAY ASK BLAIN IF YOU CAN DO OUR LEVIES FOR THIS YEAR ALSO.

THE BOARD THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE EMS COLLECTION FUNDS THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL IN ERROR FOR 2024 AND 2025. CHRISTINA WILL CALL PERRY TOWNSHIP IN STARK COUNTY TO TALK TO THEIR FISCAL OFFICER AND FOLLOW UP WITH JOE BRADEN, OHIO AUDITOR, AND POSSIBLY RACHAEL GILROY, ALLEN COUNTY AUDITOR.

THE BOARD HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE INSURANCE HOLD FUNDS FOR 6336 ST JOHNS RD. TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH STATED THAT THE NEW HOME OWNER IS NOW FINISHING THE EAST SIDE, WHERE THERE WAS AN OPENING CAUSING AN ISSUE WITH THE PROPERTY NOT BEING SECURE. WE WILL HAVE A CHECK READY FOR THE REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 20TH TO POTENTIALLY RELEASE THE FUNDS TO THE PREVIOUS HOME OWNER THAT HAD THE FIRE LOSS.

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:30 AM, 2ND KEVIN COX.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**