

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MEETING
HELD MARCH 3, 2026

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION, CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 BY CHAIRPERSON, SCOTT STOMBAUGH – PRESENT, KEVIN COX - PRESENT, AND FRANK CLEMENTZ PRESENT. ROLLCALL BY FISCAL OFFICER. A TRUSTEE’S PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

CHRIS STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER –

CHRIS ASKED FOR A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT FOR BWC TRUE-UP FOR 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,276.00.

CHRIS THEN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT TO ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,165.90 FOR PUMP HALE PACK. APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY INTERIM CHIEF ROBERTS ON FEBRUARY 9TH.

CHRIS THEN SPOKE ABOUT A PAYMENT TO SMITH BOUGHAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,294.00, WHICH WAS APPROVED IN THE OCTOBER 21, 2025, MEETING AND IS A CONTRACT FOR SERVICE TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, FURNACES, AND CENTRAL AIR UNITS.

CHRIS ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT TO HUFFMAN, KELLEY, AND BROCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,775.00 FOR THE VICTORY LOUNGE LEGAL CASE.

CHRIS ASKED FOR A MOTION TO PAY CLEMANS-NELSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,480.00 FOR THE PERSONNEL ISSUES AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SHE THEN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO REMOVE KEVIN RADER, JASON SMEDLEY, AND LORI ITEN FROM THE CREDIT CARD POLICY AND TO CLOSE SAID CARDS.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

JOHN ITEN, POLICE CHIEF-

POLICE REPORT FOR MEETING READ BY CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH:

12th St., issue with junk vehicles parked on a neighbor's property. The realtor company is having their attorney look into next legal steps. PD is working with Army's towing to provide security when they are ready to start removing the vehicles. Still a work in progress.

Red Lobster homeless camp. Sgt. Eichman made contact with a group of about 6 people advised them that the property has now been posted NO TRESPASSING, he will be back next week and will start serving court summons if they do not leave on their own.

Requesting that the new resolution for charging for public records request per HB 315 allowing departments change for video via public records request be put on the township webpage.

FRANK CLEMENTZ THEN READ A RESIGNATION FROM LORI ITEN.

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR-

COREY GAVE AN ESTIMATE TO THE BOARD FOR THE TWO TREES THAT NEED TO BE REMOVED ON BREESE AND HUME FOR \$3000 FROM CULP TREE SERVICE.

HE THEN HANDED THE BOARD AND ESTIMATE FOR RECLAMITE FOR THE ROADS PAVED IN 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,433.75.

COREY RAN ROADS WITH ERIC TODAY FROM THE COUNTY. HE STATED THAT THE REST OF YODER WILL BE PAVED. THEY THEN SPOKE ABOUT TRADING YODER FROM GREELY CHAPEL TO BOWMAN FOR THAYER ROAD WITH THE COUNTY. COREY STATED THAT THEIR INITIAL ROAD PROGRAM MEETING WITH BRION RHODES IS ON MARCH 25TH AT 8 AM. THEY CAN SPEAK TO HIM ABOUT THE POTENTIAL TRADE THEN. THE FINAL MEETING WITH ALL THE TOWNSHIPS AND COMMISSIONERS WILL BE ON APRIL 8TH AT 11 AM. HE STATED THAT SCHOOLER ROAD FROM BREESE TO HANTHORN IS SUPPOSED TO BE PAVED.

HE THEN ASKED IF HE NEEDS TO POST A SUMMER MOWING JOB. CHAIRMAN STOMBAUGH STATED YES, THEY WILL, AND THE BOARD GAVE PERMISSION TO POST IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ ASKED ABOUT A SIGN GRANT THAT IS AVAILABLE, BUT COREY STATED THAT THEY APPLIED FOR IT LAST YEAR AND GOT IT, SO THEY CAN'T APPLY AGAIN THIS YEAR.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR-

JOHN GAVE THE BOARD THE ZONING RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,951.19.

JOHN ASKED THE BOARD WHAT THEY SHOULD DO ABOUT 1030 HUME RD. PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN A CONVERTED GARAGE THAT DOES NOT MEET SQUARE FOOTAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR A RESIDENCE.

TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH EXPLAINED THAT THEY DID A LOT SPLIT AND THE POND AND GARAGE/POND HOUSE WAS SOLD AND CONVERTED INTO AN APARTMENT. HE SUGGEST SENDING THEM A LETTER LETTING THEM KNOW THE ZONING ISSUES.

JOHN THEN ASKED WHAT THE NEXT STEPS ARE FOR MILLER PERFORMANCE. THEY HAVE SPOKEN TO HIM AND HIS FATHER WITH NO LUCK AND IT LOOKS LIKE A JUNKYARD BECAUSE OF ALL THE VEHICLES. THE PROPERTY IS SOUTH OF AMHERST ON TOWNLINE. HE HAS BEEN RUNNING A BUSINESS FOR MANY YEARS. HE STATED THAT HE BOUGHT A PROPERTY IN AUGLAIZE COUNTY AND SAID HE WAS GOING TO MOVE CARS BUT HAS NOT. TRUSTEE COX STATED THAT HE SHOULD APPLY FOR A VARIANCE. TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH SUGGESTED WE SEND HIM A LETTER TO CLEAN UP THE PROPERTY FIRST.

MARY WILLIAMSON HAS A LOT FOR SALE, AND THE REALTOR CALLED JOHN. JOHN GAVE HER CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ARMY'S TOWING. THEY HAVE A SIGN SHE CAN PURCHASE FROM THEM AND POST THAT HAS AN ORC CODE ON IT THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO GO ON THE PROPERTY TO REMOVE ALL THE VEHICLES. THE TOWING COST WILL GO TO THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLES.

TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH ASKED ABOUT A PROPERTY ON BREESE RD THAT IS GETTING WORSE. JOHN STATED THAT THEY GOT A LETTER AND ARE TEARING UP THE GROUND. HE WILL SEND THEM ANOTHER LETTER.

INTERIM CHIEF JUSTIN ROBERTS, FIRE CHIEF-

BROOKE HEDGES SPOKE FIRST ABOUT HER MEETING WITH THE FAIR BOARD. THEY WANT AN AMBULANCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS, BUT SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE IT IS FEASIBLE FOR PERRY WITH THE RATES THEY WANT TO PAY. THEY WANT TWO EMT'S AND AN AMBULANCE THERE FROM 6 AM TO MIDNIGHT FOR \$500. ON FRIDAY SHE WILL BE ATTENDING A MEETING THAT BRIAN IS HAVING WITH ALLEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS WHERE HE WILL LAY OUT THEIR PLAN AND GET COMMITMENTS FROM OTHER FIRE STATIONS FOR AMBULANCES. SHE IS REQUESTING THAT IF THEIR PLAN FALLS THROUGH, THEY WILL HAVE TO CONTRACT WITH PERRY FOR FULL-TIME PAY RATES TO MANDATE EMPLOYEES TO WORK IT. SHE IS CONFIRMING THE PLANS IN AN EMAIL WITH THE FAIR MANAGER, AND SHE SET A DEADLINE OF APRIL 15TH FOR THEM TO HAVE A FIRM PLAN IN PLACE. BROOKE STATED THAT PERRY HAS ALWAYS HAD AN EMS GATOR ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AND IF A PATIENT NEEDS TO BE TRANSPORTED, THEY TAKE THEM TO A GATE AND TRANSFER THEM TO THE AMBULANCE AND CARE STARTS WHILE THE PATIENT IS BEING TRANSPORTED ON THE EMS GATOR. CHIEF ROBERTS STATED THAT IF THEY GO FORWARD WITH THEIR PLAN AND IT DOES FALL THROUGH, PERRY WILL STILL BE THERE WHEN NEEDED TO TAKE CARE OF PATIENTS.

SOMEONE TOLD BROOKE OF A ZONING CONCERN OF A BAKERY ON STATE ROUTE 65 THAT HAS A SIGN IN FRONT OF THEIR HOUSE, MAKING IT LOOK LIKE THEY ARE OPERATING A BAKERY BUSINESS FROM THEIR HOUSE. JOHN BREWSTER STATED THAT THEY ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE A CERTAIN AREA OF A HOME AS A BAKERY, LAUNDRY SERVICE ETC BUT STILL NEED A PERMIT FOR A SIGN.

CHIEF ROBERTS WOULD LIKE TO FILL THE TWO FULL-TIME POSITIONS. THE 1ST WOULD BE A PROMOTION OF ANDREW KLAUS TO B SHIFT AS A FIREFIGHTER II AND ADVANCED EMT.

CHIEF ROBERTS THEN ASKED TO HIRE KREW KIZER AS A FULL-TIME LEVEL I FIREFIGHTER AND EMT ON A SHIFT AS A LEVEL I AND EMT-BASIC WITH A TENTATIVE START DATE OF MARCH 23RD IF NOT SOONER. HE THEN REQUESTED TO HIRE LOGAN BOWERS AS PART-TIME EMT AT THE APPLICABLE RATE AND APPOINT AS A VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTER.

JUSTIN THEN STATED THAT THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER DEPENDENTS' FUND IS SUBMITTED AND DONE.

THEY HAD COCKROACHES ON MEDIC 2 OVER THE WEEKEND. THEY CALLED ORKIN TO TREAT THE SQUAD AND THE BUILDING. THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA CHARGE OF \$300 FOR THAT. IT HAS BEEN OUT OF SERVICE AND WILL GO BACK INTO SERVICE TOMORROW.

JUSTIN IS FINISHING UP THE SOP'S AND SOG'S. HE SHOULD HAVE THEM READY FOR REVIEW SOON. THEY WILL BE EFFECTIVE MARCH 31ST.

HE HAS ALSO REVIEWED THE HANDBOOK AND HAS HIS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TOP. TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH STATED THAT STARTING IN APRIL, WE WILL MEET WITH FRED LORD AND GET A NEW HANDBOOK THIS YEAR. WE WILL SET UP MANDATORY TRAININGS ALSO.

JUSTIN SUBMITTED AN INVENTORY LIST OF OLD EQUIPMENT THAT NEEDS TO BE DISPOSED OF OR DONATED TO APOLLO, PERRY SCHOOLS ETC

JUSTIN THEN TURNED IN A LIST OF TURNOUT GEAR AND WHEN IT IS EXPIRING OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THEY THEN SPOKE ABOUT MOVING TO GOOGLE WORKSPACE FOR 25 USERS. THE BOARD WISHED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A TOWNSHIP-WIDE EMAIL. CHRISTINA AND ASHLYN ARE GOING TO WORK ON SETTING IT UP. BROOKE SPOKE ABOUT TRAINING THAT IS AVAILABLE ONLINE TO TEACH EVERYONE HOW TO USE IT.

GUESTS

BETSY BILLINGSLEY (VISIT GREATER LIMA) – SHE PROVIDED A HANDOUT TO THE BOARD AND FISCAL OFFICER OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM 2025 AND STATED IT HAD BEEN A GREAT YEAR. SHE THEN THANKED TRUSTEE KEVIN COX FOR CONTINUING TO BE ON THEIR BOARD. SHE THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE MARKETING FOR VISIT GREATER LIMA, WHICH WAS REBRANDED AND GIVEN A FRESH NEW LOOK. THEY HAD THE FIRST EXPO AND ATTENDED LOTS OF CONFERENCES LAST YEAR. THEY WERE ALSO RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL TRAVEL ASSOCIATION FOR BLOG AND PRINT MEDIA AND THEY WON A RUBY AWARD. SHE THEN SPOKE ABOUT MOORICE, WHICH IS A 28-FOOT COW AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FAIRGROUNDS, AND HE NOW HAS A PIN DROP ON GOOGLE MAPS AS AN ATTRACTION. THEIR BIGGEST EVENT WAS HEARSE MANIA FOR SUPERIOR COACH, WHERE MOST OF THE HEARSES ARE MADE WITH OVER 2,100 VISITORS TO THE CAR SHOW AND BROUGHT IN ABOUT \$2.9 MILLION OF TOURISM INTO THE COUNTY. THEY ALSO DID 11 GRANTS LAST YEAR TOTALING \$122,948 FOR SOME AMAZING PROJECTS. THEY WERE DOWN ABOUT 3% LAST YEAR BUT EXPECT 2026 TO BE GREAT. CHRIS ASKED BETSY ABOUT THE FUNDING FROM LODGING EXCISE TAX AND HOW MUCH PERRY TOWNSHIP CONTRIBUTES TO THE CONVENTION CENTER BECAUSE OF THE FIVE HOTELS IN PERRY TOWNSHIP. SHE EXPLAINED THAT WE ONLY GET THOSE FUNDS BECAUSE OF THE CONVENTION CENTER.

JASON STOMBAUGH – HE STATED THAT BROOKE HAD TO LEAVE BUT WANTED US TO KNOW THAT THE SCHOOL IS HAVING A MOCK CAR CRASH ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD AT PERRY SCHOOLS.

DAVE STOMBAUGH, RON MCELWAIN, ASHLYN TRACY, SAM HUFFMAN, BOB PHILLIPS, NICK MYERS, JIM CLEMENTZ, BROOKE HEDGES

TRUSTEES

RESOLUTIONS

KEVIN COX MOVED FOR RESOLUTION #2026.0303-01 TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT FOR BWC TRUE-UP FOR 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,276.00, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.

MOTIONS

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2026, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.

SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$90,986.18, 2ND KEVIN COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.

FRANK CLEMENTZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT TO ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,165.90 FOR PUMP HALE PACK, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT TO HUFFMAN, KELLEY, AND BROCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,775.00 FOR THE VICTORY LOUNGE LEGAL CASE, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.

FRANK CLEMENTZ MADE A MOTION TO PAY CLEMANS-NELSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,480.00 FOR THE PERSONNEL ISSUES AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 2ND KEVIN COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR DECEMBER 2025, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR JANUARY 2026, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CREDIT CARD RECONCILIATION FOR JANUARY 2026, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.

SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO POST THE REVISIONS ON THE PERRY WEBSITE, 2ND KEVIN COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.

AGREEMENT WITH HIGHLIGHTED CHANGES ATTACHED AND EXPLAINED THE EDITS TO THE PUBLIC AND THE BOARD.

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE KEVIN RADER, JASON SMEDLEY, AND LORI ITEN FROM THE CREDIT CARD POLICY AND TO CLOSE SAID CARDS, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LORI ITEN AS POLICE DEPT ADMINISTRATOR, 2ND KEVIN COX.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.
RESIGNATION ATTACHED**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:53 PM WITH ATTORNEY SAM HUFFMAN FOR POLICE PERSONNEL, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:16 PM, 2ND KEVIN COX.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.
NO ACTION TAKEN**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATE FROM CULP TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 TO TAKE DOWN TWO DEAD TREES ON BREESE AND HUME ROADS, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ZONING RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,951.19, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO PROMOTE ANDREW KLAUS AS A FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER II AND ADVANCED EMT AT THE APPLICABLE RATE TO B SHIFT, PENDING PASSING AN OP&F PHYSICAL EFFECTIVE MARCH 23RD IF NOT SOONER, 2ND KEVIN COX.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO HIRE KREW KIZER AS A FULL-TIME LEVEL I FIREFIGHTER AND EMT-BASIC ON A SHIFT AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, PENDING PASSING AND OP&F PHYSICAL, WITH A TENTATIVE START DATE OF MARCH 23RD IF NOT SOONER, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**FRANK CLEMENTZ MADE A MOTION TO HIRE LOGAN BOWERS AS PART-TIME EMT AT THE APPLICABLE RATE AND APPOINT HIM AS A VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER EFFECTIVE MARCH 4TH, 2026, 2ND KEVIN COX.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE A LIST OF OLD UNUSED ITEMS FROM THE FIRE INVENTORY LIST TO EITHER DONATE OR DISPOSE OF THOSE THAT HAVE NO VALUE, 2ND KEVIN COX.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE GOOGLE WORKSPACE FOR 25 USERS AT A COST OF \$2,100, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL COMPENSATION WITH ASHLYN TRACY AND JUSTIN ROBERTS AT 8:08 PM, 2ND KEVIN COX.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:35 PM, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.
NO ACTION TAKEN**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY ATTORNEY SAM HUFFMAN \$1,500 (\$500 FOR FEBRUARY, \$1,000 FOR MARCH) PLUS ANY BILLABLE HOURS AT THE END OF MARCH 2026, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:37 PM, 2ND KEVIN COX.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES.**