

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MEETING
HELD APRIL 21, 2026

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION, CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM BY CHAIRPERSON SCOTT STOMBAUGH - PRESENT, KEVIN COX - ABSENT, FRANK CLEMENTZ - PRESENT, ROLL CALL BY FISCAL OFFICER. THE TRUSTEES PRAYER WAS READ AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH – FISCAL OFFICER –

THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY CANCELED THE MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 5TH DUE TO THE ELECTION. THEY ARE NOW RESCHEDULING IT FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH.

AT THE PRIOR MEETING THE BOARD APPROVED A REALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000. CHRIS THEN ASKED TO APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER TO APPROVE SPENDING THAT AMOUNT.

CHRIS REMINDED DEPARTMENT HEADS TO HAVE THE NEWSLETTER INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE MAY 6TH MEETING.

CHRIS RECEIVED A CHECK FROM CHIEF ITEN FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR POLICE TRAINING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$414.00 FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL.

CHIEF INSPECTOR FOSTER INSPECTED THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING AND STATED THAT THE EMERGENCY LIGHTS ARE NOT WORKING PROPERLY. NICK ADAMS AND COREY WILL CHECK OUT THE ISSUE.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

JOHN ITEN – POLICE CHIEF – ABSENT

NO REPORT PROVIDED.

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR – ABSENT, NICK ADAMS PRESENT-

NICK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN. TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH EXPLAINED THAT IT ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO REQUEST ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO BE PAID FOR BY LARGER COMPANIES THAT COME INTO THE AREA SUCH AS DRAINAGE, ROAD WIDTH, ROUNDABOUTS ETC. THE DOWNFALL IS THAT THEY CAN APPROVE DRIVEWAY ACCESS POINTS.

THE COUNTY HAS BEEN DOING SOME TILE JETTING (CLEANING).

THERE IS ALSO A ROAD CLOSURE SIGN BY THE SIGN IN TABLE. KERR IS CLOSED BETWEEN MADDEN AND AMHERST FOR 8 WEEKS.

THE TREES ON BREESE AND HUME ARE DOWN AND AREA IS CLEANED UP.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR –

JOHN STATED THAT THEY HAD A ZONING BOARD MEETING LAST WEEK AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SASHA WEIGT UPDATE ALL THE RESOLUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED. SHE WOULD BE CREATING PDF'S AND CONTROL DOCUMENTS SO THAT THEY CAN ADD ALL THE UPDATED REGULATIONS TO THE WEBSITE FOR THE RESIDENTS. BROOKE EXPLAINED THAT IT IS NOT FOR THE ZONING BOOK BUT FOR ALL THE UPDATES. SASHA VOLUNTEERED TO DO IT FOR UP TO \$30/HR FOR A MAXIMUM OF \$500 TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 2 MONTHS. MOTION BELOW. TRUSTEE COX WANTS TO BE SURE THAT ADAM HAUNHORST HAS A CHANCE TO LOOK AT ANYTHING BEING UPDATED. JOHN STATED THIS IS ALL RESOLUTIONS THAT PASSED WHILE ADAM WAS AT REGIONAL PLANNING SO HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY HIM.

JOHN RECEIVED A COMPLAINT THAT SOMEONE IS BURYING AND BURNING TRASH AT WAUGHTEL'S PROPERTY ON 4TH STREET. HE IS WAITING TO SEE IF THE PROPERTY IS IN PROBATE BECAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HE CAN SEND A LETTER TO. NICK ADAMS STATES THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN OUT TO THE PROPERTY FOR BURNING WITHIN THE LAST MONTH. JOHN WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO OUR ATTORNEY AFTER THE MEETING TO FIND OUT WHAT HE CAN DO. FIRE CHIEF ROBERTS STATED THAT THEY CAN BE TURNED OVER TO EPA FOR HABITUAL ILLEGAL BURNING OF TRASH.

JOHN HAS SENT LETTERS OUT TO RESIDENTS FOR VIOLATIONS. HE HASN'T HAD ANY RESPONSES YET.

TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ ASKED JOHN ABOUT A RESIDENT ON LENNOX THAT STATES HER NEIGHBOR IS DIGGING A BIG HOLE IN THEIR BACKYARD. SHE THINKS THEY ARE BUYING TRASH. JOHN HAS BEEN WATCHING A PROPERTY OVER THERE ABOUT BURYING TRASH.

JUSTIN ROBERTS, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF –

CHIEF ROBERTS STATED THAT THEY ARE STILL WAITING ON THEIR DRUG LICENSE. THE FEES ARE WAIVED FOR 3 YEARS.

THE GRANTS ARE STILL PENDING.

THE MOCK CAR CRASH IS AT PERRY HIGH SCHOOL ON APRIL 23RD.

PANCAKE DAY IS MAY 2ND FROM 7 AM - 11 PM.

CHIEF ROBERTS ASKED TO REINSTATE LACY PRICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AFTER RETURNING FROM ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE. MOTION BELOW

HE THEN ASKED TO APPOINT KYLE HANTHORN AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER. HE PASSED HIS CERTIFICATION TONIGHT. MOTION BELOW

CHIEF ROBERTS THEN STATED THAT ERIN WERNER HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED HER ADVANCED EMT CERTIFICATION. CHRIS STATED THAT SHE WILL NEED THE PAPERWORK FOR THAT AND WILL INCREASE HER HOURLY RATE. MOTION BELOW

CHIEF ROBERTS THEN REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AN EMPLOYEE PROMOTION. MOTION BELOW. CHAIRMAN STOMBAUGH THEN SWORE NICK ADAMS IN AS A FIRE CHIEF STARTING JUNE 29TH.

CHIEF ROBERTS THEN REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR COMPENSATION OF TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES. THE TEMPORARY 12-WEEK PAY INCREASES ENDS ON MAY 4, 2026, SO PAY WILL BE AS FOLLOWS FOR PART-TIME:

Part-time rates by Certification	
Basic - EMT	\$ 15.50
Advanced EMT	\$ 16.00
Paramedic	\$ 16.50
Fire Inspector	\$ 17.00

RUNNERS PAY WILL REMAIN THE SAME AT \$40/RUN.

ASSISTANT EMS CHIEF POSITION WILL BE PAID AT \$300/MONTH.

CHIEF ROBERTS EXPLAINED THAT PRIOR TO THE 12-WEEK TEMPORARY RAISES, ALL THE PART-TIME CERTIFICATIONS WERE BEING PAID THE SAME AND WILL NOW BE SEGREGATED. MOTION BELOW

CHIEF ROBERTS THEN REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE COMPENSATION OF TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE ASHLYN TRACY. MOTION BELOW.

CHIEF ROBERTS THEN REQUESTED TO SEND ASHLYN TRACY TO RHODES STATE UNIVERSITY FOR PARAMEDIC SCHOOL FOR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$8,857.25, WHICH WILL BE BILLED AND PAID BY SEMESTER, INCLUDING PREREQUISITE CLASSES, PARAMEDIC CLASSES, AND BOOKS.

TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH THEN STATED THAT NICK ADAMS WILL BE APPOINTED TO A NEWLY CREATED, TEMPORARY POSITION, FULL-TIME ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$27.00 FROM MAY 4TH - JUNE 28TH.

TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH ALSO ASKED NICK TO TURN IN A RESIGNATION FROM HIS FULL-TIME POSITION AT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT.

KEVIN COX THEN SPOKE ABOUT ENTERING INTO AN INTERNSHIP WITH APOLLO FOR STUDENTS TO WORK AT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE TRAINED ON HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND WILL HAVE A CDL. THEY WOULD PAY INTO SOCIAL SECURITY. WE WILL LOOK MORE INTO THE LEGALITIES BEFORE COMMITTING, BUT WILL NOT POST THE FULL-TIME POSITION FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT.

The temporary 12-week pay increases end on May 3, 2026 so pay will be as follows for full-time:

Name	*Hourly Rate as of 2-9-2026	Nick's Rate with annual raise 4-9-2026	Post 12 week wages for full-time	CE Instructor credited at 4/7 meeting	
N Myers	\$21.38	\$21.94	\$19.94	\$0.10	\$20.04
J Sprague	\$18.26		\$16.26		
B Lee	\$20.32		\$18.32		
M Carney	\$17.55		\$15.55		
L Bowers	\$17.55		\$15.55		
K Kizer	\$17.55		\$15.55		

GUESTS

BRIAN WINEGARDER – (ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER). HE INTRODUCED HIMSELF. HE IS UP FOR ELECTION THIS YEAR AND STATED THAT IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS THAT HE WILL BE HERE FOR A LITTLE BIT.

JERRY HUNT – JERRY STATED THAT HE HAS OVERSEEN THE PERRY RENTAL HALL FOR ABOUT 13 YEARS. HE GAVE A REPORT ABOUT THE 2025 RESERVATIONS AND THE FUNDS COLLECTED TO THE BOARD. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 84 PAID EVENTS AND 2 UNPAID EVENTS FOR NON-PROFITS. 69 OF THOSE WERE PERRY RESIDENTS, AND 15 WERE NON-RESIDENTS. THE 1ST YEAR THEY ONLY HAD 13 RESERVATIONS, AND THEY NOW HAVE 84. HE BROKE DOWN HOW MANY EMPLOYEES RENT IT, HOW MANY RENT ALL DAY OR FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD. TOTAL PROCEEDS WERE \$8,700. HE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND TO ONLY RENT THE HALL FOR ALL DAY TO PERRY RESIDENTS, AS MOST DO THAT ANYWAY. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT ALL PERRY TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES ARE ABLE TO

RENT THE HALL ALL DAY FOR ONE DAY EACH CALENDAR YEAR AT NO COST AS A PERK FOR WORKING FOR THE TOWNSHIP AS LONG AS THE BUILDING IS AVAILABLE. HE ALSO SUGGESTS THAT WE RENOVATE THE 1ST BAY IN THE GARAGE AS A RENTAL AREA. THERE ARE MANY TIMES HE COULD RENT OUT ANOTHER AREA IF IT WERE AVAILABLE. HIS NEXT SUGGESTION IS TO PUT UP PALLET BOARDS AS AN ACCENT WALL. THE WOOD IS STILL SITTING IN THE GARAGE. HE WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO FIND SOMEONE WILLING TO PUT THOSE BOARDS UP ON THE NORTH WALL FOR PEOPLE TO HANG THINGS ON SO THAT IT SAVES THE OTHER WALLS. THE WALLS ARE GETTING RUINED BY TAPE AND WILL NEED TO BE REPAINTED.

DAVE STOMBAUGH - DAVE ASKED ABOUT A MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS THAT SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP PASSED. TRUSTEES WILL CHECK IF WE NEED A TEMPORARY HOLD ON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY. BROOKE HEDGES STATED THAT IN THE ZONING MEETINGS THEY SPOKE ABOUT PUTTING SOMETHING IN THE BOOK THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAP INTO A WATER SOURCE SUCH AS THE HYDRANT SYSTEM OR MUNICIPAL WATER SO THAT IF THEY DIG A DEEP WATER WELL THEY WON'T EMPTY RESIDENTS' WELLS. TRUSTEES WILL RESEARCH IT. FRANK CLEMENTZ STATED THAT SHAWNEE NOW HAS 1 ½ YEARS TO COME UP WITH A PLAN ON WHAT THEY WANT TO DO WITH DATA CENTERS. TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH STATED THAT THEY ARE ALSO DISCUSSING SMALL NUCLEAR PLANTS TO GENERATE POWER FOR DATA CENTERS.

JASON STOMBAUGH, JIM CLEMENTZ, ASHLYN TRACY, BROOKE HEDGES, BILL FOSTER, TODD GARDNER, BRENDA DUNLAP, CALLIE ADAMS

TRUSTEES

NOTHING FURTHER.

MOTIONS

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 7, 2026, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.

KEVIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM APRIL 3, 2026, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 17, 2026, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$41,921.18, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.

FRANK CLEMENTZ MADE A MOTION TO RESCHEDULE THE CANCELED TRUSTEE MEETING FROM MAY 5TH TO WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH AT 6:30 PM, 2ND KEVIN COX. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR ACCOUNTING AND LEGAL FEES, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.

SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ACCESS MANAGEMENT ROADS, 2ND KEVIN COX. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SASHA WEIGT TO BE PAID \$30 PER HOUR WITH A MAX OF \$500 TO CREATE PRIOR APPROVED RESOLUTIONS IN PDF FORM BE COMPLETED WITHIN 2 MONTHS, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO REINSTATE LACEY PRICE TO ACTIVE STATUS AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AT THE APPLICABLE RATE AFTER RETURNING FROM MILITARY SERVICE, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT KYLE HANTHORN AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ERIN WERNER FOR AN APPLICABLE RATE INCREASE FOR EARNING AN ADVANCED EMT CERTIFICATION, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AN EMPLOYEE PROMOTION WITH NICK ADAMS AT 7:07 PM, ALSO WITH JUSTIN ROBERTS, BROOKE HEDGES, TODD GARDNER, SAM HUFFMAN, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH. SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:36, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.
ACTION TAKEN: NICK ADAMS WAS HIRED AS FIRE CHIEF AT A SALARY OF \$66,000 STARTING ON JUNE 29TH.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT NICK ADAMS AS FIRE CHIEF, EFFECTIVE JUNE 29, 2026 AT A SALARY OF \$66,000 PER YEAR, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ADD A NEW TEMPORARY POSITION OF FULL-TIME ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF AND APPOINT NICK ADAMS AT A RATE OF \$27 PER HOUR UNTIL JUNE 28TH, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH THEN SWORE NICK ADAMS AS FIRE CHIEF AND HIS WIFE CALLIE PINNED HIS BADGE ON HIM.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR COMPENSATION OF TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES AT 7:42 PM, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.
ACTION TAKEN: RUNNERS PAY WILL REMAIN AT \$40/RUN
BEGINNING MAY 4TH PAY PERIOD PART TIME RATES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

Part-time rates by Certification	
Basic - EMT	\$ 15.50
Advanced EMT	\$ 16.00
Paramedic	\$ 16.50
Fire Inspector	\$ 17.00

BROOKE HEDGES WILL REMAIN AS THE ASST EMS CHIEF AND WILL BE PAID \$300 PER MONTH.

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO KEEP RUNNERS' PAY AT \$40 PER RUN, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BROOKE HEDGES \$300 PER MONTH FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT EMS CHIEF, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO SET PART-TIME PAY RATES AS FOLLOWS: BASIC EMT \$15.50/HOUR, ADVANCED EMT \$16.00 PER HOUR, PARAMEDIC \$16.50 PER HOUR AND FIRE INSPECTOR AT \$17.00 PER HOUR. 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:48 PM FOR COMPENSATION OF A TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE, ASHLYNN TRACY WITH NICK ADAMS, JUSTIN ROBERTS, BROOKE HEDGES AND SAM HUFFMAN, 2ND KEVIN COX.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:04 PM, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.
ACTION TAKEN: AFTER THE TEMPORARY PAY INCREASES END ON MAY 3RD, ASHLYNN TRACY'S HOURLY RATE WILL BE \$21.00 PER HOUR AND TO ALLOW HER TO ATTEND RHODES STATE FOR PARAMEDIC CLASSES.**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO SET THE HOURLY RATE FOR ASHLYNN TRACY TO \$21.00 PER HOUR, STARTING MAY 4, 2026, FRANK CLEMENTZ.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW ASHLYNN TRACY TO ATTEND RHODES STATE FOR PARAMEDIC SCHOOL FOR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$8,857.25, INCLUDING PREREQUISITE CLASSES, PARAMEDIC CLASSES AND BOOKS, 2ND KEVIN COX.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.**

**KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:17 PM, 2ND SCOTT STOMBAUGH.
SCOTT STOMBAUGH – YES, KEVIN COX – YES, FRANK CLEMENTZ – YES.**