

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

MEETING  
HELD MAY 19, 2026

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

**CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER –**

CHRISTINA SPOKE ABOUT THE BILLS AND REQUESTED A MOTION TO PAY \$3,026.25 TO HUFFMAN, KELLEY & BROCK FOR APRIL’S BILLABLE HOURS.

CHRIS ASKED FOR RESOLUTIONS FOR A 1.0 MIL LEVY AND A 1.5 MIL LEVY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHRIS THEN EXPLAINED THAT SHE DECREASED A PURCHASE ORDER FOR GENERAL FUND – OTHER EXPENSES TO REALLOCATE FUNDS TO ACCOUNTING & LEGAL FEES FOR \$20,000 TO COVER INCREASED LEGAL FEES AND TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL PURCHASE ORDER FOR GENERAL FUND - ACCOUNTING & LEGAL FEES FOR \$20,000. 5/29/26 BUDGET MEETING AT 9 AM.

CHRIS THEN REMINDED EVERYONE ABOUT THE BUDGET MEETING ON FRIDAY, MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 9 AM WITH THE WORK SESSION TO FOLLOW.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**JOHN ITEN, POLICE CHIEF –**

SARGENT JOSEPH HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE LEADS REP FOR AN AUDIT, AND IT PASSED. THEY WERE AWARDED THE VEST GRANT FROM STATE.

JARED ARNOLD HAS REQUESTED TO BE RELIEVED OF A MINIMUM OF 20 HOURS FOR THE BIRTH OF A CHILD. HE TOOK 3 MONTHS FROM HIS FULL-TIME JOB.

THERE IS A NEW STATE MANDATE ABOUT FINGERPRINTING FOR ANY ARREST. EVEN THOSE NOT GOING THROUGH THE BOOKING PROCESS. THERE ARE QUESTIONS ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE. ALLEN COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS ARE WORKING WITH THE STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. WE MAY HAVE TO HAVE OUR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE INVOLVED. THEY ARE HAVING A CHIEFS ASSOC MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT WHERE THEY WILL DISCUSS.

CHIEF ITEN THEN REQUESTED A ROOSTER SPOT FOR TODD GARDNER FOR POLICE TRAINING TO BE A COMBAT MEDIC. TODD TOOK ALL THE COMBAT MEDIC TRAINING AT HIS OWN COST. TO TAKE TRAINING THROUGH OPATA FOR FIREARMS TRAINING AND DECISION MAKING UNDER STRESS, HE HAS TO BE UNDER THE POLICE ROOSTER IN AN UNPAID SPOT, AND HE WOULD HAVE TO RECERTIFY EVERY YEAR. OHIO STATE PATROL AND BIG CITIES ARE ALREADY DOING THIS, AND LIMA HAS AN INITIATIVE TO START IT AS WELL. IT IS FOR DEFENSE OF POTENTIAL PATIENTS AND OTHER EMS WITH AN ARMED MEDIC. POLICE ARE NOT DOING MEDICAL; THEY ARE HUNTING FOR THE ASSAILANT, SO VICTIMS ARE NOT BEING TREATED UNTIL THERE IS AN ALL CLEAR. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAVE VEST. TODD IS VERY FLUENT WITH FIREARMS. HE WILL NOT HAVE ARREST POWERS. HE WILL ONLY BE PROVIDING SECURITY FOR HIMSELF, VICTIMS, AND OTHER EMS PERSONNEL ON SCENE. TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ ASKED ABOUT THE OTHER STAFF WHO WOULD BE GOING INTO A SCENE WITH TODD. TODD STATED THAT RESCUE TASK FORCE TRAINING IS MANDATORY FOR EMS STAFF MEMBERS ALREADY, AND THEY HAVE COUNTY-WIDE TRAINING. BROOKE STATED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST STEP TO START THIS. THEY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH ALL TRAINING AND POLICIES THAT WILL BE IN PLACE BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE. THEY ALSO SPOKE WITH THEIR MEDICAL DIRECTOR, AS LONG AS TODD DOESN'T OPERATE OUTSIDE OF THEIR SCOPE, THEY ARE FINE WITH IT. AMERICAN TOWNSHIP AND SHAWNEE ARE LOOKING INTO IT ALSO. HE WOULD ALSO NOT BE ARMED AT REGULAR EMS CALLS. HE WILL NOT HAVE TO TAKE ALL THE CPT TRAINING THAT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED. TODD THEN SPOKE ABOUT HIS QUALIFICATIONS THROUGH THE MILITARY AND POST-MILITARY EXPERIENCE. OHIO DOES HAVE AN ORC FOR ARMED MEDICS. ORC #109.771 AND #2923.126 WAS DISCUSSED, WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES.

CHIEF ITEN THEN REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH OFFICER CAPPS FOR PERSONNEL.

CHAIRMAN STOMBAUGH THANKED MR CAPPS FOR THE SERVICE TO THE TOWNSHIP AFTER TRUSTEE COX READ HIS RESIGNATION.

**COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR –**

THE TWO PART-TIME STUDENTS WILL START ON JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>. SAFETY EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED, SUCH AS SAFETY GOGGLES. COREY WILL MAKE SURE THEY WEAR SAFETY GEAR. THEY WILL PAY INTO OPERS AS MINORS FOR SUMMER. FROM JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> – AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, THEY WILL BE TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES, AND ONCE SCHOOL STARTS, THEY WILL BE APPRENTICES THRU APOLLO.

COREY WILL BE ON VACATION JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup>. BOTH STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE ON VACATION AT THAT TIME.

HE IS TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH MOWING BETWEEN THE RAIN.

THEY THEN SPOKE ABOUT T-SHIRTS AND COLLARED POLO SHIRTS THRU VISTA PRINT. PRICE WILL BE \$25 - \$40. COREY WILL ORDER THE SHIRTS FOR THE TRUSTEES, ZONING INSPECTOR, AND FISCAL OFFICER.

**JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR –**

THE ZONING BOARD MET LAST WEEK. ADAM HAUNHORST IS GOING TO GET AN UPDATED BOOK WITH ALL THE CHANGES IN IT.

HE HAD ONE RETURNED LETTER FROM THE CERTIFIED LETTERS THAT HE SENT OUT. THEY HAVE UNTIL MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> TO RESPOND. HE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO HAVE LEGAL HELP WITH A RESIDENT ON BREESE ROAD. CHRIS ASKED ABOUT ADAM HAUNHORST'S PAY. THE MOTION WAS FOR \$50/HOUR FOR UP TO 3 HOURS/MONTH. THE DECISION IS TO PAY HIM \$50 FOR THE ONE-HOUR MEETING HE ATTENDED. HE WILL NOT BE AN EMPLOYEE. HE WILL BE PAID JUST AS THE ZONING BOARDS ARE.

TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ ASKED ABOUT THE QUAIL FARM. HE DOESN'T HAVE A PARCEL NUMBER YET. THERE IS AG LAND FOR SALE.

PTC SOLD AGAIN. CREATE IS TAKEN OFF THE BUILDING SO THEY MUST HAVE SOLD AGAIN.

**JUSTIN ROBERTS, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF – NICK ADAMS, ASST FIRE CHIEF PRESENT ALSO**

ADAM HANDED OUT THANK YOU LETTERS FOR HELPING WITH PANCAKE DAY TO THE TRUSTEES.

NICK REQUESTS TO SEND 1402 TO FIX THE OIL LEAK. THE QUOTE FROM MILLER AUTO IS FOR \$3,500. HE THEN GAVE STATS FOR HOW MANY RUNS THE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ON SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH STATED THAT WITH THE AMOUNT OF OIL THAT LIES ON THE FLOOR AND EMPLOYEES NEEDING TO RUN OUT FOR CALLS, IT WOULD BE A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SOMEONE SLIPS AND FALLS.

HME SENT AN EMAIL. THEY WILL PICK UP 1404 NEXT THURSDAY AT THEIR EXPENSE AND TAKE IT TO THEIR FACTORY IN MICHIGAN. CONSUMABLE PARTS WILL COST THE TOWNSHIP, BUT WE WON'T GIVE THEM A BLANK CHECK. THEY NEED SEND AN ESTIMATE BEFORE WORK IS DONE THAT WE WILL NEED TO PAY FOR. TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH STATED THAT SINCE IT WAS BOUGHT IN 2024, IT HAS HAD CONSTANT ISSUES, SUCH AS COOLANT LEAKS, STEERING BOX, AND OTHER THINGS THAT COME LOOSE. THE MANUFACTURER IS GOING TO LOOK IT OVER FOR THE CONSTANT ISSUES. AT FINAL COMPLETION, THEY WILL GO UP AND INSPECT THE TRUCK WITH LOADED WEIGHT.

NICK REQUESTED TO APPOINT IAN BUTLER AS A PART-TIME VOLUNTEER AT THE APPLICABLE RATE.

THE HOSPITAL STATED THAT THE STAFF DID AN AWESOME JOB ON A CALL THE OTHER NIGHT.

INTERIM CHIEF ROBERTS STATED THAT COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT SO HE NEEDS TO BE INFORMED.

NICK IS DOING A GREAT JOB. HE SPOKE ABOUT PAY RATES AND IS NOT IN FAVOR OF PERMITTING ANYMORE BECAUSE WE ALREADY NEED TO REALLOCATE FUNDS TO COVER THE INCREASED PAYROLL THROUGH YEAR-END. CHRISTINA REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE TOPIC FURTHER. CHIEF ITEN ASKED TO TRANSFER A UTILITY TRAILER FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVENTORY. IT HAS NO VALUE.

NICK ASKED THE TRUSTEES IF THEY COULD ATTEND THE FAIRBOARD MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT AT 7 PM TO DISCUSS FAIR EMS COVERAGE.

**GUESTS**

**JASON STOMBAUGH, CATHY CLEMENTZ, BLAICI LEE, JOHN SPRAGUE**

**MAXINE HUBBARD –** SHE IS HERE TO CHECK ON HER BUILDING FOR LAWN EQUIPMENT AND HAY BALES. JOHN SPOKE TO SAM HUFFMAN THIS WEEK ABOUT IT.

**TJ MYERS -** HE ASKED IF THERE WAS A REASON THAT THE BOARD DECLINED HIRING A PREVIOUS EMPLOYEE. CHAIRMAN STOMBAUGH STATED THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF ISSUES WITH THEIR PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT ISSUES WITH THE TOWNSHIP.

**TRUSTEES**

TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH ASKED POLICE CHIEF ITEN ABOUT THE COMPANY IN BOWLING GREEN WHERE TIRES WERE PURCHASED. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT THEY ARE STATE BID TIRES AND ARE BEING PUT ON THE CHARGER AT ADA AUTOMOTIVE ON FRIDAY.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2026.0519-01 FIRE LEVY RENEWAL FOR 1.0 MIL.**

**BOARD APPROVES THE RESOLUTION TO PROCEED, 2<sup>ND</sup> SCOTT STOMBAUGH.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**FRANK CLEMENTZ MADE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION # 2026.0519-02 FIRE LEVY RENEWAL FOR 1.5 MIL. BOARD APPROVES THE RESOLUTION TO PROCEED, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ - YES**

**MOTIONS**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 6, 2026, 2<sup>ND</sup> FRANK CLEMENTZ.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ - YES**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WORK SESSION FROM THE MAY 1, 2026 MEETING MINUTES FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> FRANK CLEMENTZ.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WORK SESSION FROM THE MAY 15, 2026 MEETING MINUTES FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> FRANK CLEMENTZ.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ - YES**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$40,451.75, 2<sup>ND</sup> FRANK CLEMENTZ.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT TO HUFFMAN, KELLEY & BROCK FOR BILLABLE HOURS FOR APRIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,026.25, 2<sup>ND</sup> SCOTT STOMBAUGH.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ - YES**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TO DECREASE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR GENERAL FUND – OTHER EXPENSES (1000-110-599) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO REALLOCATE TO GENERAL FUND - LEGAL & ACCOUNTING FEES, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR GENERAL FUND – ACCOUNTING & LEGAL FEES FOR INCREASED LEGAL COST, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM MICHELE HOUSEWORTH FROM THE ZONING BOARD EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, 2<sup>ND</sup> SCOTT STOMBAUGH.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**KEVIN COX READ THE RESIGNATION.**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO HIRE TODD GARDNER AS A TACTICAL SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM MEMBER WITH PERRY POLICE DEPARTMENT, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – ABSTAIN**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH OFFICER CAPPS AT 7:01 PM FOR PERSONAL WITH CHIEF ITEN, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:18 PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**ACTION TAKEN: ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM GEORGE “EDDY” CAPPS**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT A RESIGNATION FROM GEORGE “EDDY” CAPPS READ BY TRUSTEE COX, 2<sup>ND</sup> FRANK CLEMENTZ.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:22 PM FOR PERSONNEL WITH POLICE CHIEF ITEN, 2<sup>ND</sup> FRANK CLEMENTZ.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:35 PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FRANK CLEMENTZ.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**ACTION TAKEN: NONE**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO SEND 1402 TO MILLER AUTO FOR AN OIL LEAK AND APPROVE A QUOTE FOR \$3,500.00, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT IAN BUTLER AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2<sup>ND</sup> KEVIN COX.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:59 PM FOR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION WITH FIRE DEPT HEADS, JUSTIN ROBERTS, NICK ADAMS, BROOKE HEDGES, AND TODD GARDNER, 2<sup>ND</sup> FRANK CLEMENTZ.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:07 PM, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO TRANSFER A UTILITY TRAILER FROM THE POLICE DEPT TO FIRE DEPT INVENTORY, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**

**KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:14 PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FRANK CLEMENTZ.**

**STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES**