

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

BUDGET HEARING
HELD MAY 29, 2026

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MET IN BUDGET HEARING SESSION, CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM BY CHAIRPERSON SCOTT STOMBAUGH – PRESENT, KEVIN COX – PRESENT, FRANK CLEMENTZ – PRESENT, ROLLCALL BY FISCAL OFFICER. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER –

IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT CHRISTINA DID NOT SEND OUT PROJECTED REVENUE'S BECAUSE OF THE TAX REFORM BILL THAT PASSED. WE DON'T HAVE THE NUMBERS YET TO DO A PROJECTED REVENUE AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH WE WILL RECEIVE FOR THE SECOND HALF TAXES YET.

GUEST: JIM CLEMENTZ

JUSTIN ROBERTS - INTERIM FIRE CHIEF -

JUSTIN AND NICK DISCUSSED LEAVING ALL FUNDS THE SAME EXCEPT FOR ANY RAISES FOR THE PAYROLL ACCOUNTS, EXCEPT FOR SMALL TOOLS AND MINOR EQUIPMENT. THEY WOULD LIKE TO MOVE \$6,000 FROM TURN-OUT GEAR AND MOVE IT TO CAPITAL OUTLAY. THAT WOULD MAKE TURNOUT GEAR \$18,000. THEY WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT BUYING AN AMBULANCE IN TWO YEARS. THEY THEN SPOKE ABOUT A POSSIBLE LEVY IN THE FUTURE FOR INCREASED EXPENSES. THEY SPOKE ABOUT THE AGE OF THE EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT. IT IS ABOUT 18 YEARS OLD. A NEW ONE WOULD COST ABOUT \$100,000.00. THERE ARE GRANTS SUCH AS THE AFG GRANT BUT SINCE WE HAVE A CARRYOVER IT IS HARD TO GET THAT GRANT. HE SUGGESTED WE STAY AS LEAN AS POSSIBLE WITH THE BUDGET SINCE WE HAD AN ANOMALY THIS YEAR WITH TURN-OVER AND PAYROLL FUNDS.

COREY LEHMAN - ROAD SUPERVISOR -

COREY STATED THAT THEY WILL NEED A NEW FLAIL MOWER THAT WILL COST ABOUT \$12,000 AND WILL BE PAID OUT OF CAPITAL OUTLAY (2021-760-740-0000). THAT FUND CURRENTLY HAS \$20,453.82. THEY THEN DISCUSSED RAISING THE CAPITAL OUTLAY CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT TO \$40,000 PER YEAR. \$20,000 WAS THE NORMAL CONTRIBUTION WHICH DOES NOT ACCUMULATE FAST ENOUGH BECAUSE OF INCREASED COST. CHRIS WILL PUT IN A 3% RAISE FOR PAYROLL FUNDS AND LOOK AT IT AGAIN AT THE END OF THE YEAR DEPENDING ON INFLATION AND COLA. HE WOULD LIKE THE ROAD PROGRAM TO STAY AT \$220,000.00. THEY THEN DISCUSSED THE SALT BUILDING WALLS AND ROOF THAT NEED REPLACED. TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH ASKED COREY TO GET QUOTES ON IT. IT WOULD COME OUT OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

JOHN ITEN - POLICE CHIEF-

HE ASKED ABOUT A REVENUE LINE ITEM FOR POLICE REPORT CHECK DEPOSITS. THE CHECKS ARE FROM LEXISNEXIS AND ARE FOR \$3 EACH. CHRIS WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANOTHER REVENUE LINE ITEM FOR POLICE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST THROUGH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THEY

ARE CURRENTLY RECEIPTED TO A FEES REVENUE FUND WHICH ALSO RECEIVES ZONING PERMIT FEES. THE BOARD THEN SPOKE ABOUT VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FOR EACH DEPARTMENT. CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT THE CHARGER IS 14 YEARS OLD AND THE TRUCK IS 10 YEARS OLD. THEY DISCUSSED SELLING THE CHARGER AND TRUCK AND BUYING ANOTHER TAHOE SO THAT THE VEHICLES MATCH AND THEY HAVE A LONGER LIFE AND PRICES KEEP INCREASING. POSSIBLY BUYING A THIRD VEHICLE LATER. THEY THEN DECIDED TO INCREASE THE POLICE (GENERAL FUND) CAPITAL OUTLAY (1000-760-730-0000) TO \$10,000.00 PER YEAR. IT WAS \$5,000. CHIEF ITEN THEN STATED HIS PAY IS A LOT LOWER THAN THE FIRE CHIEF. CHRISTINA STATED THAT SHE DID DISCUSS PAY WITH CHIEF ITEN IN 2025 AND STATED THAT THE POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES ARE NOT THE SAME. THE FIRE CHIEF HAS A FULL-TIME DEPARTMENT WITH A LOT MORE EMPLOYEES, AND THEY GET CALLED IN AT ALL HOURS, ESPECIALLY FOR STRUCTURE FIRES OR ENTRAPMENT ACCIDENTS. THE POLICE CHIEF IS ABLE TO SET HIS OWN HOURS AND IS MORE FLEXIBLE. THE TWO POSITIONS DO HAVE A LOT OF PERSONAL RISK. THEY SPOKE ABOUT DOING LEASE OPTIONS OR USED VEHICLES INSTEAD OF NEW.

TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH THEN ASKED COREY TO GET PAINTING QUOTES FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR BUILDING TO PAINT IT THIS YEAR. WE THEN SPOKE ABOUT HIRING A TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR. WE WILL NEED TO REDO THE INTERIOR OF THE ADMIN BUILDING TO PROVIDE AN OFFICE FOR AN ADMINISTRATOR AND PROVIDE THE TRUSTEES WITH ACTUAL WORKING OFFICES OR CUBICLES. THEN THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE NEXT BUDGET MEETING BEING HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH OR TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH. BECAUSE OF VACATIONS WE WILL HOLD IT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 9 AM AND THE TRUSTEE WORK SESSION WILL FOLLOW.

SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET HEARING AT 9:50 AM, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.

STOMBAUGH - YES, COX - YES, CLEMENTZ - YES