

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

BUDGET HEARING
HELD JUNE 12, 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, ROLL CALL BY FISCAL OFFICER. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER –

CHRIS EXPLAINED THAT THE AMOUNTS IN GREEN HAVE NOT CHANGED FROM THE 2026 BUDGET, THE AMOUNTS IN YELLOW HAVE CHANGED, AND RED CHRIS NEEDED ADVICE FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS. FIRST, WE DISCUSSED GRANTS THAT WE PROJECT THAT WE WILL GET FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN 2027. INTERIM CHIEF ROBERTS STATED THAT THEY TRY TO GET EMS GRANT. THEY ARE TRYING FOR THE FEG GRANT AND AFG GRANT THAT WE PROBABLY WON'T GET BECAUSE OF OUR CARRYOVER BALANCE. HE STATED IF WE SEND SOMEONE FOR INSPECTOR OR LEVEL II, WE USUALLY GET REIMBURSED. CHRIS STATED THAT THE STATE GRANTS ARE CURRENTLY PROJECTED AT \$50,000 AND \$5,000 FOR LOCAL. JUSTIN STATED TO CUT BOTH IN HALF TO \$25,000 AND \$2,500. THEY ALWAYS GET GRANTS FOR MARCS RADIOS. SHE ALSO ASKED IF WE ARE PLANNING TO SELL ANYTHING BIG FOR THE PERMANENT FUND THAT HAS TO BE SPENT WITHIN 10 YEARS. JUSTIN DISCUSSED SELLING THE FORKLIFT POSSIBLY. HE THINKS IT NEEDS A STARTER. CHRIS WILL ADJUST THE REVENUE TO \$0 FOR FIRE AND ROADS REVENUE FOR PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT.

CHRIS STATED THAT SHE STARTED ANOTHER REVENUE LINE ITEM FOR POLICE REPORT FEES AND PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS. SHE SPOKE ABOUT SOME OF THE OTHER REVENUE LINES THAT CHANGED AND THE REASON WHY, SUCH AS THE LIQUOR PERMIT FEES THAT FLUCTUATE FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

CHRIS SUBSTITUTED THE ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER LINE ITEM FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND BUDGETED IT FOR UP TO 25 HOURS PER WEEK AT A MAX OF \$20 PER HOUR. SHE IS STILL CHECKING ON THE COMPENSATION CHART FOR TRUSTEES AND FISCAL OFFICER. SHE WILL CALL OTA AND ASK IF THERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A RAISE FOR 2027. SHE DID INCREASE LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING FEES. SHE ADDED AUDITING FOR EACH FUND THAT ADDS UP TO \$8,000 FOR 2027.

WE THEN DISCUSSED POLICE PAYROLL AND EXPENSES. THE COMPUTER CONTRACT WILL NEED TO BE RENEWED IN 2027, SO SHE ADDED THAT TO THE EXPENSES FOR EACH DEPARTMENT.

SHE CALCULATED A 3% RAISE TO ALL PAYROLL ITEMS. SHE DISCUSSED THE DISPATCH BILL. SHE HAS THE AMOUNTS THAT ARE DUE FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, AND SHE CALCULATED AN 80% FOR FIRE AND 20% FOR POLICE.

WE SPOKE ABOUT THE AMOUNT THAT IS GOING INTO CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR POLICE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT. WE WERE PUTTING \$5,000 PER YEAR, WHICH WILL TAKE A WHILE TO BUILD UP FOR A REPLACEMENT VEHICLE. WE DID DISCUSS CHANGING THAT TO \$10,000. WE WERE PUTTING \$20,000 IN ROADS DEPARTMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY AND WE ARE NOW PUTTING \$40,000 IN. OTARMA'S INSURANCE RATES GO UP AFTER A POLICE VEHICLE IS OVER 10 YEARS. THEY SPOKE ABOUT GOING TO JUST TWO POLICE CRUISERS INSTEAD OF THREE. THEY DECIDED TO RAISE THE POLICE CAPITAL OUTLAY AMOUNT

FOR 2027 TO \$15,000. CHIEF ITEN SPOKE ABOUT A POSSIBLE LEASE PURCHASE. THE TRUSTEES TOLD HIM TO CHECK INTO A LEASE. CHIEF ITEN THEN DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE RAISE IN HIS PAY. CHRIS AND CHIEF ITEN STATED THAT HE GETS 2 - 3 PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS PER WEEK ON AVERAGE. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY CHARGE FOR A REQUEST IF THEY ARE REQUESTING CAM VIDEO PER A NEWER HOUSE BILL. TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE CHIEF ITEN TO ANSWER THE LIST OF ITEMS THAT WAS GIVEN TO HIM BEFORE DISCUSSING A PAY RAISE. CHIEF ITEN FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ BE REMOVED AS A SUPERVISOR FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF CREATING A HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST HIM. INTERIM FIRE CHIEF ROBERTS SPOKE ABOUT THE SUPPORT AND INTERACTIONS BETWEEN TRUSTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS, PAST AND PRESENT. HE STATED THAT WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY. HE LEFT IN 2022 BECAUSE OF CONFLICT WITH A TRUSTEE. THE TRUSTEES ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ARE NOT TRAINED IN THE DEPARTMENT HEADS' POSITIONS. THE DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE HIRED TO THAT POSITION BECAUSE THEY ARE THE EXPERTS IN THAT ROLE. HE FEELS AS IF TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ SHOULD NOT BE OVER THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND STATED THAT HE HAS A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL THREE TRUSTEES. HE WOULD HAVE NO ISSUE IF TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ WERE OVER THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE THEN SPOKE ABOUT TRUSTEE COX. HE STATED THAT TRUSTEE COX ALWAYS TRIES TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP. WE ARE IN THESE POSITIONS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY. THERE SHOULD NOT BE HOSTILITIES FROM EITHER SIDE. WE NEED TO BE UNITED FOR THE COMMUNITY. COMMUNICATION IS KEY. TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ STATED HE WANTS 100% TRANSPARENCY. HE HAS ASKED THE POLICE CHIEF FOR CERTAIN THINGS TO BE DONE JUST AS OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS DO, AND IT ISN'T BEING DONE HERE. HE STATED WHEN HE ASKS QUESTIONS, HE DOESN'T GET THE ANSWERS.

CHRIS BRIEFLY SPOKE ABOUT ROAD DEPARTMENT'S RAISES. COREY HAS A 3% RAISE. JUSTIN SPOKE ABOUT THE TASC CARDS. CHRIS STATED BECAUSE OF TURNOVER SHE WOULD PREFER TO KEEP IT AT A HIGHER AMOUNT IN CASE WE GET MORE EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE FAMILIES.

CHRIS WILL SEND TO THE NEWS THAT THE BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION FOR 2 WEEKS AND WE CAN THEN APPROVE THE 2027 BUDGET AT THE MEETING ON JULY 7TH.

SCOTT STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET MEETING AT 10:02 AM, 2ND FRANK CLEMENTZ.

STOMBAUGH - YES, COX - YES, CLEMENTZ - YES