

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 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 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

CHRISTINA STOMBAUGH, FISCAL OFFICER –

AFTER APPROVING THE MEETING MINUTES NICK ADAMS, FIRE CHIEF SWORE IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND FULL-TIME STAFF. HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS A TRADITION FROM LONG AGO THAT HE WANTS TO BRINGS BACK. IT TAKES EVERYONE FORM THE OFFICERS DOWN TO THE VOLUNTEERS. FROM HERE FORWARD ALL OFFICERS AND FULL-TIME STAFF WILL BE SWORN IN. HE FIRST SWORE IN OFFICERS FOLLOWED BY FULL-TIME STAFF.

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,227.94

MOTION TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR CLEMANS AND NELSON FOR \$2,160 FOR CONSULTATIONS. FULL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT WAS \$2,680.00

NO MOTION NEEDED FOR JULY BED TAX PAYMENT OF \$20,942.99. WE RECEIVED \$41,885.98 FROM THE HOTELS AND SENT ½ TO LIMA/ALLEN COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE OFFICERS AND FULL-TIME STAFF

WE RECEIVED A ROAD PROGRAM INVOICE FOR \$43,296.43 FROM ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEERS, WHICH WAS ALREADY APPROVED IN THE BUDGET.

NEED A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2026.0901-01 TO ADOPT A TAX BUDGET FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2027, AND WAS PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE FROM ALLEN COUNTY AUDITOR OF THE RATE OF TAX LEVIED BY THE BOARD, AND ARE HEREBY ACCEPTED.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CREDIT CARD RECONCILIATION FOR AUGUST 2026.

WE ARE STARTING THE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CYBERSECURITY. ALL OFFICIALS, DEPT HEADS, AND STAFF WHO WORK ON COMPUTERS OR ANY TECH DEVICES WILL NEED TO PASS 10 TESTS. OFFICIALS AND DEPT HEADS WILL TAKE THE TEST FIRST AND WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE FISCAL OFFICER AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. DEPT HEADS OR DESIGNEES WILL THEN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE ALL RELEVANT STAFF COMPLETE ALL TESTS AND REVIEW SCORES. YOU MAY NOT MISS MORE THAN ONE QUESTION PER TEST. IT WAS DECIDED THAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO COMPLETE THE TRAINING BY THE END OF YEAR. PAY WAS DISCUSSED. ALL HOURLY AND SALARY EMPLOYEES CAN COMPLETE IT WHILE ON DUTY AND VOLUNTEERS CAN RECEIVE STANDARD RUN PAY FOR COMPLETING THEIRS. COREY STATED THAT THE SUMMER MOWER AND THE PART-TIME DON'T ACCESS COMPUTERS AT ALL SO THE BOARD AGREED THAT THEY ARE EXEMPT.

CHRIS ATTENDED OP&F TRAINING LAST WEEK. THEY ARE CHANGING THE REPORTING OF RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FULL-TIME FIRE FIREFIGHTER.

A FULL-TIME FIRE EMPLOYEE WAS HIRED IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR. THE MOTION WAS MADE FOR "APPLICABLE RATE". HIS RATE WAS ENTERED AS BASIC EMT AND LEVEL 1 FF, BUT WE DISCOVERED LAST WEEK THAT HE IS AND HAS BEEN A LEVEL 2 FF SINCE HIS HIRE DATE. LEVEL 1 IS PAID \$.30 EXTRA AND LEVEL 2 IS PAID \$.55 EXTRA. WE NEED A MOTION DATING FROM APRIL 7, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 9, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$277.78 FOR BACK PAY. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SPREADSHEET.

CHRIS REQUESTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

TOBY WATSON, INTERIM POLICE CHIEF –

INTERIM CHIEF WATSON CHECKED ON THE CRUISER AT MILLER AUTO. LIGHTS BEING ORDERED AND WILL BE REPAIRED.

HE GAVE TRUSTEE A RESIGNATION FROM KYLE MILLER. HE HAS TURNED IN HIS UNIFORMS AND GEAR. TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE INVENTORY. HE STATED THAT HE IS WORKING ON IT.

HE WILL EMAIL THE PEOPLE THAT SUBMITTED RESUMES FOR PART-TIME PATROLMEN TO ASK FOR APPLICATIONS ALSO. HE HAS A FEW INTERNAL APPLICANTS FOR POLICE CHIEF THAT HE WILL GIVE TO THE TRUSTEES. HE DID BEGIN DOING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR THE CHIEF POSITIONS.

COREY LEHMAN- ROAD SUPERVISOR –

CODEY SMITH WILL START NEXT WEEK WITH THE INTERNSHIP. HE WILL BE 2-WEEKS ON AND 2-WEEKS OFF. THE OTHER STUDENT MAY BE ABLE TO START WORKING HALF DAYS IN OCTOBER. TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH ASKED ABOUT THE HYDRANT ON BREESE. IT WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED COMPLETELY. THE CITY WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO DO IT. IT WAS HIT IN A WRECK AND WHEN THEY TRIED TO COP IT, IT BROKE COMPLETELY OFF.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR -

JOHN HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE PROPERTIES ON WONNELL AND SCHOOLER RD. THE HEALTH DEPT AND REGIONAL PLANNING HAVE APPROVED ALMOST EVERYTHING FOR THE NEW BUILD. THE EXISTING HOUSE MAY BE IN A FLOOD PLAIN. REGIONAL PLANNING APPROVED THE LOT SPLIT FOR THE WHOLE AREA IN 2 ½ ACRE PLOTS. THEY HAVE A SHARED DRIVEWAY. THE TRUSTEES ASKED IF THEY NEED AN EASEMENT FOR THE DRIVEWAY. IT IS NOT THE TOWNSHIP'S DECISION. IT SHOULD BE UP TO THE LANDOWNERS. WE CAN RECOMMEND THAT THEY NOT PUT A HOUSE ON THOSE LOTS, BUT WE CAN'T STOP THEM. SCHOOLER ROAD IS A COUNTY ROAD. THE NEW BUILD HAS A SPECIAL SEPTIC SYSTEM FOR THAT TYPE OF DIRT. THEY WERE TOLD THEY NEED A PERMIT BEFORE ANY DIRT IS ORDERED. THE TOWNSHIP ASKED FOR SITE REVIEWS FROM ALLEN SOIL AND WATER, WHICH IS PAID BY THE TOWNSHIP. WE MAY NEED TO FIND A WAY TO HAVE A SITE REVIEW MANDATORY FOR THE LANDOWNER AS IT IS FOR THE SITE REVIEWS AS IT IS THEIR BEST INTEREST. TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH STATED THAT THE VICTORY LOUNGE APPEAL CASE IS AT 9 AM ON SEPTEMBER 15TH. CHRIS PRINTED OUT THE INFORMATION SENT FROM LARRY HUFFMAN FOR THE LOCATION OF THE TRIAL AND DISCUSSED WHETHER ANYONE FROM THE TOWNSHIP SHOULD BE THERE.

NICK ADAMS, FIRE CHIEF -

BRAUN BROUGHT AN AMBULANCE TODAY AND DISCUSSED OPTIONS. THEY WILL SEND MORE INFORMATION IN 2-3 WEEKS. MEDIC 1 INVOICE FROM MILLER AUTO GIVEN TO CHRISTINA. IT WAS MISFIRING. 400 FT OF 5 INCH HOSE WAS DONATED ANONYMOUSLY WHICH WOULD HAVE COST ABOUT \$5,800.00. HE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO HIRE JACOB HAHN AS A BASIC EMT. HE THEN ASKED FOR MOTIONS TO APPOINT EMS ONLY EMPLOYEES AS VOLUNTEERS. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME EMPLOYEES GOING ON RUNS THAT DON'T HAVE A FIRE CARD BUT WAS NOT APPOINTED AS VOLUNTEERS WHEN HIRED. THIS WOULD ALLOW THEM TO EARN RUNNERS PAY. MOTION BELOW. CHIEF ADAMS THEN PASSED IN A 6 MONTH EVALUATION FOR AARON REAM TO PLACE IN HIS PERSONAL FILE. HE THEN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM JUSTIN ROBERTS. BROOKE HEDGES, ASSISTANT EMS CHIEF STATED PERRY SCHOOL HAS REQUESTED TO SHUT DOWN BREESE RD FROM THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING TO BOWMAN ROAD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD FOR A HOMECOMING PARADE FROM 6 PM - 7 PM. SCOTT OR COREY WILL PUT OUT ROAD CLOSED SIGNS AND INTERIM POLICE CHIEF WATSON OR ANOTHER OFFICER WILL ASSIST THE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE. THEY WILL THEN HAVE A POWERPUFF FOOTBALL GAME WITH THE GIRLS AND A BONFIRE. CHIEF ADAMS STATED THAT THE WEEK OF THE FAIR THEY HAD 48 CALLS FOR SERVICE WITH 29 BEING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. BROOKE THEN STATED THE TOWNSHIP WILL RECEIVE TWO CHECKS FROM THE FAIR FOR INVOICES. ONE WILL BE FOR EMS PAYROLL AND THE OTHER IS FOR THE FIRE AUXILIARY FOR VOLUNTEERS TIME. THE STAFF ALSO THANKED THE TRUSTEES FOR BUYING THEM MEAL EACH DAY AT THE PERRY SCHOOL BOOTH. CHAIRMAN STOMBAUGH STATED THAT IT IS A TRADITION THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE SO THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING OUR EMS EMPLOYEES AND PERRY SCHOOL BOOSTERS. CHIEF ADAMS THEN REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION BELOW. NICK THEN ASKED ABOUT THE HANDBOOK REVISIONS. CHRIS STATED THAT FRED LORD DID EMAIL THE REVISED HANDBOOK AND POLICIES. SHE WILL PUT THOSE INTO THE GOOGLE DRIVE AND KORINA WILL START REVIEWING THE PROPOSED CHANGES SO THAT WE CAN SCHEDULE THE NEXT MEETING WITH FRED.

GUESTS

SUSIE WERNER, MEGAN WERNER & FAMILY, RON MCELAIN, BEN HEDGES & FAMILY, JASON STOMBAUGH, JIM CLEMENTZ, GEORGE AND MELINDA CLEMENTZ, LARRY SIDENER, JENNA THOMPSON, A THOMPSON, THELMA & JOHN SPRAGUE, SHERRI & MATT NEELEY, HEATHER BUELL, EARL JOHNSON, CARMELITA JOHNSON, JASMINE RAMOS, KIM JESS, CHASE KIZER, BLAKE KIZER, NORM CAPPS

CATHY CLEMENTZ - STATED IT WAS NICE TO SEE ALL THE HEROES BEING SWORN IN.

RICK EDWARDS- NO STOP SIGN AT THE NORTH END OF SAM'S CLUB. IT MAY BE SAM'S RESPONSIBILITY, BUT COREY WILL CALL THE COUNTY TO CHECK.

DAVE STOMBAUGH - HE ASKED ABOUT THE PARKING AT THE PEPSI PLANT IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. THERE IS ONE CAR THAT HAS BEEN THERE FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS WITH FLAT TIRES. INTERIM CHIEF WATSON STATED THAT HE WILL CHECK TO SEE IF WE HAVE ANY RECOURSE. LARRY SIDENER STATED THAT WAS DISCUSSED BEFORE WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEERS.

TRUSTEES

CLEMENTZ - HE CONTACTED SPRINT ELECTRIC FOR A LIGHT QUOTE FOR THE SIGN AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HE ALSO CONTACTED AEP FOR A LIGHT IN THE PARKING LOT FOR THE ADMIN BUILDING. THEY WILL HAVE TO PULL A LINE FROM ACROSS THE ROAD TO PUT A FLOOD LIGHT ON THE MAILBOX POLE. FRANK ALSO REVIEWED THE AEP FOR CHANGES FOR TWO OUTDOOR LIGHTS, BUT WE ONLY HAVE ONE. THEY STATED THAT THEY WILL TAKE THE OTHER ONE OFF THE BILL. **RON MCELWAIN** STATED THAT WE USED TO HAVE MORE LIGHTS ABOUT 15 – 20 YEARS AGO, BUT AEP CAME AND TOOK TWO DOWN, WHICH ONLY LEFT ONE LIGHT.

FRANK THEN STATED THAT WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A POLICE CHIEF AND HAVE CONTACTED RHODES STATE AND OTHER POTENTIAL TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR CANDIDATES. WE ALSO POSTED THE POSITION AS WELL AS PATROL OFFICERS ON OHIO MEANS JOBS.

STOMBAUGH - THANKED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTING WITH THE FAIR.

RESOLUTIONS

COX MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #2026.0901-01 TO ADOPT A TAX BUDGET FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2027, AND WAS PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE FROM ALLEN COUNTY AUDITOR OF THE RATE OF TAX LEVIED BY THE BOARD, AND ARE HEREBY ACCEPTED. CLEMENTZ.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

MOTIONS

COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2026, 2ND CLEMENTZ.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 28, 2026, 2ND CLEMENTZ.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY 31, 2026, 2ND CLEMENTZ.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM , 2026, 2ND CLEMENTZ.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$136,227.94, 2ND CLEMENTZ.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CREDIT CARD RECONCILIATION FOR AUGUST 2025, 2ND CLEMENTZ.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR CLEMANS AND NELSON FOR \$2,160 FOR CONSULTATIONS. FULL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT WAS \$2,680.00, 2ND

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO RESCIND A MOTION FROM THE TRUSTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 7, 2026 TO HIRE LOGAN BOWERS AS A FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER LEVEL 1 AND EMT BASIC AT THE APPLICABLE RATE BECAUSE HE IS A LEVEL 2 FIRE FIGHTER, 2ND STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO HIRE LOGAN BOWERS AS A FULL-TIME FIRE FIGHTER LEVEL 2 AND EMT BASIC AT THE APPLICABLE RATE EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2026, 2ND STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BACK PAY TO LOGAN BOWERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$277.78 DUE TO A CLERICAL ERROR STATING HE IS A LEVEL 1 FIREFIGHTER INSTEAD OF A LEVEL 2 FIREFIGHTER, , 2ND STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES
SPREADSHEET ATTACHED.

COX MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:00 PM FOR EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WITH NICK ADAMS, BROOKE HEDGES AND KORINA WILKERSON, 2ND STOMBAUGH

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:12 PM, 2ND CLEMENTZ.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

ACTION TAKEN: CORRECTING THE HIRING OF ERIN WERNER FROM THE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2026.

STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO RESCIND A MOTION FROM THE TRUSTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2026, TO HIRE ERIN WERNER AS A FULL-TIME ADVANCED EMT AND 36-HOUR FIREFIGHTER AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, PENDING PASSING AN OP&F PHYSICAL STARTING AUGUST 21ST, 2026, 2ND COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – ABSTAIN

STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO HIRE ERIN WERNER AS AN ADVANCED EMT AND 36-HOUR FIREFIGHTER AT THE APPLICABLE RATE AND PAYING INTO OPERS RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 21ST, 2026, 2ND COX

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – ABSTAIN

COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KYLE MILLER FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE TODAY; 2ND CLEMENTZ

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

RESIGNATION READ BY STOMBAUGH

STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JACOB HAHN AS A PART-TIME EMT BASIC AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT LACILYNN GRAHAM AS A VOLUNTEER EMS AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT KRISTOPHER HUGHES AS A VOLUNTEER EMS AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT ANDREW INAMDAR AS A VOLUNTEER EMS AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COREY ROBERTS AS A VOLUNTEER EMS AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT SASHA WEIGT AS A VOLUNTEER EMS AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND STOMBAUGH.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MOTION TO ACCEPT A RESIGNATION FROM JUSTIN ROBERTS FROM THE PERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, 2ND CLEMENTZ

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

READ BY SCOTT STOMBAUGH, ATTACHED

STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:42 PM FOR IMMINENT COURT ACTION PER §ORC 121.22G3 WITH NICK, BROOKE AND KORINA, 2ND COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:51 PM 2ND COX.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES
NO ACTION TAKEN

CLEMENTZ MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:03 PM, 2ND COX.
STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES