

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 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 –

~CHRISTINA ASKED THE BOARD FOR A MOTION TO PAY THE NOW MARKETING INVOICE FOR \$2,500.00 FOR 30 HOURS OF SUPPORT.

~MOTION TO APPROVE AN INVOICE FROM HUFFMAN, KELLEY & BROCK FOR \$1,687.50 FOR BILLABLE HOURS FOR SAM HUFFMAN FOR AUGUST 2026.

~MOTION TO APPROVE THE INVOICE FROM KAS CONTAINERS FOR A 20-FOOT SHIPPING CONTAINER FOR \$3,000.

~CHRIS ASKED FOR THE BOARD'S PERMISSION TO SIGN KORINA AND HERSELF UP FOR FISCAL OFFICER TRAINING HELD IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS IN OCTOBER 2026. THE COST LAST YEAR WAS \$110. NO OVERNIGHT STAY WILL BE REQUIRED, AND THEY WILL SERVE LUNCH, DRINKS, AND SNACKS. MILEAGE WILL BE THE ONLY REIMBURSEMENT. REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN ANY DAY.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR-

COREY STATED THAT HE AND CODEY WENT TO A CLASS ON SNOW AND ICE CONTROL. IN OCTOBER, THEY WILL HAVE ANOTHER TRAINING.

THE RECLAMITE SEALING FOR ROAD PROGRAM HASN'T BEEN DONE YET. THE PAVING INVOICE WILL BE COMING SOON FROM BLUFFTON PAVING.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR

MILLER PERFORMANCE IS STARTING OVER, AND ATTORNEYS ARE WORKING ON IT. THEY WITHDREW THEIR VARIANCE APPLICATION, WHICH WAS INCOMPLETE. THEY WILL PROBABLY FILE ANOTHER VARIANCE. SAM HUFFMAN STATED THAT THEY HIRED AN ATTORNEY AND ASKED TO WITHDRAW THE APPLICATION. SAM HAS SPOKEN WITH HIM.

JOHN STATED THAT A RESIDENT CALLED HIM ABOUT A FENCE HE PUT UP THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE A PERMIT FOR. HE IS FILLING OUT THE PAPERWORK, AND HE IS OFF THE PROPERTY LINE. HE WILL CONTACT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ALSO.

STOMBAUGH AND CLEMENTZ WENT TO THE HEARING FOR VICTORY LOUNGE. THEY ARE NOW WAITING FOR A DECISION FROM THE JUDGE, WHICH MAY BE A WHILE.

NICK ADAMS, FIRE CHIEF-

THE LADDER TRUCK IS STILL AT ATLANTIC EMERGENCY. IT WILL BE ANOTHER 2 – 3 WEEKS.

APPLYING FOR GRANTS FOR TWO LIFE PACKS. IT WILL COST ABOUT \$130,000 FOR BOTH OF THEM. THEY HAVE A SERVICE LIFE OF ABOUT 10 YEARS.

KROWN WILL BE HERE TO SPRAY UNCOATING ON VEHICLES ON SEPTEMBER 21ST. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE MEDIC 2, ENGINE 4, AND TANKER FOR AN ESTIMATE OF \$1,400. ROAD DEPARTMENT AND POLICE ARE HAVING A COUPLE OF VEHICLES DONE ALSO. IT HELPS PREVENT DAMAGE FROM SALT.

HE ASKED CHRIS ABOUT AN APPROPRIATION STATUS. SHE STATED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE 1ST MEETING OF THE QUARTER, SO SHE WILL GIVE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND TRUSTEES A STATUS THEN AND WILL EVALUATE FOR ANY MORE NEEDED TRANSFERS OR REALLOCATIONS.

THE FULL-TIME STAFF IS ABOUT HALF DONE WITH THE CYBERSECURITY TRAINING. CHRIS STATED THAT EVERYONE HAS TO TAKE A FRAUD TRAINING. IT IS AN 8-MINUTE VIDEO. THEY WILL GET A CERTIFICATE AT THE END TO PUT IN A FILE FOR AUDIT.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SENT A LETTER STATING THAT THEY ARE DUE FOR A BACKFLOW TEST. THE OLD VENDOR THAT DID IT WAS ONLY TESTING ONE SYSTEM, AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS TWO. A NEW LOCAL VENDOR WILL TEST BOTH SYSTEMS, BUT ONE IS LEAKING AND WILL NOT PASS. THEY WILL TRY TO REBUILD IT, BUT IT MAY NEED TO BE REPLACED.

A 6-MONTH EVALUATION IS DONE FOR FIREFIGHTER KREW KIZER, AND HE ASKED TO HAVE IT ADDED TO HIS FILE.

HE THEN WANTED TO DISCUSS THE CONTRACT WITH SMITH BOUGHAN. IT IS NOT FIXED AFTER AT LEAST 12 VISITS. IT IS LEAKING BEHIND DRYWALL AND DRIPS ON EMPLOYEES WHILE SLEEPING IN BUNKS. THEY RE-DID THE DRAIN SYSTEM AND VENT FOR THE LEAKING. HE WOULD LIKE ATTORNEY SAM HUFFMAN TO LOOK AT THE SERVICE AGREEMENT TO SEE IF WE CAN END IT AND CONTRACT WITH ANOTHER COMPANY.

CHIEF ADAMS ASKED FOR A MOTION TO HIRE EMILY HARROD AS A PART-TIME EMT BASIC AND APPOINT AS A LEVEL 1 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AT THE APPLICABLE RATE.

CHIEF ADAMS THEN REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR IMMINENT COURT ACTION.

HE THEN REQUESTED ANOTHER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

HE THEN SUBMITTED LOGAN BOWERS EVALUATION AND REQUESTED THAT HE BE TAKEN OFF PROBATIONARY PERIOD AS WELL AS KREW KIZER.

TOBY WATSON, INTERIM POLICE CHIEF-

HE SPOKE OF THE COMPLAINT ABOUT PARKING AT PEPSI PLANT IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE PLANT MANAGER IS WILLING TO WORK WITH US. HE ALSO CALLED THE ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEER TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RIGHT-OF-WAYS. THE EMPLOYEES MAY HAVE TO PARK IN A LOT. ORC SAYS THAT YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SEE 200 FEET DOWN FROM THE INTERSECTION, BUT THAT IS A 4-WAY STOP. THEY REALLY AREN'T CAUSING AN ISSUE WITH TRAFFIC, AND THEY ARE OUT OF THE ROADWAY. THERE IS A SILVER 300 WITH FLAT TIRES THAT IS PARKED THE WRONG WAY. THE MANAGER WILL TRY TO FIND OUT WHO THAT CAR BELONGS TO. IF IT IS STILL THERE NEXT MONDAY, HE WILL HAVE IT TOWED.

457 AND 456 HAD AN OIL CHANGE AND SERVICE.

INTERIM CHIEF WATSON INTERVIEWED A POTENTIAL PATROLMAN TODAY AND WILL BE INTERVIEWING ANOTHER POTENTIAL PATROLMAN IN THE NEXT COUPLE DAYS. HE STATED THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL RESUMES FOR THE CHIEF'S JOB.

THEY ARE TAKING 456 AND 457 VEHICLES FOR UNDERCOATING ON SEPTEMBER 21ST ALSO. THE CHARGER IS TOO LOW TO THE GROUND TO DRIVE WHEN THERE IS SNOW, SO THAT THEY WON'T DO THAT ONE.

TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ ASKED IF THE OFFICERS CAN PATROL AROUND THE PEPSI PLANT AROUND SHIFT CHANGE BECAUSE RESIDENTS ARE STATING THAT THEY ARE DOING U-TURNS WHEN ARRIVING OR LEAVING THE PLANT. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE INVENTORY. CHIEF WATSON STATED THAT IT IS ALMOST COMPLETE AND HE WILL GET IT TO FRANK.

TRUSTEE STOMBAUGH ASKED IF HE HAD ANYONE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH THE SCHOOL PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 23RD. HE OR RICK WILL BE AVAILABLE. SCOTT WILL ALSO HELP WITH THE ROAD CLOSURE.

GUESTS

RON MCELWAIN, JIM CLEMENTZ, GEORGE CLEMENTZ, BLAICI LEE, KREW KIZER, DAVE STOMBAUGH, CATHY CLEMENTZ,

GREG KESSEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ALLEN WATER DISTRICT – THE RESIDENT WHO WANTED CITY WATER FOR YODER ROAD WAS SURVEYED BUT DIDN'T GET ENOUGH INTEREST.

GREG THEN ASKED FIRE CHIEF NICK ABOUT THE BACKFLOW TEST. NICK STATED THAT THE OLD VENDOR DID NOT TEST IT BUT DID TEST THE OTHER ONE.

HE THEN STATED THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON WATER FOR THE DATA CENTER AND THE LOOP TO LAYFETTE.

HE THEN ASKED ABOUT THE SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP MORATORIUM FOR DATA CENTERS. LIMA JUST PASSED ONE ALSO. THE ONLY ONES THAT BENEFIT ARE THE LANDOWNERS. HE IS NOT COMFORTABLE WITH DATA CENTERS. THE ATTORNEY IS REVIEWING A MORATORIUM FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP CURRENTLY. ATTORNEY SAM HUFFMAN STATED THAT HE IS 90% THROUGH THE MORATORIUM POLICY. HE IS PUTTING A DOCUMENT TOGETHER FOR THE TRUSTEES TO REVIEW. TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ STATED THAT AFTER THE TRUSTEES REVIEW IT HAS TO GO TO ZONING AND REGIONAL PLANNING. THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T RUSH IT AND FOLLOW ALL THE RULES.

JEFF CAROLUS, ZONING APPEALS CHAIRMAN – STATED THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF BUSINESSES THAT COME INTO THE TOWNSHIP THAT ARE QUESTIONABLE. IF THE BOARDS ARE TAKING THE TIME TO REVIEW THE RESOLUTIONS, THEY WANT SOME ASSURANCE THAT SOMETHING IS GOING TO BE DONE WHEN NEEDED. HE SPOKE ABOUT RESTARTING THE PUBLIC HEARING WITH MILLER PERFORMANCE. THE APPEALS BOARD ASKED JACK MILLER FOR INFORMATION ABOUT WHO HE SPOKE TO BEFORE STARTING HIS BUSINESS AND PUTTING UP THE SIGN. HE HAS NOT GIVEN THAT INFORMATION.

JEFF SPOKE OF THE GAMBLING PLACE THAT WENT INTO THE OLD PAYLESS SHOE STORE. SOME RESOLUTIONS DEAL WITH THAT. THESE BUSINESSES ARE MOVING IN WITHOUT THE CORRECT PERMITS. JOHN IS A PART-TIME ZONING INSPECTOR. WE MAY NEED A FULL-TIME INSPECTOR OR A TRUSTEE PARTNER TO KEEP THE ZONING IN THE TOWNSHIP AS IT SHOULD BE. IF SOMEONE DOESN'T TAKE CARE OF SOME OF THE ISSUES, IT WILL GET OUT OF HAND.

JOHN BREWSTER STATED THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON A RESOLUTION TO SEND TO REGIONAL PLANNING ABOUT GAMBLING PLACES. JEFF BELIEVES 12.4 ZONING RESOLUTION IS FOR GAMBLING AND SAYS THAT A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IS REQUIRED. THEY ARE ALSO WORKING ON A RESOLUTION FOR MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. FRANK STATED ABOUT HOW APPEALS COURT HAS TO READ THE WORDING IN DIFFERENT WAYS. JOHN STATED THAT THE CITY OF LIMA HANDLES ALL COMMERCIAL PERMITS. THE ZONING COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO REQUIRE BUSINESSES TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR OPENING A NEW BUSINESS THAT IS NOT IN THE SCOPE OF WHAT THE BUSINESS WAS BEFORE. A SIGN PERMIT IS THE ONLY THING THEY GET THROUGH PERRY TOWNSHIP FOR A NEW BUSINESS. GREG KESSEN ASKED IF NEW BUSINESSES HAVE TO GET A FIRE INSPECTION. BROOKE STATED IT WOULD ONLY BE FOR OCCUPANCY AND THAT IS ONLY IF THEY MAKE ANY STRUCTURAL CHANGES.

RICK EDWARDS – HE WANTS TO SEE TRUSTEES ABOUT APPLICATIONS AFTER THE MEETING.

TRUSTEES

GREG KESSEN ASKED THE BOARD HOW LONG THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL STAY OPEN FOR POLICE CHIEF. THE TRUSTEE THEN MADE A MOTION TO LEAVE THE POSITION OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 2ND.

TRUSTEE COX – THE PERRY SCHOOL BASEBALL ALUMNI GAME IS THIS SATURDAY IF WEATHER PERMITS.

TRUSTEE CLEMENTZ – STATED THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES DID A GREAT JOB FOR THE SOLDIER WHO DIED IN ENGLAND AND WAS FROM ELIDA. WE WILL ALSO BE BUYING A LARGE FLAG TO HANG OFF OF THE LADDER TRUCK. THEY COST ABOUT \$800, SO WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS TO BE ABLE TO PURCHASE ONE TO USE FOR EVENTS LIKE THIS. RAABE FORD AND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LINED THE STREETS WELCOMING HIM BACK. RICK EDWARDS STATED THAT HE HEARD A LOT OF COMPLIMENTS ABOUT ALL AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES ON HOW THE PROCESSION WAS HANDLED.

FIRE CHIEF ADAM ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE NEW HANDBOOK. AFTER A DISCUSSION, WE DECIDED TO SET A SPECIAL MEETING FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, AT 8 AM OR 9 AM IF FRED LORD IS AVAILABLE.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTIONS

COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, 2ND CLEMENTZ. STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2026, 2ND CLEMENTZ. STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2026, 2ND CLEMENTZ. STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,458.36, 2ND CLEMENTZ. STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE YEARLY CONTRACT AND PAY NOW MARKETING GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 FOR UP TO 30 HOURS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PERRY TOWNSHIP WEBSITE. 2ND CLEMENTZ. STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF \$1,687.50 TO HUFFMAN, KELLEY & BROCK FOR BILLABLE HOURS FOR SAM FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2026, 2ND. CLEMENTZ STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INVOICE FROM KAS CONTAINERS FOR \$3,000 FOR A 20-FOOT SHIPPING CONTAINER, 2ND CLEMENTZ STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX RESCINDED MOTION MADE AT THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 MEETING FOR LOGAN BOWERS FOR BACK PAY OF \$277.78 DUE TO AN INCORRECT CALCULATION, 2ND STOMBAUGH. STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MOTION TO ALLOW BACK PAY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280.79 TO LOGAN BOWERS 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.**

STOMBAUGH MOTION TO HIRE EMILY HARROD AS A PART-TIME EMT BASIC AND APPOINT AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AT THE APPLICABLE RATE, 2ND COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR IMMINENT COURT ACTION §ORC 122.122G3 WITH BROOKE, SAM, KORINA, 7:00 PM, 2ND COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:13 PM, 2ND COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

NO ACTION TAKEN

STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AT 7:14 PM, 2ND COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

NO ACTION TAKEN

STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:29 PM ,2ND COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

NO ACTION TAKEN

STOMBAUGH MADE A MOTION TO KEEP THE POLICE CHIEF POSITION OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 2ND FOR APPLICATIONS/RESUMES TO BE SUBMITTED, 2ND COX.

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES

COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE TRUSTEE MEETING AT 8:07 PM, 2ND CLEMENTZ

STOMBAUGH – YES, COX – YES, CLEMENTZ – YES