

CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING

Concord Town Hall
7229 Ravenna Road
Concord, Ohio 44077

February 1, 2017
7:30 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Present on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Paul Malchesky, Chairman
Christopher Galloway, Vice Chairman
Caroline Luhta, Trustee
Amy Dawson, Fiscal Officer

Also Present:

Michael Lucas, Esq., Legal Counsel
Kathy Mitchell, Administrator
Chief Matt Sabo, Fire Department
Frank Kraska, Service Director
Heather Freeman, Zoning Director/Inspector
Debra Esker, Recreation Director
Lieutenant Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff's Department
Margaret Lynch, Auburn Career Center

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1 7:35 p.m.

2 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: I will now call to order the
3 Concord Township Board of Trustees February 1, 2017, meeting.
4 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

5 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

6 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. Roll call.

7 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Malchesky?

8 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Present.

9 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Galloway?

10 MR. GALLOWAY: I am here.

11 MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Luhta?

12 MS. LUHTA: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. The 21st, 23rd minutes,
14 meeting minutes.

15 MR. GALLOWAY: All good by me.

16 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All okay?

17 MS. LUHTA: Good.

18 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. Then we will, we will
19 approve those and we will table the remaining January 4th,
20 January 18th minutes.

21 Elected officials, Fiscal Officer.

22 MS. DAWSON: Okay. As of January 31st, we were 8
23 percent of the way through the calendar year. The treasury
24 balance for the 20 funds within the Township treasury was \$5
25 million. The balance also includes \$310,000 in funds set aside
26 for specific projects.

27 Year-to-date expenditures were 14 percent of the
28 temporary -- Well, the year-to-date temporary expenditures were
29 14 percent of the treasury balance for 2017, revenue was 3
30 percent. So we will be slightly over budget until the real

1 estate taxes come in during the month of March.

2 I was in Columbus last week seeking my CPIM
3 certification. The State Treasurer's Office requires I
4 complete 6 hours of training annually. I was able to complete
5 4.5 hours. The Auditor of State also requires an additional 12
6 credit hours be completed during my upcoming term, along with
7 public records and ethics training. I completed that
8 commitment.

9 If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to
10 call our office at 354-7516.

11 And I do have one other thing for those cemetery
12 folks. I did get -- We got some phone calls about trees being
13 taken down in the cemetery. We had an arborist in and he had
14 identified some trees, specifically ash trees, that had to go.
15 So they had to go and --

16 MS. LUHTA: They went.

17 MS. DAWSON: -- they went. That's all I have.

18 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. Thank you.

19 MS. DAWSON: You are welcome.

20 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Trustees. Connie, what do you
21 have?

22 MS. LUHTA: Nothing at this time.

23 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Chris?

24 MR. GALLOWAY: Mr. Chairman, I attended the Ohio
25 Township Association annual conference in Columbus last week
26 with Mrs. Dawson and Ms. Mitchell. And as part of that, also
27 took part in the -- our CLOUT meeting and the CLOUT legislative
28 reception, getting to meet and talk with our various
29 legislators from around the state as it relates to township
30 issues, especially focusing on large township issues, large

1 townships and their issues, and pressing our legislative agenda
2 which has been formulated by the OTA Board, as well as the
3 CLOUT Executive Board.

4 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Anything interesting to know
5 about?

6 MR. GALLOWAY: Yeah. I mean, I think things that
7 affect that would -- Actually, I am very pleased with the
8 agenda this year. I think it's much more focused and much more
9 realistic in terms of what can be achieved. In some years,
10 some things end up on the agenda, let's say, that come from
11 some townships that are sort of out of left field that you know
12 aren't going to have any chance of getting anywhere in
13 Columbus.

14 You know, this time around, we do have some members
15 of the House and Senate that are willing to carry some water on
16 some bills. Examples are things like requiring ODOT, for
17 townships over 5,000 people, to place our names actually on the
18 exit signs. And a lot of people out there probably think,
19 "Well, that's kind of an odd, silly thing." But currently,
20 under ODOT regulations, townships are not considered a place.
21 So that's why, when our folks get off at 44 and on I-90, they
22 are welcomed to the sign that says "Painesville" this way,
23 "Chardon" that way, even though Chardon has 5,000 residents to
24 our 20,000. So it's a little, you know -- There's lots of
25 things like that that can really help identify, develop
26 community.

27 There are some issues as it relates to, a bunch of
28 stuff as it relates to home rule, getting more powers in terms
29 of building code, subdivision regulations for home rule
30 townships. There is -- So there is a whole litany of things

1 like that, and I have the legislative breakdown that I can
2 provide you.

3 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Let me ask you this. If they
4 pass some of that stuff with regards to home rule, does that,
5 is that more significant than -- I mean, certainly, it is going
6 to be more significant than what it holds now but is it, is it
7 significant for to us take another look at that?

8 MR. GALLOWAY: I believe so. And I think that the --
9 Kathy and I sat through a home rule educational session. And,
10 you know, we, we actually, according to the attorney that was
11 giving the lecture, if we adopt home rule, we actually get to
12 pick and choose under, when we pass our resolutions, whether we
13 are doing them under home rule or under traditional statutory
14 township regulations.

15 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: What would be the difference?

16 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, once again, I'm not a hundred
17 percent clear on that. So the, I think, the thing to do may
18 be --

19 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Do you have -- Do you have to
20 read like a city would have to read, you know, the three
21 reading rule under home rule?

22 MR. GALLOWAY: I'm not sure of that. I think that
23 might be the case.

24 MR. LUCAS: I think you do.

25 MR. GALLOWAY: I think it might be. But we,
26 actually, I mean, Concord, other than not having adopted it,
27 basically qualifies without any added expense based on our
28 current operations and standing in terms of budget and
29 population.

30 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Sure.

1 MR. GALLOWAY: So it's something that we could adopt
2 that would not cost, you know -- For some townships that don't
3 have sheriff services and don't have legal counsel, they use
4 their -- they use their county prosecutor and don't do a bunch
5 of things that we already do, there is a number of expenses
6 involved, but these are things that we already do.

7 So, you know, my recommendation is, if you, if you
8 want to do that, we could have, possibly, have one of the
9 gentlemen from the firm that gave the presentation on home
10 rule, maybe have them come and meet with us and talk through
11 some of this.

12 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Just getting back to the
13 original statement about the ODOT and Concord Township's name
14 on, you know, on the exit signs, you would think that home rule
15 would allow them to do that, you know.

16 MR. GALLOWAY: Yeah.

17 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Without even having, without
18 even changing their regulations.

19 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, but that's an ODOT decision.
20 That's an example, that's an ODOT decision. So whether you are
21 home rule or not, ODOT still wouldn't consider you a place.
22 And the other issue on that is, right now, what -- our
23 regulations allow the different districts to be the arbitrator
24 of that. So there is one district in southwest Ohio that is --
25 has started to put townships in highway signs.

26 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: That's because they have a
27 fairly big township.

28 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, they've got -- They have several
29 of largest, 60, 70 thousand residents per township.

30 MS. LUHTA: Wow.

1 MR. GALLOWAY: Which has probably created enough
2 critical mass in terms of pressure that they've decided to do
3 it. Although nowhere else in ODOT is -- no one else is doing
4 that. So it also is a move to create some uniformity so that,
5 you know, one district isn't doing one thing, another is doing
6 another.

7 There is rules out -- There is a legislative push to
8 allow townships to set speed limits on their roads, on township
9 roads, which, as you know, even on township roads we don't get
10 to set the speed limits, the county engineer does. So, you
11 know, there is a lot of that stuff there before us.

12 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: You know, every time we look at
13 it, I always wonder if you'd have more autonomy if we did
14 something like that or not and it just never -- I have never
15 seen it be true.

16 MR. GALLOWAY: It tends to be mostly about the
17 quality of life issues, that it would allow us to do certain
18 things that municipalities do. There's basically seven, a list
19 of seven items that we cannot do that we -- as home rule. So
20 if it's not in that list of seven, according to this attorney,
21 we would then be allowed to do. Which, as you know, on the
22 opposite of townships --

23 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yeah.

24 MR. GALLOWAY: Unless ORC says we can, we can't.

25 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Sure.

26 MR. GALLOWAY: This flips it and says you can -- you
27 have home rule except in these seven things. Now, one of those
28 seven things is the, is the biggest category for us, which
29 comes back to subdivision regulations, road standards, building
30 code and all these other things that constantly vexes us as it

1 relates vis-a-vis the county.

2 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: So you are still going to have
3 the county do that.

4 MR. GALLOWAY: So unless that component, that bullet
5 point of one of those seven is legislatively removed, you know,
6 home rule probably still doesn't have as much draw for us as it
7 otherwise would. But I think it's -- I guess my, the big
8 picture point would be that I think it's worth looking at
9 again. I think it's worth sitting down and studying and
10 looking at again.

11 And who knows? You know, this, this legislative
12 session, you know, maybe those things that we're looking for
13 home rule of that seven --

14 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Sure.

15 MR. GALLOWAY: -- specifically Bullet Point 4 as it
16 relates to subdivision regulations, road standards and
17 everything else, maybe the legislature will strike that and
18 then that may be that extra incentive.

19 MS. LUHTA: Good. I thought of something.

20 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yeah.

21 MS. LUHTA: You and I went to the Eastern Lake County
22 Chamber of Commerce dinner.

23 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: It was a good dinner.

24 MS. LUHTA: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: The Chamber, which used to be
26 the Painesville Chamber, known as the Painesville Chamber, has
27 combined with Madison and -- Did Perry have one, too?

28 MS. LUHTA: I think that was a combined one.

29 MR. GALLOWAY: Madison-Perry.

30 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yeah. Now it's, now it's just a

1 whole east side --

2 MS. LUHTA: Right.

3 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: -- chamber and it's very well
4 attended, very nice.

5 MS. LUHTA: Very well done.

6 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: It was done on a Friday. So I
7 mentioned that it seems to be a little unusual, maybe do it on
8 a Thursday night. They said tradition. I said, "It can't be a
9 very long tradition. You guys have only been in existence for
10 a couple years."

11 MR. GALLOWAY: Well.

12 MS. LUHTA: But the -- It's worth mentioning that the
13 Citizen of the Year was Jeanette Crislip, who was a former
14 Painesville Township trustee.

15 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: A long-term --

16 MS. LUHTA: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Long-term person there.

18 MS. LUHTA: They said 28 years.

19 MR. GALLOWAY: Mr. Chairman, I would also just point
20 out that today, February 1st, is Ohio Township Day.

21 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: It is Ohio Township Day.

22 MR. GALLOWAY: So all 1,301 townships are
23 celebrating.

24 MS. LUHTA: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All right. Well, my report, I
26 have very little to report but I am going to be meeting with
27 Stormwater tomorrow and I think that's significant. It's
28 wintertime. We do have a little bit of a melt. There are
29 several stormwater issues that have popped up throughout the
30 year. And we will, both the Service Department, myself and

1 Administration, will be dealing with those issues with
2 Stormwater, making sure that we try to, kind of, set our agenda
3 for the upcoming year. So we will do that.

4 With regards to department reports, Kathy Mitchell.
5 what have you got for us?

6 MS. MITCHELL: Well, just, again, to echo the
7 attendance at the Ohio Township Association conference, which
8 was very well attended, especially by our Lake County
9 neighbors.

10 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Sure.

11 MS. MITCHELL: And I attended, aside from the limited
12 home rule session, other related classes pertaining to building
13 sustainable communities, communicating and working with the
14 media, effective decision-making, the new JEDD law which,
15 honestly, you know, I think the attorney that gave that
16 presentation was very, very careful in what he presented
17 because there is no -- it hasn't been tested, you know. So he
18 was very uncertain.

19 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: There is a test case sitting in
20 Lake County right now.

21 MS. MITCHELL: Right.

22 MS. LUHTA: Yes.

23 MR. GALLOWAY: Really?

24 MS. MITCHELL: But, nonetheless, it was a good, it
25 was a good conference, good to network. And just, again, I
26 think I always walk away from that conference feeling pretty
27 good about where Concord is in terms of our, you know, our
28 progressive mentality and just our, you know, forward thinking
29 in terms of regulation and development. And, you know, there's
30 folks in south, southeast and southern Ohio that don't even

1 have zoning. So I walk away feeling pretty good. But
2 that's -- That was the gist of the conference and, again, yeah,
3 meeting with Stormwater tomorrow.

4 Getting a lot of calls in the last few weeks about
5 the homes that were taken down on Concord-Hambden. And for
6 those that are listening and are still concerned what that was,
7 I mean, it was a project through a FEMA grant. Those are
8 considered repetitive flood properties. They will not be
9 redeveloped. So we are, it is the intent of the --

10 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: That was a stormwater project.

11 MS. MITCHELL: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: And that was, that was something
13 that was on the agenda that took some -- a considerable amount
14 of time to get that thing rolling, just like the stormwater
15 project that went on at --

16 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, it wasn't just a stormwater
17 project.

18 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: -- Quail Hollow.

19 MR. GALLOWAY: It was also a township project --

20 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yeah.

21 MR. GALLOWAY: -- headed up by Administration, as
22 well as significant resources thrown into the kitty, along with
23 outside grants, from this, Concord.

24 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Well, let me say I assume and I
25 see Stormwater and the Stormwater Department and the county
26 Engineer's Department and the Sheriff's Department as an
27 extension partner of Concord Township. And part of our job, at
28 least with the stormwater, is that, if you look on your tax
29 bill, there's about \$30 going into the stormwater fund every
30 year from each resident. And then businesses are -- they have

1 a different calculation. It's our job to make sure that those
2 dollars and cents are being used in Concord Township, being
3 used for projects that, you know, significantly benefit Concord
4 Township as a whole and trying to relieve some of the problems
5 that exist there.

6 And so, basically, where those homes were taken down
7 is the result of the flooding that was occurring in that area
8 from development upstream. And so we were able to use
9 stormwater funds and FEMA funds and township funds to, you
10 know, eradicate that problem, use it to basically flood out
11 that land that's there to protect other homes, you know,
12 further downstream.

13 So anything else, Kathy?

14 MS. MITCHELL: That is it.

15 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Anything else?

16 MR. GALLOWAY: No, no, I'll stop.

17 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: You can continue to do it.

18 MR. GALLOWAY: No, no, no.

19 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Don't let me stop you.

20 MR. GALLOWAY: I am not going to filibuster this
21 meeting.

22 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. Fire Department.

23 CHIEF SABO: Good evening, everyone.

24 MS. LUHTA: Good evening.

25 CHIEF SABO: For the month of January, we responded
26 to a total of 211 events. We had 13 MVAs, 25 agency assists,
27 seven fire alarms, 27 basic rescues, 85 advanced paramedic
28 rescues, 15 public assists, and two structure fires in Concord,
29 and two -- I am sorry -- eight calls for wires down.

30 Our Fire Prevention Bureau was busy in January with

1 21 general inspections, two plan reviews, two information
2 updates, a clean agent inspection, five follow-up inspections,
3 four hood -- kitchen hood suppression system inspections, six
4 fire alarm inspections, one site inspection, two fire
5 protection inspections, one license inspection, three sprinkler
6 systems inspections and one state inspection.

7 Our Fire Education Division installed three
8 residential lockboxes, which we have available, and they
9 removed two. We had three public education consultations, one
10 special group, special education, and one fire drill report for
11 the month of January. So they're out doing it and being --
12 getting busy, getting ready, getting going on the year.

13 For February, we want to remind you to help us find
14 you. Keep your address numbers visible from all directions so
15 emergency workers can find you, not just in the wintertime but
16 all year round. Make sure your walkways and driveways are
17 clear so that we can get to you.

18 And make sure your fire hydrants are clear of snow
19 with a three-foot clearing around the hydrant to make sure we
20 have access to that hydrant. A lot of snowplow drivers, not --
21 Frank's crew excluded. They do a really good job of keeping
22 the fire hydrants clear. But sometimes we run into trouble
23 with snowplows burying fire hydrants, so we want to make sure
24 everyone is aware of that. So thank you very much.

25 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you.

26 MS. LUHTA: Thank you.

27 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Service Department, Frank
28 Kraska.

29 MR. KRASKA: Good evening.

30 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Plow the snow, the snow melts,

1 it snows again.

2 MR. KRASKA: Yeah, it's been up and down. This month
3 served up the customary winter-related activities and a glimpse
4 into spring with some above average warmth and rainfall.

5 During the month of January, Concord Service Department was
6 dispatched on 21 runs to snowplow and de-ice roadways.

7 Subsequently, we used approximately 1,000 tons of road rock
8 salt during that period, bringing our total for this season up
9 to 2,200 tons. On the average over the last three years, we've
10 used approximately 3,200 tons for the entire season. And if
11 you go back five, six years ago, that average used to be around
12 5,000. So we have begun practices to try to curtail that and
13 become a little bit more sensible in our salting, the term
14 might be used. And it is safe to say that we are currently on
15 par to see similar numbers for this winter season.

16 The Service Department maintains approximately 150
17 lane miles of roadway on six primary routes, which takes
18 approximately 3 hours to complete a round.

19 In addition to the winter activities, we've been,
20 also, been filling numerous potholes that have developed due to
21 the many freeze/thaw cycles that we've encountered with the
22 temperature swings. We also have been able to cut down some
23 elevated berms for better road drainage and performed a variety
24 of building maintenance needs and also contended with some
25 drainage needs due to the heavy mid-month rain events.

26 For any other information, please contact Concord
27 Service Department at (440) 350-3225 or visit our web page at
28 www.concordtwp for additional township information. And that
29 is the Service Department report for this evening.

30 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you, Frank.

1 MR. GALLOWAY: Thanks, Frank.

2 MS. LUHTA: Thank you.

3 MR. KRASKA: You are welcome.

4 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. Zoning Department,
5 Heather Freeman, what's going on in Zoning?

6 MS. FREEMAN: Hello, good evening. For the month of
7 January, the Zoning Department issued 18 permits and collected
8 \$1,865 in fees. Of the permits, we issued five for new single-
9 family dwellings and three for accessory buildings, a couple
10 pools, and we also issued a change-in-use permit for a new
11 restaurant that's going to be taking over some space in Concord
12 Plaza. It is going to be sushi and hibachi. So we have -- We
13 don't know an announcement as to when they're going to open
14 quite yet.

15 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Where is that going to be?

16 MS. FREEMAN: They're taking over where Mocha Joe's
17 was.

18 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay.

19 MS. FREEMAN: So you can look forward to that,
20 hopefully, in the next few weeks. They're renovating inside.

21 And then also for the month of January, the BZA
22 issued one conditional use permit for a commercial business on
23 Crile Road for some outdoor storage and supply -- and display,
24 and that's it.

25 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. Thank you.

26 Recreation Department, Debra.

27 MS. ESKER: Good evening, everybody.

28 MR. GALLOWAY: Good evening.

29 MS. LUHTA: Good evening.

30 MS. ESKER: This afternoon, the 55 Plus Group was

1 treated to a fun and informative presentation by Andy Avram,
2 from Lake Metroparks, on backyard birds. We learned how to
3 attract specific birds to our yards, keep them happy so we can
4 enjoy them all year long. And then everyone had pie, because
5 if you come to a 55 Plus Group gathering, you always get desert
6 and everybody is always welcome.

7 And our next gathering will be Wednesday,
8 February 15th, at 1:30, at the Concord Community Center, when
9 local historian Dennis Sutcliffe presents "Bloody Corner and
10 Beyond," which is the story of the Cleveland Mafia during the
11 prohibition era. It's sounds really interesting.

12 The Recreation Department has been hard at work --

13 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Who is giving that?

14 MS. ESKER: Dennis Sutcliffe. He's a local -- He's
15 been at the Community Center many times before. Great guy,
16 wonderful speaker, just fascinating to listen to.

17 The Recreation Department has been hard at work
18 creating a variety of leisure classes for your enjoyment. And
19 in February, our classes include power yoga, stained glass
20 small panel project, handmade Valentine's cards, succulent
21 gardening for beginners, ballroom dancing, photography from A
22 to Z, learning Photo Shop, Microsoft Windows for adults, kids'
23 cooking classes, Mommy and Me classes, essential oils make and
24 take classes, and mixed media painting. There are still seats
25 available in most of them, so please sign up soon.

26 If you enjoy the outdoors in winter, be sure to
27 register for our first annual snowshoe hike at the Old Stone
28 School Saturday, February 25th. Snowshoes are provided for
29 this one-mile hike. And, afterwards, enjoy the charm and the
30 history of the Old Stone School with a guided tour.

1 For details about any class or event, contact the
2 Recreation Department directly at (440) 639-4650 or visit our
3 website at concordtwp.com. You can also learn about classes,
4 events and general township information on our cable station.
5 For AT&T customers, choose Channel 99 and select Concord
6 Township from the menu, and for Time Warner customers, choose
7 Channel 96 and then up arrow to 96.2. And all of our classes
8 and more information can be found in the winter/spring edition
9 of the Concord Township newsletter, *The Concord Grapevine*,
10 mailed to residents in early January but now can be found on
11 our website.

12 And I am very happy and very excited to report that
13 Concord Township has increased our presence on social media.
14 We invite all Facebook users to "like" us at "Concord Township,
15 Lake County, Ohio." And if you're a tweeter or use Instagram,
16 follow "@Concordtwplake." By following us on social media, you
17 can be the first to know about current township news and
18 updates through our posts.

19 And, lastly, please keep in mind that the Concord
20 Township Community Center is available for rent. Spring and
21 summer weekends are booking up quickly, so contact us soon to
22 reserve your date. You can view pictures of the Community
23 Center on the Township's website or stop by the Center at
24 7671 Auburn Road for a tour and details. Thank you.

25 MS. LUHTA: Thank you.

26 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: And all that social media stuff
27 is on the website, right, so we can just ding in there?

28 MS. ESKER: Yes. And it will be on the new website
29 when that's up and running.

30 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yeah. We're really making an

1 effort this year to really get on social media. So if anybody
2 is listening to us or watching us, please check out our website
3 and please try to contact us through there. It will be a great
4 way for us to keep in communication and probably let you have a
5 good idea of what's going on in Concord Township or emergency
6 situations.

7 Concord law enforcement report, Lieutenant.

8 LIEUTENANT SHERWOOD: Hello.

9 MR. GALLOWAY: How are we?

10 LIEUTENANT SHERWOOD: Good. How are you?

11 MR. GALLOWAY: Not too bad.

12 LIEUTENANT SHERWOOD: For the month of January, we
13 had 1,483 calls, five injury accidents, 22 property damage
14 accidents. We had five arrests, those being an adult male for
15 OVI on Interstate 90, a juvenile arrest for domestic violence,
16 2 adult males for domestic violence, and an adult female for
17 domestic violence.

18 We had 328 crime prevention contacts this month, 36
19 traffic citations, 146 warnings, four driving under suspension
20 citations, and one operating a vehicle while intoxicated
21 citation.

22 We had two assaults investigations. These are new
23 investigations we started. We had four breaking and entering
24 to vehicles, a burglary, a bad checks complaint, a drug
25 complaint, sex offense, 15 thefts, two threat complaints, and a
26 vandalism complaint. That is all we had.

27 Just a reminder to the residents that keep your
28 vehicle locked. At nighttime when you go to bed, close your
29 garage doors. Those are always helpful things. And if you see
30 something, say something, call us. We oftentimes hear people

1 say that they don't want to bother us. That's what we're here
2 for, bother us. If you see something that doesn't look right,
3 call us. That's all I have.

4 MR. GALLOWAY: Officer Sherwood, I have seen
5 something.

6 LIEUTENANT SHERWOOD: Okay.

7 MR. GALLOWAY: And I want to tell you.

8 LIEUTENANT SHERWOOD: Go for it.

9 MR. GALLOWAY: As you know, we've completed the
10 Auburn-Crile-44 road project. And we have a plethora of
11 folks -- We've installed delineators on Auburn Road right there
12 past the light, just north of the light past where Crile
13 intersects with Auburn. We still have a ton of people doing
14 270 degree illegal left turns to get onto 44. And since the
15 delineators have gone in, it's now been -- now it's basically
16 become, okay, we're not -- Most people are now not doing that
17 but now they're just turning around in Redhawk.

18 So we do need, and if you could report back to your
19 office that we really do need, when the patrols are out,
20 serious, heavy activity right in that location.

21 LIEUTENANT SHERWOOD: Yeah, we are aware of it.

22 MR. GALLOWAY: I know there has been a couple times
23 the guys have been out and done some ticketing but I only want
24 to stress I think we need to do even more.

25 LIEUTENANT SHERWOOD: Right, yeah. When we have a
26 car available for that, we will certainly do that. Like I
27 said, we've already -- We're already aware of it. We're
28 keeping an eye on it. And we're going to have to come up with
29 some kind of solution to fix that because the enforcement only
30 works while the car is there. So --

1 MR. GALLOWAY: Sure, yes. And we've added more
2 signage and we will be, in the spring, reevaluating and looking
3 at even more, different types of signage.

4 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: And we're looking for
5 suggestions from either your office or maybe the individuals
6 that you pull over that would say, "Hey, I wouldn't have done
7 this if I would have saw..." I think there needs to be road
8 paint on there. I think there needs to be more signage.

9 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, I think that's going to happen.
10 I think that's going to be part of it. I think there was a
11 discussion yesterday in staff about -- I talked to a
12 Painesville resident who had a relative that was having a
13 medical issue, taking them to TriPoint. They came up Auburn,
14 didn't understand that the project was done and the change of
15 pattern and got into the right-hand lane and ended up right
16 back on 44, went all the way back, all the way back to
17 Johnnycake, turned around and came all the way back down to go
18 the TriPoint. So I said --

19 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: I did it the other day.

20 MR. GALLOWAY: Yeah. so I, so I acknowledged to this
21 person, I said, "You know, that's a very good point that we
22 probably need to have some hospital signage on Auburn going
23 south before you get to the interchange," so we are going to be
24 doing things like that.

25 And I understand that there is only -- What I've been
26 telling our residents is, the sooner we can get residents
27 retrained and comfortable and used to the new traffic patterns,
28 the better off. It's probably going to be near impossible to
29 get I-90 folks, you know, retrained probably until the GPS
30 mapping units are updated with the new traffic pattern there,

1 which I think will help. You know, somebody pulls in and they
2 go to eat at Waffle House and they come back out, their GPS is
3 going to tell them to go north.

4 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Sure.

5 MR. GALLOWAY: It's not -- I am sure it hasn't been
6 updated, Apple Maps and all the like of that. So until these
7 things happen, we probably still will be dealing with it.
8 But, anyway, thank you.

9 LIEUTENANT SHERWOOD: Yeah, we definitely will have
10 some suggestions to correct that. Unfortunately, being as new
11 as it is, coming up with a fast solution outside of us
12 ticketing, at this point, I don't think there is anything on
13 the table. I know one of our sergeants has been in contact
14 with ODOT about some of the issues up through there, especially
15 the way I think the one traffic light is cycling on Capital.
16 So we're, we're aware of it and we'll definitely --

17 MR. GALLOWAY: Yeah. And there will be a
18 reevaluation of the traffic lights here as we into early spring
19 as we see how the real world patterns are playing out.

20 LIEUTENANT SHERWOOD: We'll take care of it.

21 MR. GALLOWAY: I appreciate it.

22 LIEUTENANT SHERWOOD: Thank you very much.

23 MR. GALLOWAY: Thank you.

24 MS. LUHTA: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. We had a report coming
26 from Auburn Career Center and we have Superintendent Margaret
27 Lynch. And we typically have a Riverside report here but they
28 haven't been showing up very often. So I invited
29 Superintendent Lynch to appear, you know, at least on a monthly
30 basis on behalf of Auburn Career Center, which is housed here

1 and homed here in Concord Township but services a significant
2 area. So welcome, thank you.

3 MS. LYNCH: Thank you very much to the Trustees to
4 welcome one of your jewels in the crown of success of Concord
5 Township, so we are very happy to be here. And we will be
6 doing an agenda that will continue as long as we can that will
7 provide the citizens not only a sense of who Auburn is, who we
8 serve, but also featuring some of the programs that we have had
9 and the partnerships with Concord Township. Your horticulture
10 society has been very generous to our landscaping program as
11 well.

12 So, first of all, I did want to mention not only who
13 we are but where we are, so I am going to start with the where.
14 We're located at 8140 Auburn Road, which is at the intersection
15 of Auburn and Girdled Road. We are on the south, right side of
16 the street, the southwest corner, and we do occupy more than
17 one building there. Going south on Auburn Road on the right-
18 hand side, you will see a beautiful canopy and that is the high
19 school. On the opposite side, there is a glass building which
20 is called the Technology Learning Center, and there is a little
21 house that our students remodeled that is also the high school
22 emergency medical service program.

23 If you would go around the corner on Girdled Road,
24 right before that, you would see our newest building which was
25 the industrial technology building. It still has no name on it
26 but we will get there eventually. But it was actually an
27 effort for us to keep up with the job demand for manufacturing
28 and heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

29 So we now go down and turn toward the west on Girdled
30 Road and you will find a beautiful horticulture building there.

1 If you drive back, you will see that there's two greenhouses, a
2 poly house for annual plants. And they have probably the most
3 phenomenal poinsettia and spring plant sale that you could ever
4 have. So I wanted to just, kind of, mention our location.

5 We are the oldest career and technical center in the
6 state of Ohio. We were founded by a resolution of Lake County
7 Educational Service Center in 1962 with the then superintendent
8 Henry LaMuth. You might recognize that name in the community
9 in the educational circle. That vision of having career and
10 technical education has been duplicated 48 additional times.
11 So there are 49 career centers strategically located in
12 regional areas so that we do not overlap one another.

13 So we service Lake and Geauga County. So our campus
14 was constructed on land donated by Diamond Shamrock, and that
15 land had its first building constructed in 1965. So we have
16 had buildings there for 52 years. So we are happy to do that
17 and be present.

18 We do realize, because we serve a limited number of
19 students, many of the residents may not be fully aware of our
20 program. But we are a half-day, two-year program. Students
21 used to come just in junior year and senior year. And because
22 of the initiation of College Credit Plus, we now also take
23 tenth and eleventh graders and those students can also take
24 advantage of College Credit Plus or finish their high school
25 requirements and enter the workforce.

26 There is 23 different programs for high school, and
27 our firefighter programs, our paramedic, EMS and six additional
28 skilled programs are part of our adult workforce. We do have a
29 practical nursing program that has now celebrated over five
30 years.

1 Our mission is to provide innovative career and
2 technical education that empowers all learners to excel in the
3 emerging workplace and to enrich their community. As a result,
4 Auburn has lots of partners. Because to enrich the community,
5 we partner with organizations such as your own community,
6 Leadership Lake County, the Y. We partner with businesses.
7 And that helps all of our students to get real world
8 experiences so that they have so much more to add to their
9 resume when they are combining work and education or simply
10 entering the workplace.

11 Our students are very happy to come to Auburn. They
12 have to be admitted. It is not an automatic yes. They have to
13 meet academic standards and they have to go through an
14 interview process, which is happening tonight at our school.
15 And so after they are interviewed by the program teacher and
16 the enrollment specialist with their parents, they may have an
17 opportunity to come to our program. The process seems formal
18 but, to be honest, only 20 students are allowed in each of the
19 programs, so we do have a limited opportunity.

20 We're very grateful for the support of Concord
21 Township that has helped us. We are definitely trying to
22 continue to serve the community and our neighbors and provide
23 quality education to develop the workforce in this day when we
24 have a retiring workforce and we do not have enough individuals
25 to fill the jobs for the expanding economy.

26 So I am very grateful to be here and I look forward
27 to having a little monthly update for the residents so that
28 they, too, can appreciate all that we are doing. If you have
29 any quick questions, glad to answer them.

30 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you very much for being

1 here. Please continue to come. The businesses that you work
2 with, can you mention a few of those? Are you allowed to?

3 MS. LYNCH: Oh, certainly. We, actually, we are very
4 fortunate. We have almost 600 businesses. So we are probably
5 not only dealing with your Fire Department, TriPoint Hospital,
6 we are dealing with Avery Dennison, Steris, Kennametal,
7 Swagelok. I could go on. It is a very important part of our
8 students to be able to have that work-based experience.

9 Three years ago, we started internships. We started
10 with 32. This year for first semester alone we had over 72
11 students placed in companies that are in the area.

12 MR. GALLOWAY: That's great.

13 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: You know, my thoughts were, we
14 just had a, you know, a fairly big election coming up and there
15 was a lot of discussion about the changing of the economy and
16 what needs to get the country working again. I only thought of
17 Auburn Career Center because, you know, of the retooling and
18 other retraining, basically, making kids career ready is going
19 on right here in our community. And I thought that we should
20 be, A, acknowledging that; but, B, working more closely with
21 those things.

22 And there again, we mentioned earlier before how
23 Stormwater was a partner of Concord Township. Auburn Career
24 Center, the school systems are partners of Concord Township.
25 And so, at least, we would like to give them a forum of making
26 sure that they're heard out there in our community and that
27 they're appreciated, and so we appreciate you being here.
28 Thank you very much.

29 MS. LYNCH: And thank you so much for this
30 opportunity.

1 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Audience, anybody in the
2 audience? Come on up.

3 MR. CALL: My name is Ron Call. I live at
4 12355 Girdled Road 44077. Last week -- or last meeting I
5 commented about the Fire Department. I want to correct that.
6 They had an accident on the corner where I live and they've had
7 them there quite often recently. And some people, I think,
8 have been killed there, too. And I commented why the Fire
9 Department didn't show up there. It took them 20 minutes to go
10 one mile. I could have walked that far in that length of time.
11 The reason they didn't get there was because somebody had
12 turned in Route 86 and Girdled Road as being the accident site.
13 It wasn't. They got mixed up. 608 and 86 are different roads.
14 And it's not the fault of the Fire Department, it was somebody
15 turned in the wrong road.

16 Also, I wanted to thank the Service Department
17 because they put up a snow barrier for my mailbox, which we
18 needed badly there.

19 And, also, I am here because my taxes went way up.

20 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Sure.

21 MR. CALL: So that's the main reason, other than
22 thanking these other people. One thing, and maybe you guys can
23 straighten me out on this, but one thing is the fact that I
24 seem to think I am paying for two entities twice. I pay --
25 Like, for example, the Sheriff's Department, I think he was
26 included with the Fire Department.

27 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: We have one. We have a safety
28 forces levy that is, is combined, that those monies are used
29 for the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department.

30 MR. CALL: Okay. Did we vote for the Sheriff's

1 Department thing?

2 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: We did. We had, we had one levy
3 on. And I guess that would occur -- that would not occur until
4 the next cycle.

5 MS. DAWSON: No, last year. So originally you had a
6 Sheriff's levy by itself. As soon as this other levy, this
7 combined levy passed, they rescinded it last year. So --

8 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: That would show up on your tax
9 rolls though what year? That would show up the second half of
10 '15?

11 MS. DAWSON: No, it showed, it showed -- Yes.

12 MR. CALL: Second half of what year?

13 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Second year -- second half of
14 '15.

15 MS. DAWSON: Last year was --

16 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Of '16. I am sorry, '16.

17 MS. DAWSON: '16. But last year was the first year
18 that it was -- we received revenue from that. So it was billed
19 last year and it was billed this year, the combined levy, but
20 the police protection levy was not.

21 MR. CALL: Did it pass the first time it was on the
22 ballot separate from the Fire Department?

23 MS. DAWSON: Yes.

24 MR. CALL: It did pass?

25 MS. DAWSON: Absolutely.

26 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: And that was approximately five
27 years ago.

28 MR. GALLOWAY: No, no, it was before that because it
29 passed and then was re --

30 MS. DAWSON: It was renewed.

1 MR. GALLOWAY: It was renewed and then we --

2 MS. DAWSON: Rescinded it.

3 MR. GALLOWAY: We rolled it in with the safety
4 service levy with the Fire Department and rescinded the
5 original Sheriff's levy.

6 MR. CALL: So the levy from the Fire Department went
7 up one mill? Is that what happened?

8 MR. GALLOWAY: No, it didn't go up.

9 MS. DAWSON: No.

10 MR. GALLOWAY: We just -- Well, yes, that's correct.
11 We combined the 2 mill. We combined the two mill --

12 MS. DAWSON: And the one mill.

13 MR. GALLOWAY: -- and the one mill. So we created --
14 There was a four mill safety service levy that was passed and
15 we then rescinded the two separate levies, the fire levy and
16 the sheriff that totaled 3 mills.

17 MR. CALL: So then we ended up voting for one mill
18 for the Sheriff's Department.

19 MS. DAWSON: An additional.

20 MS. LUHTA: Additional.

21 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, yes, the safety service levy was
22 additional.

23 MR. CALL: Okay. How much was it for the Fire
24 Department then?

25 MR. GALLOWAY: It was two mills.

26 MR. CALL: Okay. So it was a total of three.

27 MR. GALLOWAY: It was a total three, so one for the
28 Sheriff, two for the Fire Department. Residents voted for a
29 four mill safety service levy, which was basically combining
30 those two. We then rescinded the two and the one and got rid

1 of them.

2 MR. CALL: So you eliminated one mill.

3 MS. LUHTA: So you --

4 MS. DAWSON: Three, we eliminated three.

5 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: We made an additional mill.

6 MS. LUHTA: We eliminated three and you voted for
7 four.

8 MR. CALL: Four.

9 MR. GALLOWAY: That's it.

10 MR. CALL: How come you didn't put the Sheriff
11 separate from the Fire Department?

12 MR. GALLOWAY: It was and --

13 MR. CALL: On this last one?

14 MS. LUHTA: No.

15 MR. GALLOWAY: No.

16 MS. LUHTA: No.

17 MR. GALLOWAY: It had been previously.

18 MR. CALL: Right. It wasn't on the last one though.

19 MR. GALLOWAY: No, correct. It was a safety service
20 levy. We combined, we combined the two into one.

21 MR. CALL: Okay. Well, like most people, I don't pay
22 too much attention to my real estate taxes, so this last time I
23 did. It went up. It went up over \$300 in one shot. That's
24 crazy for something like that to happen. So I talked to
25 somebody here.

26 And part of the reason is people, when they vote for
27 millage -- and I didn't know this -- when they vote for levies
28 and stuff like that, if they vote for a levy after the year
29 2015 -- if you look on your real estate tax bill, there is a
30 credit -- you don't get a credit for those levies anymore. So,

1 eventually, there will be no more credits on your tax bills.

2 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, you do if it's a renewal.

3 MR. CALL: If it's a renewal. But if you ask for a
4 new levy, it's not. You don't get a credit.

5 MR. GALLOWAY: That's correct.

6 MS. DAWSON: Correct.

7 MR. CALL: Yeah. So our taxes are going to double
8 here probably in the next ten years. And it's not your fault,
9 it's just --

10 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Well, you know, here is the --
11 and, Chris, please correct me if I'm wrong here. But the
12 philosophy, I think, of, of the State of Ohio recently coming
13 from the Governor's Office is that they, they attempted and
14 started to reduce our state taxes, okay, meaning what we pay in
15 our personal income taxes. What they also did is they reduced
16 all monies that were going to local governments, like Concord
17 Township or like the City of Painesville or like the City of
18 Mentor. And their philosophy was they were going to reduce
19 your taxes, so they meet that pledge. But then they're saying,
20 what we're doing is we're putting the power back with the local
21 residents to see how you want to spend your money. And you
22 choose to either, A, raise your property taxes or your levies
23 or not.

24 And I believe they think that that provides -- and I
25 think it does -- it provides you with better control of what is
26 going on locally in your community and how those dollars and
27 cents are spent.

28 So I guess the only thing I would ask you to do is
29 take a look at your state taxes and see how your state income
30 taxes have either gone down or up over the years and if they,

1 and if they compare to what has went up on your local taxes.

2 MR. CALL: Yeah. The only thing is -- and I get a
3 kick out of this -- the Governor brags about balancing the
4 budget. Well, you know how he balanced the budget? Most
5 people don't know how he did it.

6 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: I do.

7 MR. CALL: you do?

8 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yeah.

9 MR. CALL: It's kind of sad because of the fact that
10 the people paying for the balanced budget are the people that
11 own real estate, and that's how he balanced the budget.

12 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Well, not only did he balance
13 the budget by, you know, on residents' backs but they balanced
14 the budget by gathering money from the federal government as
15 well. And so the question becomes, you have -- Chris, please
16 stop me if I go on too much.

17 MR. GALLOWAY: Go on.

18 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: But the federal government has a
19 balanced budget and they say, "Well, gees, every state, every
20 state -- Every governor who runs for the President of the
21 United States says, "Well, I balanced my budget." Well, A,
22 they have to balance their budgets; and, B, they balance the
23 budgets by taking money from the federal government.

24 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, in part.

25 MR. CALL: They take it from us, too.

26 MR. GALLOWAY: I think, I think you're on to --

27 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: I said you could say something.

28 MR. GALLOWAY: You are on to something as it relates
29 to the philosophy that prevails right now in Columbus, which is
30 for the last 30, 40 years, between the Local Government Fund

1 and the various credits that have been placed on there as it
2 relates to your property taxes, it's not that there is a
3 credit. It's that the state budget was -- The state was
4 picking up that portion that was there for artificially
5 lowering your real estate taxes.

6 So I think the philosophy in Columbus was, we are
7 going to, A, balance our budget; B, we are going to do it by
8 reducing how much we are collecting from and kicking back to
9 local governments. And we're also going to get rid of things
10 like these credits that -- And I think, and I think the theory
11 behind this is they want people to know and understand exactly
12 how much local government costs because, for a long time,
13 people, I think, have a tendency to not understand what true
14 costs of goods and services at the local level cost because the
15 state government was underwriting much of those costs through
16 the Local Government Fund and through local property tax
17 credits like you've referenced on your bill.

18 So I think Columbus has made the decision, well,
19 we're going to pull back on that. And, yes, it will help our
20 state budget and allow us to lower income taxes but we're also
21 then pushing it back to the local communities and saying, "You
22 want to do these things with your local -- these levies. We're
23 not going to pick up the tab on it. If you are going to, if
24 you're going to buy it, you're going to pay the full freight."
25 I mean, I think that's the philosophy of what they're doing and
26 why they're doing it.

27 As it relates to, you know, what we're doing in
28 Concord, you know, we have always tried to be very cognizant of
29 that credit, it's availability. After it was passed a number
30 of years ago, we intentionally passed a couple levies as

1 renewals and kept it in place.

2 MR. CALL: You knew about that credit?

3 MR. GALLOWAY: Oh, we do. And we intentionally
4 passed levies as renewals to keep that in place to make sure
5 that people got it as a credit. When we had our Road
6 Department issue this fall, the existing portion was actually
7 done as a renewal with an additional amount added on of .3. So
8 the one 1.7 that was in place previously renewed as a renewal,
9 keeping the credit for that 1.7, and we asked for an additional
10 amount. Well, why did you ask for an additional amount? And
11 that's not -- That hasn't gone into effect yet, so you're not
12 --

13 MS. DAWSON: That's next year.

14 MR. GALLOWAY: You're not seeing that.

15 MR. CALL: I am thrilled.

16 MR. GALLOWAY: But I -- Here is what I would ask you.
17 I mean, I can ask this of everybody in the room. I mean, Frank
18 just talked about what he is doing in terms of plowing, road
19 construction and everything else that has to go on. And we,
20 obviously, are forced to deal with the number -- The only thing
21 is, that the townships are required to do, is maintain the
22 roads.

23 MS. LUHTA: Yes.

24 MR. GALLOWAY: Connie is always telling us that.

25 MS. LUHTA: Yes, yes.

26 MR. GALLOWAY: So in order to do that, I would say --
27 That 1.7 mill, when was that originally passed?

28 MS. LUHTA: Oh, dear.

29 MR. GALLOWAY: Before you were a trustee, right,
30 Connie?

1 MS. LUHTA: Oh, yes.

2 MR. GALLOWAY: So 30 years ago. It's been 1.7 mills
3 forever.

4 MS. LUHTA: And the mileage, road mileage went up and
5 it's 150 road miles now.

6 MR. KRASKA: Lane miles.

7 MS. LUHTA: Lane miles. I'm sorry. Lane miles.

8 MR. GALLOWAY: So our mileage, how much road we're
9 taking care of has gone up. Our millage stayed the same for 30
10 something years.

11 MS. LUHTA: Yeah.

12 MR. GALLOWAY: I would, I would say to somebody,
13 anyone, name me something, even just in this last decade,
14 that's gone down in price for you.

15 MR. CALL: I will give you one. You were talking
16 about they lowered the state income tax. You mentioned that.

17 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Sure.

18 MR. CALL: All right. That was nice for people who
19 have ten kids. That's great. They really -- They don't pay
20 any income tax, state income tax. In fact, they probably pay
21 -- don't pay any federal income tax. But you know who is
22 picking up that? You just mentioned it. We pay for that sort
23 of thing. You know, it's not fair because you nail everybody
24 with your levies; whereas, the state gives all these give-
25 backs, earned income credits, childcare credits, all this
26 stuff.

27 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, I would disagree with that,
28 actually, to a degree. I have seen my -- I have a small
29 business. I am a sole proprietor, LLC, and I have seen my
30 state income taxes go down dramatically.

1 MR. CALL: Well, yeah, the state tax.

2 MR. GALLOWAY: So I -- But I don't have ten kids and
3 I am not getting lots of credits.

4 MR. CALL: Neither do I but I -- they went down.

5 MR. GALLOWAY: Sure.

6 MR. CALL: I saved a hundred bucks.

7 MR. GALLOWAY: And I am also a property owner, so I
8 pay property taxes just like you do.

9 MR. CALL: Yeah. And my property taxes went up \$300.

10 MR. GALLOWAY: Mine have gone up as well. I would
11 say what you're looking at on your bill though is predominantly
12 several school levies that passed.

13 MS. LUHTA: Yeah.

14 MR. GALLOWAY: Lakeland levy, bond issue that was
15 passed over a year ago. Metroparks had a -- had an issue that
16 was passed. I think the increase that you are talking about
17 right now, the vast majority, has been at county and school
18 level issues that have been passed by the public.

19 MR. CALL: Yeah.

20 MR. GALLOWAY: And I think that's the only thing I
21 want to just point out is that when you talk about whether it's
22 a Lakeland bond issue, Riverside issue, ADAMHS Board renewal,
23 there has been a whole lot of them, increases included, is
24 that, at the end of the day, every single voter is making the
25 decision on those levies and they're either voting them up or
26 they're voting them down.

27 MR. CALL: You know, I used to do income tax. And
28 people would come in every year and say, "I voted for a levy"
29 -- or, no, they said, "My real estate taxes went up. Do you
30 have any reason why my taxes went up?" And I said, "Well, did

1 you vote for any levies?" "Yeah. But what's that got to do
2 with my real estate taxes?"

3 MS. LUHTA: Yeah, yeah.

4 MR. CALL: It's unbelievable. And these are
5 intelligent people.

6 MS. LUHTA: But it's because they don't get, and if
7 they have a mortgage, they don't see the tax bill. They don't
8 understand what's on it.

9 MR. CALL: That's right. One last question.

10 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Sure.

11 MR. CALL: Last meeting, I asked about why the
12 Sheriff doesn't show up for a lot of these accidents over on
13 608. And you said, well, if it's a state highway, the Highway
14 Patrol comes, and if it's on a county highway, the Sheriff
15 shows up. Well, two accidents that I actually saw, one fellow
16 was killed and that was sad. His motorcycle ended up over on
17 Girdled Road and he ended up over on 608.

18 MS. LUHTA: Yeah.

19 MR. CALL: Now, who comes for that kind of thing?

20 MR. GALLOWAY: That's a fatality.

21 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Well, yeah. Usually what they
22 do, there is a little button. The first that can respond will
23 respond. They hit the little button. Emergency services are
24 sent out. If the Sheriff can respond -- But, generally, the
25 Ohio State Patrol will take lead on all fatalities, they just
26 do. Okay? They had the crash investigation, even though the
27 Sheriff's Department does it, the Ohio State Patrol just takes
28 the lead. And I am not sure if that's intergovernmental
29 decision that they made or there is an Ohio Revised Code
30 statute. I just know that that's what generally happens.

1 You know, the -- You asked why we had that combined
2 levy at one, why we put the two together. You know, the
3 Sheriff's Department and our Fire Department work extremely
4 well together but they do depend on each other. Sometimes the
5 Fire Department needs a sheriff there for whatever reason, you
6 know, control of the scene or control of the roadway, and then
7 sometimes the Sheriff's Department needs our Fire Department
8 there because of injuries and what they deal with. The two
9 kind of coexisted and so that's why we put them together.

10 But why on that particular accident, I can't tell
11 you.

12 MR. CALL: I have never seen the Sheriff up there for
13 these accidents. It's always the State Patrol.

14 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, I think two things. One, it's
15 the first one that can respond. So when they -- When the 911
16 call goes out, it goes to all those agencies and the first
17 one -- For whatever reason, the Highway Patrol may or may not
18 be the first one to be able to respond.

19 The other factor is, because if it's happening on
20 608, if that's a state route -- and I am not sure -- it may
21 default to the Highway Patrol. Unfortunately, Lieutenant
22 Sherwood is gone and he could have been the one to answer that
23 for us.

24 MS. LUHTA: Yeah, right.

25 MR. CALL: Quite often, it ends up pushed over on a
26 telephone pole on my property, which is on Girdled Road. So
27 the State Patrol -- It might have happened on 608 but they end
28 up with the wreckage over on Girdled Road.

29 MS. LUHTA: Yeah.

30 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, yeah, where the wreckage ends up

1 stopping and coming to rest, I don't think is the determiner of
2 -- Usually, if it's on a state route or a federal highway, it's
3 going to be Highway Patrol. They will call in the Sheriff to
4 help out, say, on I-90 to assist if there is enough accidents
5 and things of that nature.

6 MR. CALL: Yeah. You know that intersection you're
7 talking about here over on Auburn Road and 44, you know what
8 they can do to solve all that? I used to drive that for 30
9 years back and forth twice to four times a day and I did see
10 accidents there. Most of the problem with the accidents were
11 that long crossing there.

12 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yes.

13 MR. CALL: And people coming down would get the green
14 light from Chardon going 80 miles an hour and these people are
15 still trying to get across the intersection. That's usually
16 what happened.

17 Why couldn't they tear down all that forest of lights
18 over there they got now? Because most people are trying to go
19 down and over the hill and the road ends, which is a joke. I
20 have seen them go around Redhawk or Redcap or whatever the name
21 of that place is. Redhawk Grille, they go in there and turn
22 around and go back again. I have seen them drive over those
23 plastic posts sticking up. I mean, it's a joke. It's a mess
24 up there. You know, they screwed that up worse now than what
25 it was before.

26 MR. GALLOWAY: I don't think that will be the case
27 once there is proper, full signage in place and people get used
28 to the traffic pattern.

29 MR. CALL: You know, more signs --

30 MR. GALLOWAY: I think people have a tendency right

1 now to be forgetting about how they didn't like the previous
2 intersection.

3 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: How backed, how backed up it was
4 in the morning, you know.

5 MR. GALLOWAY: How backed up it was.

6 MR. CALL: You know, did the Trustees have something
7 to do with that?

8 MR. GALLOWAY: Well, it was our project but the
9 design was pushed by ODOT.

10 MR. CALL: That was their idea?

11 MR. GALLOWAY: Uh-huh.

12 MR. CALL: Have you gone up on Hermitage Road, also,
13 and Pinecrest?

14 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yes.

15 MR. CALL: Have you seen that?

16 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yes.

17 MR. GALLOWAY: What do you think of that?

18 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Well, that's the county. And I
19 -- One of the issues that I am going to be talking with
20 Stormwater about is, originally, there was a stormwater issue
21 over there that prompted me to get over there and then the guy
22 took me out there and made me sit there for about 25 minutes
23 and watch, you know, the activity over on that -- I don't want
24 to call it a corner but that intersection.

25 MR. CALL: You know, you have to double back to make
26 the turn.

27 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Sure.

28 MR. CALL: The car goes over in the other lane in
29 order to stay in the road. That's crazy. And then down on the
30 other end of that where Hermitage and Girdled come together,

1 they don't have to stop coming up that hill.

2 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: That's right.

3 MR. CALL: And you're sitting there at the traffic --
4 or at the stop sign and they're trying to not go in the mud on
5 that turn, so they're driving over where you are sitting.
6 That's always interesting there. If you want to get a thrill,
7 just stop at that stop sign sometime.

8 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: I was just over there driving
9 both those routes, so -- and with the gentleman inside my car,
10 you know.

11 MR. CALL: Did anybody say anything about that?

12 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: That's why we were doing that,
13 he was -- He wanted to take me, he wanted to make sure I
14 experienced the same things he experiences, which I've
15 obviously done in the past but did that day as well. So --

16 MR. CALL: Yeah, it's interesting. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you.

18 MR. KRASKA: There is a pretty good chance they're
19 going to put a stop sign on Girdled, too.

20 MR. CALL: Well, they should.

21 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. I am going to move to new
22 business. January financial reports?

23 MS. DAWSON: Are tabled.

24 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. How about professional
25 services for SBJ?

26 MR. GALLOWAY: Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion to
27 approve an on-call professional services agreement with SBJ
28 Consulting at a rate of \$125 an hour for the calendar year of
29 2016.

30 MS. DAWSON: '17.

1 MR. GALLOWAY: I am sorry, 2017. What year is it?
2 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: '17.
3 MS. LUHTA: Okay. I will second that.
4 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say "aye."
5 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
6 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Concord Ridge RCD Subdivision,
7 Phase 5 street light request.
8 MS. DAWSON: They're requesting three lights to an
9 already existing street lighting district.
10 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Mr. Sommers is here, so if he
11 wants to speak on that. I saw you in the audience. I knew
12 that you were coming up. So --
13 MR. SOMMERS: Thank you. Basically, we're asking --
14 We're extending Crossroads to the east as part of the
15 previously approved Concord Ridge development plan. The
16 lighting plan is similar to lights in the other subdivision,
17 far enough space with top caps to down light.
18 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: How many lights then?
19 MS. LUHTA: Three.
20 MS. DAWSON: Three.
21 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Three.
22 MS. DAWSON: Yeah. The last phase had six, so he's
23 got half the amount of lights in this phase.
24 MS. LUHTA: That's good. Is the phase smaller?
25 MR. GALLOWAY: I hate lights. I'll make a motion to
26 approve.
27 MS. LUHTA: Okay. I hate lights, too, and I will
28 second that.
29 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say "aye."
30 MS. LUHTA: Reluctantly, aye.

1 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
2 MR. GALLOWAY: Connie and I could abstain. You could
3 pass with a vote of one.
4 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: I believe lights are
5 innovations.
6 MR. GALLOWAY: I know.
7 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Progress.
8 MS. LUHTA: The residents like them.
9 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: How about Resolution 2017-04.
10 MS. LUHTA: I can move to approve that, a resolution
11 authorizing the notification of intent to conduct an internet
12 auction for the sale of unneeded, obsolete or unfit personal
13 property of Concord Township for the year 2017, it's Resolution
14 2017-04.
15 MR. GALLOWAY: I will second that.
16 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say "aye."
17 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
18 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: How about Resolution 2017-05
19 declaring certain personal property of Concord Township Fire
20 Department as not needed for the public purpose and obsolete
21 and approving the sale -- the sale --
22 MS. LUHTA: Sale.
23 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: -- the sale of this property by
24 internet-based auction.
25 MS. LUHTA: I'll move that we approve that.
26 MR. GALLOWAY: I will second it.
27 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say "aye."
28 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
29 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: We have all signed the purchase
30 agreement?

1 MR. GALLOWAY: I think we did that in office hours.
2 MS. LUHTA: Here you go.
3 MR. GALLOWAY: Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion to
4 extend a conditional offer of employment as a part-time
5 firefighter, pending background check and physicals, to Jesse
6 Selby.
7 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Second that, Connie?
8 MR. GALLOWAY: As a paramedic.
9 MS. LUHTA: Yes, I will second that.
10 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say "aye."
11 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
12 MR. GALLOWAY: Mr. Chairman, I would make a
13 conditional offer of employment as a part-time firefighter/
14 EMT-B, pending background check and physicals, for Zachary
15 Gartner.
16 MS. LUHTA: Second.
17 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say "aye."
18 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
19 MR. GALLOWAY: I do have a question. Do these have
20 a -- Chief, do we have a --
21 MS. LUHTA: A date?
22 MR. GALLOWAY: -- a date on these or are we -- is
23 that still up in the air?
24 CHIEF SABO: It's just a conditional offer so we can
25 send them for physicals and background check and then they'll
26 get a start date after that.
27 MR. GALLOWAY: Bingo, okay.
28 Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion to extend a
29 conditional offer as a part-time firefighter/EMT-B, pending
30 employment background check and physical, for Daniel Green.

1 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Second, Connie?
2 MS. LUHTA: Yes, second.
3 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say "aye."
4 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
5 MR. GALLOWAY: Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion to
6 extend a conditional offer of employment as a part-time
7 firefighter/EMT-B, pending background check and physical, to
8 Daniel Stech.
9 MS. LUHTA: Second.
10 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say "aye."
11 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
12 MR. GALLOWAY: And if I pronounced that wrong, I
13 apologize.
14 MS. LUHTA: I would move that we approve a purchase
15 order for the Fire Department for the -- for scheduling
16 software from Aladtec at a cost of \$3,600.
17 MR. GALLOWAY: I will second that.
18 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say "aye."
19 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
20 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Hey, Chief, is that new
21 software?
22 CHIEF SABO: Yes, sir.
23 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. What did you use before?
24 CHIEF SABO: Google.
25 MR. GALLOWAY: They didn't.
26 CHIEF SABO: So it had no analytics or no way to draw
27 data.
28 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: That's what I -- That's what I
29 was wondering. Thank you very much. No, that's great.
30 MS. LUHTA: I'll send that all over.

1 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: We've got one more fire -- or
2 pay increase.

3 MR. GALLOWAY: Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion to
4 provide a pay increase to full-time firefighter/paramedic
5 Richard Sheppard, per the contract, effective February 5, 2017.

6 MS. LUHTA: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say "aye."

8 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

9 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. Approved at staff meeting
10 yesterday, January 31, 2017, was to recognize ODOT Change
11 Order 9-13 for Auburn Career -- Crile project, corridor
12 project.

13 MS. DAWSON: Nine -- There were several change
14 orders, Mr. Chairman, 9 through 13.

15 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Nine through thirteen.

16 MR. GALLOWAY: I believe we had another one today
17 that I would point out that we also acknowledged that our
18 Administrator sent along.

19 MS. LUHTA: Yeah.

20 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Approve -- Okay. And we did
21 sign the mylars. I think I signed two mylars, both on
22 Mountainside Farms Subdivision, Phase 4C, and LAK Auburn-Crile
23 connector road sewer installation approval.

24 Future meetings and announcements: Tuesday,
25 February 7th, at 7:00 p.m., the Zoning Commission meeting at
26 Town Hall;

27 Wednesday, February 8th, at 7:00 p.m., the Board of
28 Zoning Appeals meeting in Town Hall;

29 Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:30, we will have the
30 Trustees' office hours here in Town Hall; and at 7:30, the

1 trustees' meeting in Town Hall;

2 Friday, February 17th, at 9:00 a.m., is the strategic
3 planning meeting at Concord Community Center. I have to run
4 out at 11:00, Kathy. I'm just letting you know.

5 MS. MITCHELL: Okay.

6 MR. GALLOWAY: Is that, like, permanently for the
7 rest of the day?

8 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: No, no, just for, like, you
9 know, a plea hearing and then I'll be back.

10 MS. LUHTA: Okay.

11 MR. GALLOWAY: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: And then Monday, February 20th,
13 at -- we will be closed in observance of President's Day.

14 So anything for the good of the order?

15 MR. GALLOWAY: Happy Township Day.

16 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Happy Township Day.

17 MS. LUHTA: Right.

18 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you.

19 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.)
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