

CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO  
REGULAR MEETING

Concord Town Hall  
7229 Ravenna Road  
Concord, Ohio 44077

January 6, 2016  
7:30 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Present on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

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

Also Present:

Michael Lucas, Esq., Legal Counsel  
Kathy Mitchell, Administrator  
Matthew Sabo, Fire Chief  
Frank Kraska, Service Director  
Bruce Bullard, Zoning Director  
Debra Esker, Recreation Director  
Lieutenant Mike Reed, Sheriff's Department

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1 7:48 p.m.

2 CHAIRMAN GALLOWAY: I hereby call to order the  
3 regularly scheduled Concord Township Board of Trustees meeting  
4 for Wednesday, January 6. Please join Paul Malchesky in the  
5 Pledge of Allegiance.

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

7 CHAIRMAN GALLOWAY: I am going to start calling on  
8 audience members for the Pledge to keep everybody on their  
9 toes. It makes everyone a little nervous.

10 Roll call.

11 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Galloway?

12 CHAIRMAN GALLOWAY: I am here.

13 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Malchesky?

14 MR. MALCHESKY: Present.

15 MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Luhta?

16 MS. LUHTA: Here.

17 CHAIRMAN GALLOWAY: Okay. We've got to do a swearing  
18 at -- I mean, a swearing in. Chief, where is our chief? Come  
19 on up. Okay. Raise your right hand, repeat after me.

20 (Whereupon, the oath of office was administered to  
21 Fire Chief Matthew Sabo.)

22 CHAIRMAN GALLOWAY: Congratulations.

23 CHIEF SABO: Thank you, again.

24 CHAIRMAN GALLOWAY: Pin it right on there. You  
25 didn't do it right if you didn't draw blood.

26 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Stick it, Christine.

27 CHIEF SABO: Thank you.

28 CHAIRMAN GALLOWAY: Chief, why don't you step to the  
29 podium and talk to your adoring public.

30 CHIEF SABO: Well, once again, thank you for the

1 support from the community, the trustees, staff of the Concord  
2 Township and the members of the Fire Department. It's been a  
3 long year and a half or so'ish of getting to where we're at,  
4 and all I can say is I thank each one of you for your support  
5 and look forward to moving into the future and taking this  
6 department to new places. I thank my family: Christie;  
7 Nathan; Nicole is not here, she's at work; my parents, Don,  
8 Martha; my mother-in-law, Cindy; and anyone that just took the  
9 time out to come out and celebrate with me and wish me well.  
10 So thank you very much.

11 CHAIRMAN GALLOWAY: Since we have lots of the folks  
12 in the department here, I would point out that, when we started  
13 this process over a year ago, we used the fire chief hiring  
14 protocol and process that the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association has  
15 in place. And so we, as a township, hired them to lead our  
16 search and lead the community through that, and that was a  
17 national search. There were applicants from across the  
18 country. It wasn't a matter of just hiring the next guy  
19 within. We did an exhaustive search. And we're very pleased  
20 and happy that one of our own rose to the top of all of that  
21 and we were able to promote from within someone, Matt, who is,  
22 you know, extremely well deserving in leading this department  
23 going forward and serving the residents of this community.

24 And I know that we made the right decision that,  
25 subsequently, talking to other fire chiefs around the  
26 community, just running into them and at events and things and  
27 them saying to me how highly thought of Matt is in the fire  
28 community in this area and that they think we have made a great  
29 hire.

30 So I think that department is in great hands, with

1 all of you that work so hard for this community every day  
2 keeping us safe. We're very appreciative. And I know that  
3 Matt is going to lead this department for years to come and  
4 keep it on the good path and in the right direction.

5 So, Matt, we're thrilled to have you and thanks so  
6 much.

7 CHIEF SABO: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN GALLOWAY: All right. It's the end of an  
9 era. I get out of this chair. So what I am going to do is  
10 let everybody leave that wants to go and do that. Is there  
11 cake? I don't know. Maybe. Fingers crossed.

12 CHIEF SABO: MS. LUHTA:

13 MS. LUHTA: No cake?

14 CHAIRMAN GALLOWAY: All right. Now we're going to  
15 move on to the reorganization meeting of 2016. So the first  
16 thing, what we have to do is swearing in of chairman. I am  
17 going to go ahead and designate Mrs. Dawson as our chairman pro  
18 tem. Chairmanship of the meeting is then turned over to  
19 Mrs. Dawson for the purpose of electing a new Board of Trustees  
20 chairman.

21 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Galloway. Nominations  
22 are now open for the position of chairman.

23 MR. MALCHESKY: I will nominate Mrs. Luhta as the  
24 chairman of the Township Board of Trustees for the year 2016.

25 MR. GALLOWAY: I second that.

26 MS. DAWSON: All those in favor?

27 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

28 MS. DAWSON: Nominations are now open for the  
29 position of vice chairman for 2016.

30 MR. GALLOWAY: I nominate Mr. Malchesky as vice

1 chairman of the Concord Township Board of Trustees for the year  
2 2016.

3 MS. LUHTA: I'll second that.

4 MS. DAWSON: All those in favor?

5 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

6 MS. DAWSON: Nominations are now open as the the  
7 position of fiscal officer pro tempore for 2016.

8 MR. MALCHESKY: I nominate Mr. Galloway for fiscal  
9 officer pro tempore -- I cannot really pronounce that -- for  
10 2016. That barely counts.

11 MR. GALLOWAY: You want to say "tempora."

12 MR. MALCHESKY: Yes, I do. It makes me hungry.

13 MS. LUHTA: I will second that.

14 MS. DAWSON: All those in favor?

15 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

16 MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Luhta now assumes the chair,  
17 Mr. Malchesky assumes the position of vice chair, Mr. Galloway  
18 assumes the position of fiscal officer pro tempore, and I go  
19 back to being fiscal officer.

20 MR. GALLOWAY: You be you.

21 MS. DAWSON: Thank you.

22 MR. GALLOWAY: I will take my name tag. I am going  
23 to give you two microphones.

24 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Oh, because I am soft spoken.

25 MR. GALLOWAY: Yes. I am known to bellow.

26 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay.

27 MR. MALCHESKY: Second.

28 MR. GALLOWAY: I am told they never have a problem  
29 hearing me on the microphone.

30 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay. We will now set the time

1 and date of meetings for 2016. Trustee meetings will be held  
2 the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in  
3 the Town Hall meeting room. And the office hours will precede  
4 the trustee meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise  
5 noted.

6 Staff meetings will be set for the Tuesday preceding  
7 the first trustee meeting of each month, and the first staff  
8 meeting for 2016 was held yesterday.

9 The Appropriations Workshop will be announced at a  
10 later date.

11 Special meetings will be announced at least 24 hours  
12 in advance on Time Warner Cable Channel 96.2; AT&T U-verse  
13 Channel 99; and faxed to the local newspapers, including the  
14 News Herald, the Plain Dealer and the Lake County Tribune.

15 Do I hear a motion?

16 MR. MALCHESKY: So I move.

17 MR. GALLOWAY: I second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

19 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: We will now make the department  
21 assignments for each trustee as follows: Fire, Mrs. Luhta;  
22 Road, Mr. Malchesky; and Zoning, Recreation and special  
23 projects, Mr. Galloway. Do I hear a motion?

24 MR. GALLOWAY: I so move.

25 MR. MALCHESKY: Second.

26 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

27 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

28 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: And we will now appoint the  
29 township department directors. Do I hear a motion?

30 MR. GALLOWAY: Yes. I move we approve the following

1 township department directors: For Administrator, Kathy  
2 Mitchell; legal counsel, Michael Lucas; cemetery sexton, Amy  
3 Dawson; Fire Chief, Matthew Sabo; Service Department director,  
4 Frank Kraska; Recreation director, Debra Esker; Zoning director  
5 and zoning inspector, Bruce Bullard; and secretary to the Board  
6 of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission, Bruce Bullard.

7 MR. MALCHESKY: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

9 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

10 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: The employee pay rates for 2016  
11 were passed at the special meeting on December 22, 2015. Paul  
12 Malchesky had made a motion to approve the rates as discussed,  
13 Chris Galloway seconded the motion and there were three ayes.

14 We will now establish the legal holidays for the  
15 year. If the holiday falls on a Saturday, it is observed on  
16 the preceding Friday; on Sunday, it is observed on the  
17 following Monday. Do I hear a motion?

18 MR. GALLOWAY: I move we establish legal holidays for  
19 2016 as follows: The first of these would be for  
20 Administration, Service Department and Fire Department  
21 administrative personnel. First, January 1, New Years Day;  
22 January 18th, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; February 15th,  
23 President's Day; March 25th, trustee designated holiday; May  
24 30th, Memorial Day; July 4th, Independence Day; September 5th,  
25 Labor Day; October 10th, Columbus Day; November 11th,  
26 Veterans' Day; November 24th, Thanksgiving Day; November 25th,  
27 the day after Thanksgiving; December 26th, Christmas Day.

28 MR. MALCHESKY: Second.

29 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

30 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

1 MR. MALCHESKY: I move that we establish the 2016  
2 holidays for the Fire Department, Fire Department firefighting  
3 personnel as follows: January 1st, New Year's Day; March 27th,  
4 Easter Sunday; May 30th, Memorial Day; July 4th, Independence  
5 Day; September 5th, Labor Day; November 24th, Thanksgiving Day;  
6 December 25th, Christmas Day.

7 MR. GALLOWAY: I will second that.

8 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

9 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

10 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: We need to establish the mileage  
11 rate. Do I hear a motion?

12 MR. GALLOWAY: I move we establish 2016 mileage rate  
13 reimbursements per IRS guidelines. As of January 1, 2016, it  
14 is 54 cents per mile.

15 MR. MALCHESKY: Second.

16 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

17 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

18 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: The temporary appropriations for  
19 2016 were passed at the regular meeting of December 16, 2015,  
20 Resolution 2015-44. Paul Malchesky had made a motion to  
21 approve the rates as discussed, Chris Galloway seconded the  
22 motion and there were three ayes.

23 Approval of blanket certificates.

24 MR. MALCHESKY: I move we accept the list of Super  
25 Blanket Certificates, that's 2016-1 through 2016-97, effective  
26 January 1, 2016, as presented in the list.

27 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: There it is.

28 MR. MALCHESKY: Which is so thick.

29 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Yes.

30 MR. GALLOWAY: Are we signing the top one or are we



1 signing all of them?

2 MS. DAWSON: You sign the top one. I sign all them.

3 MR. GALLOWAY: I'll second that motion.

4 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

5 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

6 MR. MALCHESKY: Because of the signature?

7 MR. GALLOWAY: Yes. I didn't know if I needed to do

8 an exercise and get ready.

9 MS. DAWSON: No.

10 MR. GALLOWAY: We need to appoint two board members

11 to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board. So I

12 make a motion to elect Paul Malchesky to the Volunteer Fire

13 Fighters' Dependents Fund Board to serve a one-year term

14 commencing on January 1, 2016.

15 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Second.

16 MR. GALLOWAY: You need to call it.

17 MR. MALCHESKY: Oh, call a vote.

18 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay.

19 MR. GALLOWAY: You seconded.

20 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

21 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

22 MR. MALCHESKY: I make a motion to elect Caroline

23 Luhta to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board to

24 serve a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2016.

25 MR. GALLOWAY: I will second that.

26 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

27 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

28 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: And now we appoint the Financial

29 Advisory Committee members.

30 MR. GALLOWAY: I move we appoint Fran Wilson to the

1 Financial Advisory Committee for a two-year term expiring  
2 December 31, 2017.

3 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Second. That's what it says. All  
4 in favor?

5 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

6 MR. MALCHESKY: I will table mine.

7 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay.

8 MR. GALLOWAY: Very good. I move that we appoint  
9 Beverly Vitaz to the Financial Advisory Committee for a  
10 two-year term expiring December 31, 2017.

11 MR. MALCHESKY: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

13 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: These are all housekeeping items  
15 that are critical to operating our township form of government  
16 within the legal guidelines set forth by the Ohio Revised Code.

17 This concludes the organizational meeting of the --  
18 portion of the regular trustees' meeting and we will now move  
19 to the remainder of the meeting agenda.

20 And the next item is the approval of minutes of the  
21 16th and 22nd of December and they are to be tabled.

22 So we move to elected officials' reports. Trustees:  
23 Paul, do you have anything?

24 MR. MALCHESKY: I have nothing except that, do you  
25 know whether or not our Fireside Chat is running yet?

26 MR. GALLOWAY: I don't think it's even been completed  
27 yet, putting it together.

28 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Yes.

29 MR. GALLOWAY: That would be some quick turnaround.

30 MR. MALCHESKY: So that --

1 MR. GALLOWAY: You are eager.

2 MR. MALCHESKY: I don't know. I'm just saying. So,  
3 I guess, look forward to that, is our opening.

4 MR. GALLOWAY: I assumed we would see it before it  
5 was running.

6 MR. MALCHESKY: I didn't assume that.

7 MR. GALLOWAY: Oh, okay. Well, there you go.

8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It takes a few days.

9 MR. GALLOWAY: Yeah. It's all good. He's got to do  
10 fancy stuff, add text and, you know, fireworks. I don't know.

11 MR. MALCHESKY: I just assumed it was a couple little  
12 breaks.

13 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: No, not so.

14 MR. GALLOWAY: Believe me, we want him to edit.

15 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Yes, we do, definitely.

16 MR. MALCHESKY: You can only cut, you can't add,  
17 so --

18 MR. GALLOWAY: Oh, you could add. It's called  
19 dubbing.

20 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All right. Do you have anything,  
21 Chris?

22 MR. GALLOWAY: No, I have nothing.

23 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay. Nor do I.

24 MR. GALLOWAY: Look at that.

25 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: So we will move to --

26 MR. GALLOWAY: We are on a roll.

27 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: -- the fiscal officer.

28 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mrs. Luhta. Summary of 2015:  
29 Concord Township continues to be fiscally sound. The Township  
30 began 2015 with \$6.4 million in the treasury. We've collected

1 \$10.8 million in taxes, grants, interest, permit and EMS fees,  
2 leases and rents, Community Center classes, cemetery sales, and  
3 gifts and donations. We expended \$11.1 million, \$2 million of  
4 which was expended on the corridor project, and salaries and  
5 benefits, road improvement, road repair and maintenance,  
6 emergency services and equipment, property maintenance, fees to  
7 Lake County and the State of Ohio and building improvements.  
8 In addition, we ended the year with \$369,000 in encumbered  
9 funds set aside for specific projects.

10 The Township ended 2015 with \$6.1 million in the  
11 treasury in 22 funds, of which \$2.7 million is restricted to  
12 the JEDD Fund Number 2905 and the Capital Project Fund 4901.  
13 One million dollars is required to cover expenses until the  
14 first half of real estate taxes arrive at the end of March.

15 Financial statements for Concord Township will be  
16 available after March 1st. In the meantime, if you have any  
17 questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my  
18 office at the 354-7516. And I hope everybody is having a happy  
19 and healthy New Year.

20 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Thank you, Amy.

21 Now department reports: Kathy Mitchell,  
22 Administrator.

23 MS. MITCHELL: I don't have anything to report.

24 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay. Fire Chief Sabo.

25 MR. MALCHESKY: He just got here. He's got to report  
26 already?

27 CHIEF SABO: Good evening, again.

28 MR. GALLOWAY: I know, right?

29 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: I hope they save you a piece of  
30 cake.

1 CHIEF SABO: There is no cake tonight. I mean, we  
2 are done with cake for a while.

3 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Oh, okay.

4 MR. GALLOWAY: Oh, wow, austerity sets in over there.  
5 Way to lose the men right out of the gate.

6 CHIEF SABO: New Years resolutions. Give me a month.

7 So for 2015, we ended the year with 2,277 incidents  
8 that we responded to. That's almost 160 runs more than we ran  
9 in 2014. For December alone, we ran on 178 total incidents, 9  
10 MVAs, 17 agency assists, 13 fire alarms, 5 calls for wires  
11 down, especially during that wind storm that we had towards the  
12 end of the year there, beginning of this one, 17 basic rescues,  
13 62 advanced paramedic rescues, 22 public assists, and zero  
14 structure fires, so that's good.

15 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Yes.

16 MR. GALLOWAY: Wow.

17 CHIEF SABO: I don't have anything else to report  
18 other than our regular safety tip. During the snow season, one  
19 needs to consider what it means to the body to engage in snow  
20 shoveling. Any person with a history of heart trouble needs to  
21 talk to their doctor before taking on this task or any  
22 strenuous task.

23 If you are going to shovel snow, you ought to avoid  
24 caffeine and nicotine before beginning, as these are stimulants  
25 that may increase your heart rate, causing blood vessels to  
26 constrict and putting extra stress on your heart.

27 Dehydration is just as much an issue in the winter as  
28 it is in the summer, so drink plenty of water and dress in  
29 layers so that you can remove them as you need to. Make sure  
30 you warm up your muscles. They work more efficiently. And use

1 the right shovel.

2 When shoveling, protect your back by lifting  
3 correctly. Stand with your feet about hip width for balance,  
4 keep the shovel close to your body, bend with your knees, not  
5 with your back. And most importantly, listen to your body.  
6 Stop if you feel any pain and don't hesitate to call 911.

7 The reason that I chose that as the safety tip this  
8 month is, last year and for 2015, we ran -- we responded to  
9 eight victims of heart attack. All of them fared well. We  
10 did -- They made a full recovery. But we certainly don't want  
11 any more statistics added to our numbers. So be safe this  
12 winter and drive careful and enjoy the New Year. Thank you.

13 MR. GALLOWAY: Thanks, Chief.

14 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Thank you.

15 Service Department, Frank Kraska.

16 MR. KRASKA: Good evening.

17 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Good evening.

18 MR. KRASKA: First, I want to say thanks to the Board  
19 for endorsing me again for the coming year. I look forward to  
20 serving the community. I get great joy from that. So thanks,  
21 again.

22 We were, once again, the beneficiary of the Pacific  
23 Ocean El Niño weather pattern which both influenced our  
24 precipitation and temperature range in the month of December.  
25 As an example, in December of 2014, the daily average  
26 temperature was around 41 degrees, as in comparison to in  
27 December of 2015, the month just passed, which we saw the daily  
28 average climb a whopping 10 degrees higher at 51 degrees on the  
29 average.

30 Both Decembers were fairly equal with light amounts

1 of precipitation which, for our department, only resulted in  
2 only 3 winter-related dispatches in December and, to date, only  
3 7 dispatches from November through Monday of this week. By  
4 comparison, if anyone is counting, our department, on  
5 January 6, 2015, had already been dispatched on 28 times to  
6 plow a year ago and treat roads.

7 A couple other numbers that speak out are that we  
8 have dispensed 280 tons of salt this season, by comparison to  
9 800 tons at this time last year, which is about 65 percent less  
10 this season so far.

11 In the meantime, some of our residents, 81 in total,  
12 have taken steps to have the Service Department install snow  
13 barricades at their respective residences to protect their  
14 mailboxes from the rigors of winter, which we would -- which we  
15 could very well still experience, especially with how warm Lake  
16 Erie has remained and the potential for lake effect snow. For  
17 a material cost of only \$38, this remains a good option for  
18 protecting your mailbox and subsequent service. Check out our  
19 website for complete information.

20 The mild whether has enabled us to continue some road  
21 maintenance activities, both Dura Patching and pothole repair,  
22 at various locations throughout the community.

23 Anyone needing any additional information regarding  
24 township services can call my office at (440) 350-3226. And  
25 that concludes the report for the Service Department for this  
26 evening.

27 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Thank you.

28 MR. GALLOWAY: Thanks, Frank.

29 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay. Next is Zoning Department,  
30 Bruce Bullard.

1 MR. BULLARD: Good evening.

2 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Good evening.

3 MR. BULLARD: Okay. This past month in December, we  
4 issued 17 permits, 6 of which were houses. And in reviewing  
5 the year, as comparison to last year, we had 344 permits issued  
6 total, as opposed to 347 last year. We issued 70 houses in  
7 that period of time.

8 Also, we had a very busy year as far as the Board of  
9 Zoning Appeals, where we reviewed five conditional use  
10 requests, a use variance was reviewed and 13 variance requests  
11 were in front of the Board. We also had six site plan reviews  
12 that were reviewed, three of those are currently commercial  
13 projects that are in process and there is an additional three  
14 that are coming up that are going to be on the Board. New  
15 exciting things are happening as far as the commercial  
16 operations are going.

17 And I, too, thank the trustees for their support and,  
18 also, the fact that they do send us to education seminars and  
19 that is really appreciated by the Zoning Department. Thank  
20 you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Thank you.

22 MR. GALLOWAY: Thanks, Bruce.

23 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay. Debra Esker, Recreation  
24 Department.

25 MS. ESKER: Good evening.

26 MR. GALLOWAY: Good evening.

27 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Good evening.

28 MS. ESKER: And I would like to echo the sentiment  
29 and thank you for reinstating us. It's such a great family.  
30 We love our jobs and it's just a wonderful thing to serve the



1 residents of Concord.

2 Thanks to everyone who participated in Concord  
3 Township's 6th Annual Light Up Concord Holiday House Decorating  
4 Contest. Concord residents' lighting displays were quite  
5 impressive this year. People voted by email, phone and  
6 Facebook for their favorite holiday lights, and this year's  
7 winners were:

8 The Brandoni family, voted People's Choice for Best  
9 Overall Decorations, for their beautiful light display set  
10 flawlessly to music;

11 The Osborne family, for their Clark Griswold/Over-  
12 the-Top theme display;

13 The Duryea family, for their all-white light theme  
14 display;

15 And the Wunderle family, for their traditional  
16 lighting display.

17 Congratulations to these families, and thanks to all  
18 the residents that decorated with holiday lights because they  
19 really amped up the charm in Concord this holiday season.

20 The Concord Township Recreation Department welcomes  
21 those 55 and older to our 55 Plus Group gatherings. No formal  
22 membership, no dues, just come when you can and enjoy the  
23 pleasant afternoons of information, entertainment and dessert.  
24 Our next 55 Plus Group gathering is Wednesday, January 20th,  
25 when we will host Winter Bingo. So grab your besties and join  
26 us for an afternoon of fun bingo with great prizes, great  
27 company and a sweet treat.

28 Be sure to explore the multitude of classes offered  
29 at the Concord Community Center this winter. Classes include:  
30 watercolors, stained class, cooking, photography, dance, power

1 yoga, we're offering a tennis camp this year, stress  
2 management, caring for the caregiver, getting started with  
3 Medicare, maximizing your Social Security benefits, fixed index  
4 annuities, investing for women, and caring for aging parents.  
5 So, basically, there is something for everybody.

6 The 2016 winter/spring edition of the *Concord*  
7 *Grapevine* is due in homes in mid-January. In this edition, you  
8 will find a plethora of useful information, including:  
9 Information on winter snow removal procedures, details on the  
10 Knox box program, columbarium availability in the Concord  
11 Township cemetery, an update on the Auburn-Crile Road  
12 Improvement Project, Concord Township department head  
13 retirements and replacements, and helpful zoning information.

14 And in addition to all of that, you will also find  
15 the Recreation Department's comprehensive winter/spring class  
16 listing, the 55 Plus Group schedule, upcoming family events and  
17 even some preliminary Community Days information. So be sure  
18 to peruse your *Grapevine* and find out what's happening in  
19 Concord this winter and spring.

20 And we are thrilled to announce that residents can  
21 now register for classes online and pay with a credit card.  
22 Visit [Concordtp.com](http://Concordtp.com), scroll down to "QuickLinks" and click on  
23 "Parks and Recreation Registration," create an account and  
24 register for classes. You can also stop by the Community  
25 Center to register for classes and pay with cash, check or  
26 credit card. Details are in the next edition of the *Grapevine*  
27 coming shortly to your home.

28 We encourage residents to go green in 2016. If you  
29 prefer to receive the *Grapevine* via email instead of hard copy,  
30 simply contact the Recreation Department and we will add you to

1 the email distribution list.

2 And, lastly, if you are looking for the perfect place  
3 for your next party or business meeting, consider renting the  
4 Community Center. Amenities include big, beautiful rooms,  
5 wall-mounted large screen TVs, wifi, kitchen usage and more.  
6 We provide tables and chairs. The Community Center is open  
7 from 8:00 to 4:30 weekdays, by appointment in the evenings. So  
8 stop by for a tour.

9 All of this information and more can be found in the  
10 next edition of the township newsletter, the *Concord Grapevine*,  
11 and on the Concord Township website, [Concordtpw.com](http://Concordtpw.com), or contact  
12 us at the Recreation Department, (440) 639-4650, for more  
13 information. Thank you, and wishing everybody a happy New  
14 Year.

15 MR. MALCHESKY: Thanks.

16 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Thank you, Deb.

17 MR. GALLOWAY: Thanks. I want to fire us and just  
18 have Deb do the Fireside Chats. Deb is a lot more efficient  
19 than us.

20 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: That's very good, yes.

21 Okay. Next is the Concord law enforcement report and  
22 we have -- Lieutenant?

23 MR. MALCHESKY: Yes.

24 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Lieutenant Reed. Thank you.

25 LIEUTENANT REED: Good evening and happy New Year,  
26 everyone. I am Lieutenant Reed, from Lake County Sheriff's  
27 Office, here to report on December's stats and calls for  
28 service for Concord Township area.

29 We had 1,281 calls for service that were handled in the  
30 Concord Township area in December. There was 1 injury

1 accident, 14 property damage accidents. Arrest wise, we had an  
2 adult female arrest on a warrant on State Route 84; we had an  
3 adult male arrest for disorderly conduct on Auburn Road; an  
4 adult male arrest for disorderly conduct on Crile Road; an  
5 adult arrest for disorderly conduct on Auburn Road; an adult  
6 male arrest for disorderly conduct on Johnnycake Ridge; an  
7 adult male arrest for felony OVI, DUS and no Ohio license on  
8 State Route 84; an adult male arrest for a TPO violation,  
9 resisting arrest and warrants on Country Scene; we had two  
10 adult male arrests for discharging fireworks and disorderly  
11 conduct on Excaliber; and we had an adult male arrest for OVI  
12 on Morley Road at Pinehill.

13 We handled 70 alarms. There were 224 business checks,  
14 291 crime prevention checks. We issued 25 citations in  
15 Concord, 118 written warnings. We handled 1 driving under  
16 suspension, 3 operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

17 And new investigations include an assault on Auburn  
18 Road, a B and E to a vehicle on Melridge a B and E to a vehicle  
19 on Johnnycake Ridge, a burglary on Mountain Park, a bad checks  
20 complaint on Johnnycake Ridge, a drugs complaint on Rio Vista,  
21 a sex offense on Morley Road, we had a theft on North  
22 Excaliber, a theft at Ellison Creek, a theft on Johnnycake  
23 Ridge, a theft on North Downy Place, a theft on Auburn Road,  
24 two thefts on Country Scene, another theft on Auburn Road, a  
25 theft on Braintree Lane, a theft on Cherry Hill, a theft at  
26 Auburn Road, a theft on Discovery Lane, a theft on Hunting  
27 Lake, a theft on Stonehedge, a theft on Johnnycake Ridge, a  
28 theft report at Fredle Drive, a theft report at Barchester.  
29 And that's all the theft reports for the month.

30 MR. GALLOWAY: Wow.

1           LIEUTENANT REED: Threats on Auburn Road --

2           MR. MALCHESKY: That's enough.

3           Mr. GALLOWAY: Apparently, people are not in the  
4 giving spirit, the taking spirit.

5           LIEUTENANT REED: Yeah. Well, it's a lot of car  
6 break-ins and we had some thefts of Christmas ornaments and  
7 things this year. The new star lights that everybody had were  
8 a popular item. At \$40 a piece, they were a quick grab and an  
9 easy thing to sell for resale.

10           We had a threats report on Auburn Road, a threats on  
11 Lancaster Court, a threat report on Chestnut, a threat report  
12 on Johnnycake Ridge. We had a vandalism on North Galahad  
13 Place, a vandalism at North Point Court, a vandalism on Nobhill  
14 Lane, a vandalism on Ravenna Road, a vandalism on Village  
15 Drive, a vandalism on Augusta Lane, and we handled a stolen  
16 vehicle on Old Johnnycake Road. That's all I have to report on  
17 that.

18           I would say that bad weather is coming. We've  
19 been pretty fortunate so far as far as accidents and DAVs.  
20 But the bad weather is coming, so I would say adjust your  
21 travel time accordingly and make sure you leave yourself good  
22 stopping distance before other cars. And don't forgot to pack  
23 up some safety supplies, maybe an extra blanket and a couple  
24 waters when you know you are going to be traveling so that,  
25 in case you do get stranded, you are able to stay safe until  
26 someone can get there to help you. Hopefully, it will be  
27 us.

28           CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Thank you.

29           MR. MALCHESKY: Thank you.

30           MR. GALLOWAY: Thanks, Lieutenant.

1 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: And Mr. Rock is not here, so we  
2 will go to audience. We have someone in the audience from a  
3 school.

4 MR. MALCHESKY: What school would that be?

5 MR. McMILLAN: Notre Dame Cathedral Latin.

6 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Come on up.

7 MR. MALCHESKY: Come on up. Everybody else has done  
8 it.

9 MR. GALLOWAY: Yeah. You've got to introduce  
10 yourself.

11 MR. MALCHESKY: Yeah. Or it doesn't count.

12 MR. GALLOWAY: Tell us what class it's for and where  
13 you want to go to college.

14 MR. McMILLAN: Well, I am John McMillan. I would  
15 like to go to Ohio University.

16 MR. GALLOWAY: Good choice. Good choice.

17 MR. KRASKA: How much did he pay you?

18 MR. McMILLAN: It's for a government class.

19 MR. GALLOWAY: American government.

20 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Right. And you need us to sign  
21 something after the meeting, right?

22 MR. McMILLAN: Yes, I do.

23 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay. But now you have proof that  
24 you attended because it's on TV.

25 MR. GALLOWAY: Your teacher can look it up right  
26 online.

27 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay. Thank you.

28 MR. GALLOWAY: Thanks so much. Good luck.

29 MR. KRASKA: And he plays baseball.

30 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Is there anyone else in the

1 audience who would like to talk to us? No. Okay.

2 We have no old business, so we will move on to new  
3 business and we have a Resolution 2016-1.

4 MR. MALCHESKY: I make a motion to adopt Resolution  
5 2016-01, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as  
6 determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the  
7 necessary tax levies and certifying them to the auditor.  
8 Those levies being what we have attached as Schedule A and B.

9 MS. DAWSON: And the reason we have to do that is  
10 because we passed a new levy last year and we removed two  
11 levies off the docket, so this is just the housekeeping that  
12 needs to be done when that occurs.

13 MR. GALLOWAY: I will second that.

14 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

15 MS. DAWSON: We need a roll call vote, please.

16 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Oh, you need -- okay.

17 MR. GALLOWAY: Oh, that's right.

18 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: (Cell phone.) Uh-oh. I forgot to  
19 turn it off. Sorry. Okay.

20 Roll call, please.

21 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Galloway?

22 MR. GALLOWAY: Yes.

23 MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Luhta?

24 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Yes.

25 MS. DAWSON: And Mr. Malchesky?

26 MR. MALCHESKY: Yes.

27 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay.

28 MR. MALCHESKY: I make a motion to adopt Resolution  
29 2016-02 Resolution to approve the General Fund advance to the  
30 Safety Service Levy Fund. That is moving -- The Levy Fund

1 Number 2194 needs cash to meet its obligations. And General  
2 Fund Number 1000 can supply that cash and we would approve  
3 \$300,000 to be moved over.

4 MS. DAWSON: Temporarily. As soon as the tax money  
5 comes through, the money will be moved back.

6 MR. GALLOWAY: Right. I second that.

7 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Do you need a roll call for that?

8 MS. DAWSON: I do not.

9 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All in favor?

10 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

11 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay. Then we are going to table  
12 the December 2015 financial reports.

13 MS. DAWSON: Yes.

14 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: And we have to sign a mylar for  
15 Stanford Springs Sewer Improvement Plan, so --

16 MR. MALCHESKY: It's spelled right, so we can sign it  
17 now.

18 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Yes. We can sign it after the  
19 meeting.

20 And I have here a letter of recognition for Eagle  
21 Scout Michael J. Folkman. Who would like to read that? Do you  
22 want me to read it?

23 MR. GALLOWAY: Yeah. You are the queen of that.

24 CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All right. "Eagle Scout Michael  
25 J. Folkman, January 9, 2016.

26 "It is with great pleasure that the Trustees of  
27 Concord Township extend their congratulations to Eagle Scout  
28 Michael J. Folkman for attainment of the very prestigious honor  
29 of Eagle Scout.

30 "Anyone who has known a Scout understands the hard



1 work and dedication that accompanies the achievement of Eagle  
2 Scout. However, it is certainly worth noting that only about 6  
3 percent of your peers will achieve this same rank and that you  
4 will stand among those Eagle Scouts that have become great  
5 leaders in this country.

6 "You have exemplified the ideals and goals of  
7 scouting in innumerable ways, including attendance to the  
8 National Youth Leadership Training Course, where you later  
9 returned as staff for three consecutive years to help teach  
10 leadership principles to other scouts. You've had many  
11 leadership positions in the troop, including being elected as  
12 the senior patrol leader and also as a member of two Venture  
13 Crews where you currently hold the position of president in one  
14 of them.

15 "We congratulate you in balancing your scouting  
16 activities and leadership with those at Notre Dame Cathedral  
17 Latin High School with leading an active life in playing  
18 football and running track at NDCL and growing up playing  
19 baseball and football in recreation leagues. You have  
20 completed the prestigious Leadership Geauga Youth Program  
21 which educates select high school students about leadership  
22 in the community. You have won national showmanship awards  
23 for showing alpacas at competitions. You also won state-level  
24 competitions with 4-H for Special Projects in computers and  
25 electricity. Among the uncounted hours of community service  
26 projects was your Eagle project in which you built eight  
27 shelving units, with five shelves each, for Heart to Hands,  
28 a non-profit organization that collects and distributes  
29 goods, such as soap, toothpaste, tissue, etc., to those in  
30 need.

1           "Eagle Scouts are leaders by the nature of their  
2 accomplishments, which you will have the opportunity to expand  
3 upon through your continuing education in the field of chemical  
4 engineering.

5           "Congratulations, and we look forward to watching you  
6 grow as a future community leader. Sincerely, The Concord  
7 Township Board of Trustees." And we have to sign this.

8           MR. GALLOWAY: He's certainly got my vote for  
9 president.

10          MR. MALCHESKY: Yes.

11          CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Okay. While we're signing --

12          MR. MALCHESKY: I will give it to you to sign. I can  
13 read future meetings and announcements while you sign that.

14          CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Yes, you can do that. All right.

15          MR. MALCHESKY: Monday, January 18th, we will be  
16 closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

17          Wednesday, January 20th, at 6:30 p.m., we will have  
18 the trustees office hours in the conference room. At 7:30, the  
19 trustees' meeting the same day.

20          And then Friday, January 22nd, at 8:00 a.m., we will  
21 have a JEDD Board meeting, which although Mr. Galloway serves  
22 on that board on behalf of us trustees, I think both Connie and  
23 I will be there --

24          CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: Yes.

25          MR. MALCHESKY: -- at that 8:00 a.m. hour. That's  
26 it.

27          CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: All right. Is there anything else  
28 to be discussed tonight?

29          MR. MALCHESKY: No.

30          CHAIRWOMAN LUHTA: If not, this meeting is adjourned.

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MS. DAWSON: Thank you.

MR. GALLOWAY: Thanks.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.)

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