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CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING

Concord Town Hall
7229 Ravenna Road
Concord, Ohio 44077

October 2, 2019
7:30 P.M.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Present on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

- Paul Malchesky, Chairman
- Caroline Luhta, Vice Chairwoman
- Carl Dondorfer, Trustee
- Amy Dawson, Fiscal Officer

Also Present:

- Andy Rose, Administrator
- Michael Lucas, Esq., Legal Counsel
- Matt Sabo, Fire Chief
- Frank Kraska, Service Director
- Heather Freeman, Zoning Director/Zoning Inspector
- Debra Bechel-Esker, Recreation Director
- Sheriff Frank Leonbruno, Sheriff's Department

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1 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All right. I'm going to
2 call the Concord Township Board of Trustees October 2,
3 2019 meeting to order. Please stand for the pledge of
4 allegiance.

5
6 (Plege of Allegiance.)

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8 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. Roll call.

9 MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Luhta?

10 MS. LUHTA: Present.

11 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Dondorfer?

12 MR. DONDORFER: Present.

13 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Malchesky?

14 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Present.

15 I'm going to at this time ask Ben Capelle from
16 Laketran to come up to the podium and he has a
17 presentation for us tonight. This will be the second
18 time that Ben and I ran into each other today.

19 MR. CAPELLE: Hi, I'm Ben Capelle. I'm sorry,
20 I had an encounter with a ladder earlier this year that
21 threw me off, so my leg broke a little bit. But thank
22 you for having me here.

23 I am here to talk about Laketran and us on the
24 ballot this November. I'm not here to tell you to vote
25 "Yes," I'm not here to tell you to vote "No," I'm here
26 to just give you facts and information and answer any
27 questions you have about our ballot issue or just about
28 Laketran in general.

29 So Laketran has been around since 1974. We put the
30 first ballot or the first levy on the ballot in 1988

1 and it's the same one we've operated for the last 31
2 years. We've renewed it a couple times, never
3 increased it.

4 So as you all know, Lake County has gotten a little
5 older. So as it's aged, demand for Dial-a-Ride has
6 gone up about 18 percent over the last five years and
7 at the same time funding from the state for us has gone
8 down by about 1.2 million. So you can kind of see the
9 graph for Dial-a-Ride going up and the graft for
10 funding going down. So on any given day we're over
11 capacity on Dial-a-Ride by about 20 percent. That
12 means 20 percent of the buses, or the people in the
13 buses, they don't have a ride, there's no driver for
14 them, there's no bus, so the way we accomplish that is
15 with crappy service, excuse my French, more overtime
16 than we should have, and forcing our part-timers to
17 work more than they would like. So that's not
18 sustainable for us. We've been doing that for the last
19 couple years trying to keep up with demand.

20 So over the last year plus our board has sat down
21 and talked, "What do we do?" Lake County is going to
22 continue to age. Our revenue is going to continue to
23 stay where it's at or go down. What are our choices?
24 And so the board decided that the community should
25 decide what they want from Laketran, that they
26 shouldn't be the ones to make that choice.

27 So they decided to put a levy on the ballot. The
28 consequences of that are if Issue 2, the levy fails,
29 Laketran will cut roughly 30 percent of its service, 30
30 percent of Dial-a-Ride, 30 percent of fixed route, 30

1 percent of commuter express service. If the levy
2 passes, we will continue to provide Dial-a-Ride like we
3 always have for the citizens of Lake County, maybe a
4 little bit better, and we will also do a better job
5 connecting some job corridors in the county.

6 So one of those is in Mentor on Tyler Boulevard. It
7 doesn't have bus service, 300 employees -- employers,
8 7,000 jobs. The other area that doesn't have that
9 great of bus service that we get a lot of requests for
10 is in Concord, which is service to Tri-Point. You
11 know, that hospital used to have great transit service
12 when it was in the City of Painesville, but when it
13 moved to the Concord area, you know, there was no
14 regular connection for bus service. So we get a lot of
15 requests for better connection, specifically for jobs.
16 You know, folks that have a medical appointment, a lot
17 of times they rely on Dial-a-Ride, but the hospital has
18 told us consistently they have a hard time hiring
19 folks, especially at entry level positions because of
20 the barrier to transportation. That's one of the areas
21 we would like to improve our service a little bit.

22 So just some kind of facts for Concord Township. So
23 we provide just under 17,000 trips a year to Concord.
24 Your number one destination, as you might expect, is
25 the hospital with about 4,000 trips a year. Your
26 second busiest location is Davita Dialysis with about
27 1300 trips a year. So a decent amount of service is
28 provided to Concord and we love, you know, being able
29 to serve you the way we have.

30 So that's kind of my little spiel about the levy. I

1 brought some handouts, which I gave to Paul, that give
2 some facts about the levy. The other thing we are
3 trying to do is we are not trying to hide any
4 information. We're trying to let the public have as
5 much input as possible, so we have ten sort of open
6 house public hearing style events around the county in
7 different libraries so the citizens can come talk to us
8 about why we're on the ballot and get any information
9 they want from us. So there is a schedule of those
10 things also I gave. There should be about 50 of them
11 if you want to hand out to any citizens who have any
12 questions. You know, we would be happy to talk to
13 anybody who has any questions about what we're doing,
14 because we want people to be informed. And whether
15 they vote "Yes" or "No" for us, you know, our main
16 objective is to make sure people know what they're
17 voting on.

18 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yeah. I put those handouts on
19 the counter for anybody to grab. Ben, can you explain
20 how we're 20 percent over capacity? How did we get to
21 20 percent over capacity or how do you allow that to
22 happen?

23 MR. CAPELLE: Basically our scheduling rules
24 dictate that if a person is going to a certain category
25 of appointment, we don't say no. So if they're going
26 to a medical trip; a work trip; a senior center;
27 something called ADA, which is kind of in connection
28 with our fixed route, so it's kind of complicated; or
29 adult daycare, we don't say no to those trips. If
30 every -- if 230,000 people in Lake County called

1 Laketran tomorrow and said, "We need one of those types
2 of trips," technically we would say, "Yes," which is
3 kind of crazy, but we have felt for a long time that
4 those are -- how do you say, "No" to one of those
5 categories; right? It's not an easy thing to say, "No,
6 I'm sorry, I can't get you to work today."

7 So that's how we're over capacity, because basically
8 it's been all medical trips recently, which is the
9 reason that's pushed that over. It's seniors going to
10 medical appointments. And as the economy has improved,
11 more people with disabilities have been able to get
12 jobs. So those are the two driving things over the
13 last -- past five years that have pushed that demand
14 for Dial-a-Ride up. Over 53 percent of that increase
15 in Dial-a-Ride has been senior medical trips and so
16 it's just really come down to, you know, what does the
17 community want from us at Laketran? Do they want us to
18 stay kind of how we are or do they want more services
19 as the community ages. So that's the main reason we're
20 on the ballot. But yeah, you know, I'm here. Use me,
21 abuse me. If you have any other questions about
22 Laketran, I'd be happy to answer them, or if you have
23 any other questions about the levy, I'd be happy to
24 answer them.

25 MR. ROSE: Quick question. This is a sales tax;
26 correct?

27 MR. CAPELLE: It is a sales tax. Laketran has
28 nothing to do with property tax, it has nothing to do
29 with the value of your home. It never has, it never
30 will. So for every \$100 you spend in Lake County,

1 twenty-five cents would go to us. So it's -- you know,
2 our board felt it was the fairest way for our service
3 to be levied on the taxpayer, because it affects
4 everybody the same. So, you know, whether you rent or
5 own or anything like that, it's the same. And in a way
6 you have a choice, because food is not taxed, so you
7 can choose how much you participate, in a way.

8 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Right. Thank you very much,
9 Ben.

10 MR. ROSE: Thanks, Ben.

11 MS. LUHTA: Thank you.

12 MR. CAPELLE: Do you have any other questions?
13 Paul knows how to get ahold of me, so if you have any
14 questions later, feel free to let me know. I'll be
15 happy to give you any info you want.

16 MS. LUHTA: Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you.

18 MR. CAPELLE: Thanks for having me.

19 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Good to see you mobile.

20 MR. CAPELLE: Partially.

21 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Approval of minutes September
22 18, 2019, regular trustees meeting minutes. Any
23 corrections, Connie?

24 MS. LUHTA: Not from me.

25 MR. DONDORFER: No.

26 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Okay. All right. Those will be
27 approved.

28 Elected officials report. Amy Dawson, what do you
29 got as fiscal officer?

30 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Malchesky.

1 As of September 30th we were 75 percent of the way
2 through the calendar year. Hard to believe. The
3 Treasury Balance for the 19 active funds within the
4 Township Treasury was \$6.5 million. This balance
5 includes \$619,348 in funds set aside for specific
6 projects. Year-to-date expenditures were 60 percent of
7 the amount appropriated for 2019. The revenue received
8 year to date is 98 percent of the amount budgeted for.
9 This includes the second half of our 2018 real estate
10 taxes. We're well within budget. We will not be
11 receiving real estate tax revenue again until the end
12 of the first quarter 2020.

13 Today I would like to update you on the State
14 Infrastructure Bank Line of Credit or what we call
15 the SIB Loan. It was used to partially fund the
16 Capital Parkway project. Sorry, it was used to pay
17 for our local share of the state managed road project.
18 We originally applied for and were approved for
19 \$10 million. In the Fall of 2014 it was decided we
20 didn't need that much money and signed papers for a
21 \$7.3 million loan. In 2015 it was reduced to a \$5.3
22 million loan for a 20-year term at three percent ending
23 in September 2034. These drops in the credit amount
24 occurred because we were saving and applying cash on
25 the project at the same time.

26 The first draw on the line of credit by the vendor
27 was in March 2016. As of September 2019 the balance on
28 the line of credit is zero. The balance is paid in
29 full. We paid \$2.7 million off in 3.5 years. Interest
30 over the life of the loan was originally estimated at

1 \$1,625,237.08. We paid a total of \$50,212.73 in
2 interest, saving the township \$1,575,024.34. I repeat,
3 we paid a total of \$50,212.73 in interest, saving the
4 township \$1.6 million. I believe that this is an
5 example of being fiscally responsible. Since the
6 majority of our income is disbursed from the county
7 twice a year, financing large projects has become a
8 valuable tool for us.

9 As always, I'm available to answer any questions,
10 so please do not hesitate to email me at
11 adawson@concordtwp.com or call my office at
12 440-354-7516.

13 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Can't think of a more -- better
14 example and illustration of how we make sure we pay our
15 dollars --

16 MR. DONDORFER: Right.

17 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: -- quickly.

18 MS. DAWSON: Absolutely.

19 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yeah, I remember it was really
20 \$10 million and we went to 7.3 and then it just --

21 MS. DAWSON: Well, the project hadn't started
22 yet and we didn't think we would need the money, so
23 they asked for the \$2 million back so they could give
24 that to somebody else who needed it and we let it go.

25 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Yeah. But the most important
26 thing is what we paid in interest over, you know, that.

27 MS. DAWSON: We paid ahead, we paid early,
28 and whenever we take out debt, I always make sure there
29 is not a prepayment penalty. That is the number one
30 question I ask any financial --

1 MS. LUHTA: Right.

2 MS. DAWSON: -- thing that we do.

3 MR. DONDORFER: Great job.

4 MS. DAWSON: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you.

6 MS. LUHTA: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Connie, anything?

8 MS. LUHTA: No.

9 MR. DONDORFER: I have nothing.

10 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: There was no rain. I had a
11 friend of mine who was in his pool yesterday.

12 MS. LUHTA: Uh-huh, yeah.

13 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: So for whatever that's worth.

14 MS. LUHTA: Right.

15 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: If you're in October and you
16 still haven't closed your pool yet and you're inside,
17 that's amazing.

18 Andy, how about you in the Administration
19 Department?

20 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Malchesky. Good
21 evening, members of the board, Mrs. Dawson, members of
22 the public here tonight. I'll start with the cemetery
23 sexton gave me some notes to cover. Just a reminder
24 that if you're placing sentimental items on the graves,
25 they could get lost, stolen, or damaged. If it's
26 something that is very near and dear to your heart, we
27 don't recommend that you place it out in the cemetery.
28 We do have graveside cleanup. This is an annual event
29 scheduled for November 1st and we will be posting that
30 notification on the exit signs two weeks prior to

1 cleanup. Just remember that fall and winter is here,
2 or fall is, and winter is right around the corner. You
3 are permitted to have one artificial decoration per
4 occupied gravesite November 15th to March 31st. Wooden
5 crosses, if you're using those, we ask that it's one
6 per.

7 And if you have any other questions or you need more
8 specific details, please contact the cemetery sexton,
9 Karen Warner. She's at -- can be reached at
10 440-354-7518. And that's the cemetery sexton's note.

11 I'll start off with some good news. We recently
12 received our notification from the Ohio Department of
13 Public Safety. They have confirmed the results of our
14 audit of the motor vehicle license tax and the
15 permissive vehicle license tax that is tied to vehicle
16 registrations. If you remember, I think I talked about
17 that this summer. Our summer intern conducted a
18 thorough review, that took her half of June and July,
19 of every vehicle registered in zip codes 44060 and
20 44077. That's a lot of vehicles, okay, during the
21 calendar year 2018.

22 We felt we weren't getting our fair share, to be
23 honest. Once a reconciliation was completed, we sent
24 those results both to Mentor and Painesville to their
25 finance directors. They reviewed our findings. They
26 confirmed our findings. We then forwarded them to the
27 State of Ohio and the State of Ohio has accepted the
28 finding and we are receiving an additional \$9,921.16 in
29 our next disbursement that will go towards roads, so
30 Frank's back there smiling because he gets a little

1 more money for roads. So that's good news. That
2 project paid off.

3 MS. LUHTA: Yep.

4 MR. DONDORFER: Very much so.

5 MR. ROSE: The only other thing I have, we
6 would like to congratulate Thai 999 on their new space.
7 It is a Thai restaurant. They relocated to a new
8 location within the same plaza, Concord Plaza. We
9 appreciate their continued investment in our community
10 and we wish them great success in their new location.

11 And that concludes my report, sir. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you.

13 All right. Service Department, Mr. Frank Kraska.

14 MS. LUHTA: What happened to the Fire
15 Department?

16 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: I know. I'm saving them for
17 later.

18 MS. LUHTA: Okay.

19 MR. KRASKA: Good evening.

20 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Good evening.

21 MS. LUHTA: Good evening.

22 MR. KRASKA: I closed my pool today.

23 MS. LUHTA: You did?

24 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: That's sad.

25 MR. KRASKA: It might be a sign of things to
26 come. I've got too many trees. It's more work than it
27 is fun.

28 The Service Department this past month of September
29 was active both on township roads and at the cemetery.
30 We are currently working in the Quail Hollow

1 subdivision, specifically on Mountain Quail Drive
2 replacing significant sections of roadway.

3 Thus far, we have completed 407 square yards and
4 expect to continue these improvements throughout
5 November (sic) and perhaps into early November.

6 In September we also resurfaced part of the
7 intersection at Radcliffe Road. We constructed the
8 concrete base for the dugouts and installed benches on
9 baseball diamond 2 and this week we also finished the
10 outfield. That was done by John Lassiter. He is a
11 Concord resident. He runs a local landscaping
12 business. He brought in a crew on, I believe it was
13 Wednesday, and they did a really, really good job and I
14 was completely impressed with what they were able to
15 accomplish in one work day.

16 So you should see some grass growing out there in
17 the field. Our goal is to have that field ready to
18 play by next May, so hopefully we can ramp up baseball
19 activities in the township.

20 Continued our -- we also continued our township-wide
21 right of way grass cutting program and we reestablished
22 a drainage easement behind three yards on Concord Point
23 and Dawn Place. We installed driveway culverts on
24 Lione Drive, Ridgeview Trail, and Spear Road. We
25 rebuilt catch basins on Brookfield, Tanbark, and
26 Cypress Circle and completed roadside ditching on
27 Bridlewood, Martinique, and Pine Hill.

28 As part of our Lake County stormwater maintenance
29 program, Gradeworks was contracted with to remove the
30 overgrowth of a detention area located at the corner of

1 Thatchum Lane at Hoose Road. Along with clearing the
2 retention area, they restored the drainage channel
3 within and will be treating the Phragmite grass growth
4 which overpopulated the area.

5 On Saturday, October 12th from 8 A.M. until 2 P.M.
6 residents will have the opportunity to drop off brush
7 and yard waste at our service department here on
8 Ravenna Road behind Town Hall.

9 Service Department personnel will be on hand to
10 assist residents and help off load brush and yard waste
11 as they arrive at the collection center. Brush dropped
12 off will be chipped and made available to the
13 residents. Yard waste is collected and taken to a
14 local resource and composted. Limbs, twigs, and
15 branches no greater than six inches in diameter will be
16 accepted. Yard waste will only be accepted in
17 biodegradable bags or small containers that can be
18 dumped. No tree stumps, pallets, contaminated
19 materials, or processed wood, such as lumber or
20 railroad ties, are accepted.

21 In the meantime, we will continue our yard waste
22 dropoff on weekdays at the Service Department garage
23 Monday through Friday 7 A.M. to 3:30. And I do want to
24 say, that program has really stepped up. We have
25 regular people coming in every day now. So as the word
26 has gotten around, it's far more aggressive of people
27 utilizing that -- that means of recycling those
28 materials.

29 The annual curbside leaf pickup will be held the
30 week of November 25th. The collection will begin at 6

1 A.M. in the morning on Monday, the 25th. There will be
2 no return trips to pick up bags that were not at the
3 curbside when the collection began. Township-wide
4 collection typically takes three to four days to
5 complete.

6 Residents are required to supply their own
7 biodegradable leaf bags. Bags can only be filled with
8 leaves. Leaf bags should be placed at the curb where a
9 vendor will pick them up. No leaf piles or plastic bag
10 will be accepted. The vender also asks that residents
11 don't overweight the bags with wet leaves, making it
12 almost impossible to pick up safely. This pickup
13 program, again, will take place the week of November
14 25th.

15 Finally, with the winter at our doorstep, mailbox
16 snow barricades are available to Concord residents. We
17 are currently scheduled to install 16 new barricades or
18 snow shields, as we called them in the past, and -- in
19 the next couple weeks and since the inception of that
20 program we've installed 681 for residents throughout
21 the community.

22 If you have any questions regarding services
23 provided by the Concord Service Department or if you
24 have made observations that you want to report to the
25 Concord Service Department, you can find our contact
26 numbers and other related information under the
27 "Service Department" tab on Concord's website at
28 www.concordtwp.com or call our office directly
29 440-350-3225.

30 In closing, you'll notice that the beauty of Concord

1 Township will be at its peak in the coming month within
2 the trees that surround and intermingle throughout our
3 community. We, as residents of Concord Township, need
4 to focus in on maintaining long-term programs that
5 replace and renew tree growth and educate the residents
6 of the many benefits that they provide, and foremost
7 establish guidelines where new development makes this
8 inclusive with the developers' plans as they expand
9 within our community. Let this knowledge originate
10 from Town Hall and go beyond for the benefit of the
11 community, its children, and its children's children
12 for the foreseeable future.

13 That concludes my notes for this evening.

14 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you, Frank.

15 MS. LUHTA: Thank you, Frank.

16 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All right, Cheif, you want to
17 come up? I was going to put you next to the Sheriff.
18 You looked anxious over there.

19 CHIEF SABO: That's okay. I was anxious. I
20 was anxious.

21 So for the month of September the Fire Department
22 responded to 215 events. We had 124 EMS calls with 101
23 transports to local hospitals. We had seven fire
24 events within Concord. We had one cooking fire, one
25 vehicle fire, and one gas grill fire.

26 Outside we provided assistance to our neighbors for
27 one vehicle fire, one oven fire, one explosion, and one
28 structure fire. We gave mutual aid to neighbors 21
29 times and we took it from them 13 times.

30 The Fire Prevention Bureau was busy in September, as

1 they always are. They had four plan reviews, six
2 annual inspections, four follow-up inspections, three
3 system testings, three sprinkler testings, three alarm
4 tests, one safety training care facility -- safety
5 training in a care facility, one Knox Box installation,
6 one safety standby event, and one public safety
7 education event.

8 The week of October 6th through 12th is National
9 Fire Prevention Week. It's important to remember that
10 not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your
11 escape route. In a fire mere seconds can mean the
12 difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Escape
13 practice can help you make the most of the time you
14 have, giving everyone enough time to get out, whether
15 that's in your residence or your business or wherever
16 you're at.

17 During the month of October Concord's fire educator,
18 along with the firefighters and vehicles, will be
19 visiting our school children. Talk to your children,
20 create a plan, and practice your escape. We have tools
21 available and information to assist you on the fire
22 education page of the Concord Township website.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thanks, Chief.

25 MR. DONDORFER: Thanks, Chief.

26 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: The Chief and I got to go out
27 and see Painesville Township Fire Station 3, right --

28 CHIEF SABO: Yes.

29 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: -- today?

30 CHIEF SABO: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Which has kind of a stucco --
2 it's got a brick facade and a stucco layer there, but
3 you can see where the water gets caught right there in
4 that ledge between the brick and the stucco and the
5 deterioration.

6 MR. DONDORFER: It started to buckle; didn't it?

7 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: How old is that? It buckled,
8 yeah.

9 CHIEF SABO: I'm not sure how old that
10 station is.

11 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: So I'm thinking it's seven or
12 eight years old. They're gonna have to start -- they
13 have to make some significant repairs.

14 CHIEF SABO: Yeah. They have to tear the
15 exterior off and replace it.

16 MS. LUHTA: Oh, geez.

17 CHIEF SABO: Yeah, yeah, it's a shame.

18 MR. DONDORFER: That's on the south side of the
19 building; right?

20 CHIEF SABO: All the way around deteriorated.

21 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: The Chief was showing me how the
22 -- you know, inside the bays, it's stick build and they
23 had it all open there and how based on our plans we
24 have it where it's closed out and we had the heat, heat
25 rises, you don't have the -- you're not heating all the
26 excess space up there.

27 CHIEF SABO: Right.

28 MR. DONDORFER: Right.

29 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Our heat is going to come from
30 the ground up, instead of the top down. It's not going

1 to be all -- as much as they're starting from the top,
2 they're open in the top. They're open above it.

3 CHIEF SABO: A lot of void space to heat. It
4 just costs money.

5 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: It's a huge void space. It's a
6 significant amount of void space there to heat.

7 CHIEF SABO: Yeah.

8 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: And so part of that you just
9 kind of -- the purpose of that is a cost effective
10 methods that at least goes into the planning and
11 thinking about what's, you know, appropriate for a
12 sustainable fire station over a long period of time.

13 CHIEF SABO: Absolutely.

14 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: A little bit -- a little bit of
15 money in the beginning saves a lot of money in the end.

16 MS. LUHTA: I have a question.

17 CHIEF SABO: Sure.

18 MS. LUHTA: What was the cause of the
19 explosion that you responded to?

20 CHIEF SABO: I believe that one was a -- it
21 might have been a -- it was an air compressor.

22 MS. LUHTA: Oh, okay.

23 CHIEF SABO: It was an air compressor in a
24 garage and severely injured the occupant.

25 MS. LUHTA: Oh, did it?

26 CHIEF SABO: Yeah. And that was -- that was
27 outside of the township.

28 MS. LUHTA: Oh, all right.

29 CHIEF SABO: That wasn't in Concord. That
30 was a mutual aid event.

1 MS. LUHTA: Okay. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Connie, were you concerned it
3 was something at your airport?

4 MS. LUHTA: No.

5 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: When a certain -- when a movie
6 was shooting?

7 MS. LUHTA: No. No, they didn't -- they
8 just had firearms. They didn't have anything that
9 exploded.

10 MR. DONDORFER: Not that you know of.

11 MS. LUHTA: That I know of, right.

12 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Did you stay and watch the whole
13 -- did you sit out and watch?

14 MS. LUHTA: I sat in the front yard and
15 watched what was going on at the airport because I
16 wasn't supposed to be there.

17 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: For those of you out in the
18 audience, Connie had a movie or a portion of a movie
19 shot at her -- her home/business.

20 MS. LUHTA: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Her front yard.

22 MS. LUHTA: You can watch it next year.
23 It's called the Minuteman starring Liam Neesom. And he
24 was at the airport, but I didn't get to meet him.

25 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Starring Connie Luhta.

26 MS. LUHTA: No, I won't be in the movie.

27 MR. DONDORFER: You're going to be in the
28 credits.

29 MS. LUHTA: My hanger will be in the movie.

30 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: I know you decided you were

1 going to retire, but I didn't know you were going to go
2 straight to the movies.

3 MR. DONDORFER: Straight to Hollywood.

4 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: She's trading up.

5 Zoning Department, Heather Freeman.

6 MS. FREEMAN: Good evening. So during the
7 month of September we were very busy in our office
8 issuing permits. We processed 38 zoning permit
9 applications and collected just over \$4,000 in fees.
10 The majority of those permits were for fences and
11 accessory buildings, a couple decks and pools. We had
12 two single-family dwellings and one new commercial
13 building that you might notice that's under
14 construction currently at 7505 Ravenna Road just south
15 of here at Town Hall. It's a new collision center,
16 Concord Collision. So you'll notice that that is
17 currently under construction.

18 Also during the month of September our office
19 received and began investigation on 11 new potential
20 zoning violatoins, in addition performed 90 site
21 inspections for open zoning permits.

22 Last night the Zoning Commission had their regularly
23 scheduled meeting. The public hearing that was -- for
24 the zoning map amendment that was scheduled to take
25 place last night was actually continued until our
26 December 3rd meeting at the request of the applicant.
27 Our -- the November 5th Zoning Commission meeting had
28 previously been canceled.

29 So next week our Board of Zoning Appeals will meet
30 on Wednesday, as usual, at 7 P.M. at Town Hall. We

1 have one old case and two new cases to be reviewed.

2 The detailed agendas can always be found on the
3 township website under the "Public Meetings" tab. If
4 you have any questions, feel free to contact our
5 department. All of our information is on the website
6 or I can be reached directly at 440-354-7506.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you.

9 MR. ROSE: Thanks, Heather.

10 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Rec Deapartment, Debra.

11 MS. BECHEL-ESKER: Good evening, everybody. Well,
12 you know it's fall when our administrator breaks out
13 his funky fall leaf socks, so happy fall, y'all.

14 The Concord Township Recreation Department
15 encourages folks to throw on a comfy sweater and try
16 something new, like a fun and informative leisure
17 class. October leisure classes offered through the
18 Concord Township Recreation Department include:
19 Marshal Arts for Adults and Kids; Pound, the exercise
20 class using weighted drumsticks; Tai Chi; Yoga Pilates
21 Fusion; Move & Groove for ages 2 to 3; Princess Ballet
22 for ages 3 to 5; Hip Hop & Tumble for ages 4 to 6;
23 Microsoft Windows for Adults; Photograph from A to Z;
24 Mah Jongg; Mixed Media Art; Stained Glass Keepsake Box,
25 Personal Budgeting, Getting Started with Medicare, and
26 those are just our October classes.

27 Library Tuesdays at the Community Center continue in
28 October with: A Reader's Cafe that actually started
29 yesterday, where representatives from the Morley
30 Library presented exciting new books on the market.

1 Then on October 8th learn to use that InstaPot you
2 got last Christmas. InstaPots are the new big thing
3 and once you use it, they say you will surely love it.

4 On October 15th, Crafter Cailey from the Morley
5 Library will show us how to make beautiful art by
6 creatively folding pages of old books.

7 And join Tami Brown, the general manager of the
8 Cleveland Aquarium on October 22nd as she tells the
9 story of the rejuvenation of the Cuyahoga River
10 throughout the last 50 years.

11 All Library Tuesday programs begin at 10 A.M. and
12 are at the community center and are free. So there are
13 still seats available for all classes and programs. Go
14 online to register at concordtwp.com and there you will
15 find our entire lineup of classes and events through
16 the end of the year, so check it out today.

17 Senior socials at the community center occur the
18 first and third Wednesday of every month. They are a
19 great way to meet new friends and enjoy a fun
20 afternoon. They are free and they usually include
21 coffee and dessert. All are invited. Just call the
22 Recreation Department to reserve a seat.

23 Earlier this afternoon our 55+ group got their
24 goosebumps on while listening to the Eerie and Odd
25 Legends of Lake County presented by the Lake County
26 Historical Society.

27 Our next senior social on October 16th is an event
28 where everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and
29 it is our annual Candidates & Issues Forum. Mark your
30 calendars for Wednesday, October 16th when Concord

1 Township presents our Annual Candidates & Issues Forum.
2 This year the forum will be held at the Auburn Career
3 Center Auditorium, not at the community center and
4 begins promptly at 3:30 P.M. The Lake County League of
5 Women Voters will moderate the forum. There will not
6 be audience participation during the forum; however,
7 candidates are encouraged to stay afterwards to give
8 voters an opportunity to chat with them individually
9 afterwards.

10 The Candidates & Issues Forum is a perfect
11 opportunity for voters to meet the candidates and hear
12 their views. No preregistration is necessary, so just
13 come and get informed.

14 It's October and that means little ghosts and
15 goblins are counting down the days until it's candy
16 overload time and Concord Township is all in for some
17 family friendly fun. Our annual Halloween Haunt is set
18 for Thursday, October 24th at Gristmill Village on
19 Fiedel Drive off of Crile Road. The haunt begins
20 promptly at 6:30 P.M. outside First Federal Lakewood
21 Bank where kids receive a goody bag and first treats of
22 the evening and then families trick-or-treat their way
23 through the shops at Gristmill Village, so parents must
24 accompany children.

25 Thanks to First Federal Lakewood Bank and the
26 business at Gristmill Village and Crile Road for
27 participating in this family-friendly event. Special
28 thanks to the Concord Township Fire Department for
29 always bringing a fire truck and a squad for families
30 to explore and this year the Lake County Sheriff's

1 Office is bringing a SWAT truck. Not to be missed.
2 The guests are certainly in for a treat.

3 The haunt will proceed regardless of the weather, so
4 please dress everybody appropriately. And, again,
5 that's Thursday, October 24th at Gristmill Village.

6 Then on October 30th get your goosebumps on while
7 listening to Docent Dan Maxson presenting Ghost Stories
8 of Lake County at the Old Stone School at 7 P.M. Hear
9 all about Mrs. Morely dressing in a long white gown,
10 floating down the staircase at Lake Erie College's
11 Morley Music Hall, plus other paranormal sightings
12 around the county. This program is free and all are
13 welcome to attend.

14 And good, old-fashioned door-to-door
15 trick-or-treating is set for Halloween night, Thursday,
16 October 31st, from 6 to 8 P.M. throughout Concord
17 Township, so let's all work together to keep our little
18 ones safe.

19 All this information about the Concord Township
20 Recreation Department events and classes can be found
21 in the fall edition of the Concord Township newsletter,
22 the Concord Grapevine, and on the township's website or
23 simply contact us at the Recreation Department at
24 440-639-4650 for personal assistance. We're always
25 excited to talk to residents and listen to their
26 comments, ideas, and suggestions. We truly want to
27 hear how we can better serve the residents of Concord
28 Township.

29 So everybody have a Boo-tiful October. Do you see
30 what I did there?

1 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Wow.

2 MS. BECHEL-ESKER: Stay safe out there and thank
3 you for your time tonight.

4 MR. DONDORFER: Thank you, Debra.

5 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Nice job.

6 MR. DONDORFER: Nice job.

7 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All right. Concord Law
8 Enforcement, Sheriff Leonbruno.

9 MR. ROSE: Thank you, sir.

10 SHERIFF LEONBRUNO: Connie, Liam the other night
11 told me at dinner he's sorry he missed you.

12 MS. LUHTA: Thanks.

13 SHERIFF LEONBRUNO: But he did enjoy the airport.

14 MS. LUHTA: Good.

15 SHERIFF LEONBRUNO: It was a busy month. We had
16 1,215 calls for service. I want to note today we had a
17 missing thirteen-year-old boy here in Concord that
18 disappeared last night and I put it out on our Facebook
19 page today at 4:00. He's been found and located and is
20 back home. But just to note, since 4:00, for that four
21 hours we had 50,000 views and 2,228 shares off our
22 Facebook and it was because of that posting we were
23 able to locate him. And so we really thank all the
24 Facebook viewers, but that's how effective that is for
25 us.

26 In September we had two injury accidents in Concord
27 and twelve damage accidents. We had six arrests. Two
28 females were arrested for disorderly conducted. We had
29 a male domestic violence arrest that led to a narcotics
30 possession charge. We did a warrant arrest on a

1 possession of heroin and one male was arrested for
2 aggravated menacing. We did 153 business checks,
3 stopped 152 times at businesses in the area for crime
4 prevention. We did 23 citations and 114 warnings in
5 Concord. We found five drivers driving under
6 suspension, one driving intoxicated.

7 We have numerous investigations started in Concord.
8 One was for a heroin overdose that the person didn't
9 die. We had three break-ins to vehicles; 21 civil
10 matters to note; one person who died a DOA; nine
11 domestic violence calls; ten juvenile complaints; 60
12 suspicious circumstances; 24 welfare checks.

13 One thing to note is 17 fraud scams that we're
14 investigating. And I do have to reiterate to our
15 residents the importance of scammers are targeting
16 seniors. Didn't happen in Concord, didn't happen in
17 our jurisdiction, but here in Lake County a truck
18 pulled up with -- a white truck with yellow lights,
19 threw some things down on somebody's driveway, looked
20 like they were working and then proceeded to bully the
21 ninety-year-old woman there into paying him a check for
22 \$7,000. And she didn't think to call anybody until
23 they left.

24 Another senior couple was called, wrote one check
25 for 20,000, another one for 20,000 and \$2500 in gift
26 cards to someone who said the social security office
27 was after them.

28 Another person, luckily the teller knew them, and
29 they went to withdraw \$15,000 from their account to pay
30 the Social Security Administration and the teller said,

1 I'll just say his name is Joe, but "Joe, this is a
2 scam. I'm not going to give you the money," and
3 fortunately that was located.

4 This is how bad it is. I was in my office Friday,
5 got a call from the Social Security Administration who
6 told me they were there with the United States Marshals
7 and that I had a warrant for my arrest. They asked me
8 my name and so I spelled it for them. I said, "Well,
9 Ur."

10 He said, "How do you spell that?"

11 I said, "U-R."

12 He said, "Your last name?"

13 I said, "An Idiot." I said, "You're an idiot. This
14 is the Lake County Sheriff's Office," which he then
15 proceeded to swear profusely at me and hang up the
16 phone.

17 What people need to understand, these calls go
18 everywhere. And they target seniors who have some
19 money available a lot of times and a lot of money is
20 being -- no one is going to ask you to pay a bill --
21 first of all, Social Security doesn't call you. No one
22 will ask you to pay a bill in gift cards from Kmart or
23 Wal-Mart or whatever, but there are still a lot of
24 people falling victim to this, so please talk to people
25 who aren't familiar with us and let your family members
26 know, if there's a question, don't pay. Call us.
27 We'll answer it for you.

28 Thank you.

29 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you.

30 MR. DONDORFER: Thanks.

1 MR. ROSE: Thanks, Sheriff.

2 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All right. Anybody in the
3 audience? Audience, anyone?

4 Okay. Nothing in old business. No audience, no old
5 business.

6 September Financial Reports. Do I have a motion?

7 MR. DONDORFER: I make a motion to approve.

8 MS. LUHTA: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say, "Aye."

10 MR. DONDORFER: Aye.

11 MS. LUHTA: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Aye.

13 Motion on the fire department?

14 MR. DONDORFER: I make a motion that conditional
15 offer of employment to Daniel Wheeler, part-time
16 firefighter, motion to approve.

17 MS. LUHTA: EMT basic.

18 MR. DONDORFER: EMT basic, I'm sorry, pending a
19 background check and physical.

20 MS. LUHTA: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say, "Aye."

22 MS. LUHTA: Aye.

23 MR. DONDORFER: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Aye.

25 MS. LUHTA: I'll make a motion to approve
26 Pastor Byron Bukovesky as a voluntary chaplain for
27 Concord Fire Department pending background check.

28 MR. DONDORFER: I'll second.

29 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say, "Aye."

30 MR. DONDORFER: Aye.

1 MS. LUHTA: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Aye.

3 MR. DONDORFER: Make a motion to approve the
4 Service Department request for Chad Gillenwater's Step
5 4 increase to \$19.57 an hour effective 9/17/19.

6 MS. LUHTA: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: All in favor say, "Aye."

8 MR. DONDORFER: Aye.

9 MS. LUHTA: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Aye.

11 Okay. Staff Meeting. We had September 27, 2019 the
12 Service Department, Mr. Dondorfer moved to approve the
13 advertising for a part-time employee. Mrs. Luhta
14 seconded. That vote, two ayes.

15 Executive Session. At the end of the staff meeting
16 that ended at 10:16 A.M. Mrs. Luhta made a motion to
17 enter into executive session for the purpose of
18 discussing personnel matters regarding personnel
19 compensation. Mr. Dondorfer seconded. The vote, two
20 ayes. Mrs. Luhta made a motion to exit executive
21 session at 10:23 A.M. Mr. Dondorfer second that. The
22 vote, two ayes. I was absent from that meeting.

23 Future Meetings and Announcements. BZA meeting on
24 October 9th at 7 P.M.

25 Again, October 12th, Saturday, 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. is
26 brush day at Town Tall Campus. Again, October 12th, 8
27 to 2, brush days.

28 We'll be closed in observance of Columbus Day on
29 October 14th.

30 On October 16th we'll have the Candidates Forum at

1 3:30. That's at Auburn Career Center's auditorium.
2 That's a new place for us. At 6:30 we'll have the
3 Trustee office hours. At 7:30 we'll have the Trustees
4 meeting again at Town Hall.

5 Anything else for the good of the order?

6 MR. DONDORER: That's it.

7 CHAIRMAN MALCHESKY: Thank you, everyone. Everybody
8 have a good couple weeks and we'll see you back here.

9 MR. DONDORFER: Thank you.

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11 (Meeting Concluded.)

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I, Susan Goodell, hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and complete transcript of the testimony requested to be transcribed from my Stenograph notes, taken at the time and place designated herein.

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