

CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO  
REGULAR MEETING

Held via Webex Teleconference  
and YouTube Live Streaming

Concord Town Hall  
7229 Ravenna Road  
Concord, Ohio 44077

May 6, 2020  
7:30 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Present on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Carl Dondorfer, Chairman  
Morgan McIntosh, Trustee  
Amy Lucci, Trustee  
Amy Dawson, Fiscal Officer

Also Present:

Andy Rose, Administrator  
Matt Sabo, Fire Chief  
Tim Brown, Service Director  
Heather Freeman, Zoning Director/Zoning Inspector  
Debra Bechel-Esker, Recreation Director  
Michael Lucas, Esq., Legal Counsel

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1 7:30 p.m.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Good evening, Concord  
3 Township, and welcome to the Concord Township Board of Trustee  
4 meeting for May 6, 2020. If you are joining us online or on  
5 the phone, if you could please mute your device unless you are  
6 talking. It would help facilitate the meeting. We are going  
7 to start with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

9 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Mrs. Dawson, the roll call,  
10 please.

11 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Dondorfer?

12 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Present.

13 MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Lucci?

14 MS. LUCCI: Present.

15 MS. DAWSON: Mr. McIntosh?

16 MR. McINTOSH: Present.

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. We are going to move  
18 into the approval of the minutes for the April 15, 2020,  
19 regular trustee meeting.

20 MS. LUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the  
21 April 15, 2020, regular trustee minutes.

22 MR. McINTOSH: I second.

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

24 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Elected officials report, our  
26 Fiscal Officer, Amy Dawson.

27 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. As of  
28 April 30th, we were 33 percent of the way through the calendar  
29 year. The Treasury balance for the 18 active funds within the  
30 Township Treasury was \$6.7 million. The balance includes \$2.3

1 million in funds set aside for specific projects, mostly road  
2 construction at this point in time. Year-to-date expenditures  
3 were 24 percent of the amount appropriated and revenue is at  
4 46 percent received for 2020 so far, so we are well within  
5 budget.

6 Also, I wanted to mention that I received the tax  
7 budget information from the Auditor this week which I'll be  
8 preparing. And every year we have to do a public hearing and  
9 that is on the inside millage and the outside millage, so we  
10 do need to schedule a public hearing. I would recommend  
11 May 20th at 7:20 p.m., which is right before our meeting. How  
12 does that work for the Trustees?

13 MR. McINTOSH: That's fine.

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: That's fine.

15 MS. LUCCI: Okay with me.

16 MS. DAWSON: Okay. We will go ahead and schedule  
17 that for 7:20 then on May 20th. Thank you very much. We'll  
18 have a short public hearing. You can decide at that point --  
19 It's basically paperwork that's required every year.

20 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

21 MS. DAWSON: In order for us to show that we do  
22 still need those levy funds. So -- okay?

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Thank you, Mrs. Dawson.

24 MS. DAWSON: Thank you very much. That's all I  
25 have.

26 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Trustees' report, Ms. Lucci.

27 MS. LUCCI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted  
28 to offer again our support for everybody going through this  
29 crisis, the ongoing changes. We appreciate everybody being  
30 flexible, proactive. We thank our departments for continuing

1 to provide great service. And, you know, just remember,  
2 please try to educate yourself. Stay grounded. You know, try  
3 to grow as a person right now. Utilize this time to the best  
4 of your ability. Remain positive. Do what you can for your  
5 neighbors. If you can support our local businesses, please do  
6 that.

7 On a separate note, I did receive a call from a  
8 concerned resident about EMS services and whether or not their  
9 request for where they're being transported was going to be  
10 met, and I did explain that this does depend on the type of  
11 emergency that it is and whether the receiving hospital can  
12 take that person based on some of the COVID processes out  
13 there. So I did, you know, make sure he knew that he can  
14 still request where he wanted to go.

15 Besides that, I wanted to say happy Mother's Day to  
16 all the mothers out there and happy Nurses Day, and that's it.

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mrs. Lucci.

18 Mr. McIntosh.

19 MR. McINTOSH: Good evening. We had a busy couple  
20 weeks. I've taken some complaints and had some dialogue about  
21 some zoning complaints. I did hear from a current business  
22 owner in Concord that's looking to build a facility, just  
23 reached out to me and I believe he spoke with Ms. Freeman in  
24 the Zoning Office the other day. So that's kind of exciting.  
25 He wants to build a little facility here in Concord, so  
26 preliminary conversations at this point.

27 Had some complaints regarding lighting of Parkside  
28 Elementary, kind of taking a little bit of a look at that.  
29 And I do know today the Service Department was out there  
30 planting some trees along the walking path that we helped the

1 Summerwood HOA put in. I swung up there for a lunchtime walk  
2 with my dog to say hi to the gentlemen in Service and it  
3 looked like they were doing a great job taking care of that.

4 I do want to take a minute to discuss the Fire  
5 Department project and just to clarify some things. We've had  
6 some questions come our way with respect to the article that  
7 was published in The Hews-Herald, as well as just that project  
8 in general. So I wanted to clarify a couple things. I want  
9 to first say that, with respect to the quote where I was  
10 quoted in the article, that my comparisons in square footage  
11 that then to proposed, what the original proposed station here  
12 for our Town Hall Campus was contrasted with current  
13 operations just to provide that bit of information as far as  
14 the size of the facility insomuch that it was questioned last  
15 year. So just because I mentioned that and contrasted the  
16 fact that some of that is decontamination spaces does not mean  
17 that this Board or the township is moving forward with any  
18 plans of specific. That's just to clarify a point as to how  
19 we plan to utilize new facilities.

20 We have, this Board, has pledged to meet with the  
21 community and engage on that and we're committed to that. The  
22 situation with COVID has, obviously, delayed that. Our  
23 preference would be, my preference would be to have an  
24 in-person meeting. Depending on how long this stretches out,  
25 we may consider an alternate to that. The Trustees were just  
26 discussing it. So stay tuned for updates on how we may  
27 proceed with that. We do value resident input and we do want  
28 the opportunity to engage with the community on that.

29 But I want to reiterate there's no decisions that  
30 have been made as far as anything and, certainly, we haven't

1 gotten to the point of discussing financing, which I know is  
2 one of the biggest concerns going forward.

3 I'd also like to echo Ms. Lucci's comments regarding  
4 the COVID situation and crisis. I know we've all been under  
5 quarantine for quite a while. And as this thing rolls along,  
6 there are varying opinions in the community and it's getting  
7 very apparent by social media that we all have it. I just  
8 respectfully request that we all consider our neighbors and  
9 community and just be respectful of it. You may have opinions  
10 and I certainly believe people have the right to exercise  
11 their own personal choices. But we do have laws and things we  
12 need abide by. And above all, we just need to respect. And  
13 certain people believe it and act in accordance. It doesn't  
14 mean that they're wrong or anything. We just need to take  
15 care to that point. I hope we can continue as a community to  
16 remain strong and work through this. I don't think this is  
17 anything to be afraid of. It's something that we will get  
18 through.

19 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

20 MR. McINTOSH: So that concludes my report,  
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you. I would also, you  
23 know, agree with the Trustees and echo their statements as far  
24 as the community. We hope the community is well and safe  
25 during this time. We are here to do anything we can for you,  
26 so feel free to reach out to any of us to help if you need  
27 something.

28 We are in constant collaboration with officials at  
29 the state and county level, following the guidelines and  
30 getting updates weekly that we then get out to the community

1 so everybody is aware of what's going on. And we will keep  
2 you up to date on the latest and most current information as  
3 we go through this situation.

4 It is a good time, as Mrs. Lucci said, to reconnect  
5 with family and neighbors and to have some form of grounding  
6 so you can stay somewhat level through this situation. So we  
7 are here for everybody if anybody needs anything. We hope you  
8 are all well and safe.

9 And I would also like to say happy Mother's Day to  
10 all the mothers that are out there this weekend. Enjoy your  
11 day.

12 With that, I did have a few residents contact me  
13 since we last met. I spoke with a woman that has concerns  
14 about the condition of Hermitage Road and the speeding that's  
15 taking place there, so we are going to work on some traffic  
16 enforcement for her through the Sheriff's Department and a  
17 speed trailer out there. And a couple zoning complaints that  
18 I forwarded to Heather Freeman that she is looking into.

19 We did have a safety concern that came up in one of  
20 our neighborhoods. Apparently, there was a residence that was  
21 being utilized as a rental for gatherings during this pandemic  
22 time. Instead of the public forum, it took place in a private  
23 forum in a residential development. We have worked  
24 collectively with the local HOA, as well as collaborating with  
25 law enforcement, township and our legal representation, as  
26 well as the Health Department to address this problem. We are  
27 on top of it and we are collectively looking to take some  
28 initiative in the near future to hopefully prevent this from  
29 occurring again. But we are on top of it and we'll continue  
30 to stay on top of it to ensure the safety and well-being of

1 our residents.

2 With that, we will move on to department reports  
3 with Administration, Mr. Rose.

4 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. Members of the  
5 Board, Mrs. Dawson, good evening. I'd like to start off, I  
6 need to bring an item up from the floor for a vote. On  
7 May 12, the Ohio Attorney General's Office is conducting a  
8 public records training webinar. I will be attending this  
9 session on behalf of the Trustees. This is a required  
10 training pursuant to ORC Section 109.43(B) and 149.43(E)(1).  
11 So if I could get a quick vote from the Trustees granting me  
12 permission to attend on your behalf, that would be great.

13 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to have Mr. Rose  
14 participate in the training on our behalf on the 12th of May.

15 MS. LUCCI: And I second.

16 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

17 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

18 MR. ROSE: Thank you.

19 MS. LUCCI: Thank you.

20 MR. McINTOSH: Thank you.

21 MR. ROSE: A bit of good news. I don't know if  
22 anybody saw the headline in today's paper but it was regarding  
23 the census and Concord Township was mentioned in here. There  
24 are 2,245 local governments between cities, villages and  
25 townships. We are ranked 39th in census response.

26 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Great.

27 MR. ROSE: So the state average is 61.9 percent.  
28 We're at 78.6 percent. I strongly encourage, we strongly  
29 encourage all residents who have not yet completed the census  
30 to get that done soon. Census data, filling out the census,

1 it helps our community. It helps bring dollars to the local  
2 level. And for those that have already completed the survey  
3 to put us in 39th place, thank you very much.

4 With regard to the COVID-19 virus, township  
5 administrative offices at Town Hall are open to the public.  
6 The Community Center remains closed to the public, as does the  
7 fire stations and the Service Department. We've installed  
8 Plexiglas barriers at our counters. Employees are wearing  
9 masks when they're away from their assigned work spaces. All  
10 desks are, at least, six feet apart. Public visitors are  
11 strongly encouraged to wear a mask when visiting Town Hall.  
12 And we also encourage everyone to continue to conduct business  
13 via phone, fax, email, regular email. We continue to utilize  
14 the drop box outside the entrance door for anyone who is  
15 wishing to drop off paperwork. So we appreciate your  
16 cooperation in that.

17 Any questions or concerns regarding the COVID-19  
18 virus or the actions taken in Lake County should be, those  
19 questions should be directed to the Lake County General Health  
20 District. There is a link on our web page that will take you  
21 directly to the Lake County General Health District's COVID-19  
22 update and you can take it from there and get frequently asked  
23 questions answered. There is contact information if you have  
24 a question and so forth.

25 A few other items of note, we continue to stay, as  
26 Mr. Dondorfer mentioned, we continue to stay in regular  
27 contact with the Lake County mayors and managers and we are  
28 all continuing to coordinate during our regularly scheduled  
29 conference calls. I think that's worked out very, very well.

30 And, finally, please remember there are local

1 restaurants that remain open for takeout. We encourage our  
2 residents to shop local and support our Concord restaurants  
3 when considering your food choices.

4 That concludes my report, sir. Thank you very much.

5 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Rose.

6 On to the Fire Department, Chief Sabo. Thanks,  
7 Chief.

8 CHIEF SABO: Good evening, everyone.

9 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening.

10 CHIEF SABO: For the month of May, Concord had a  
11 total of 97 EMS events, with 65 transports. We had three fire  
12 events. Inside of Concord we had one vehicle fire and outside  
13 of Concord two structure fires. We gave mutual aid to our  
14 neighbors 11 times and received mutual aid 14 times.

15 Of note during the crisis or the COVID pandemic, I  
16 thought it was interesting. We've always thought our run  
17 numbers were dropping and that is true. So I pulled some  
18 numbers for January through April of last year. We were at  
19 833 total calls. January through April of this year, we're at  
20 792. So we are seeing a drop, most significantly in the month  
21 of April. So we will see how that plays out in May but we are  
22 seeing a decrease in call volume.

23 The fire prevention bureau had a total of 28  
24 inspections, accounting for approximately 49 hours, with 20  
25 passed inspections, three passed with comments and two passed  
26 with discrepancies. We had -- We still have three pending  
27 investigations or inspections. These are a combination of  
28 consultations and follow-ups on past failures or  
29 discrepancies. They're working towards correction or repair.  
30 No failed inspections and three plan reviews.

1           Hours spent on plan reviews for submission to the  
2 Lake County Building Department is about six hours, and they  
3 spent about 10 hours in continuing education in the month of  
4 April.

5           I want to thank Mrs. Lucci for fielding the question  
6 about the transports. We did -- We were concerned initially  
7 during the COVID pandemic that we were going to have some  
8 difficulty getting patients to the hospitals of their choice.  
9 However, that's kind of not played out the way we thought and  
10 we have not had any issues getting patients to the hospitals  
11 that they prefer when it's medically necessary.

12           CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

13           CHIEF SABO: So it's business as usual, which is  
14 good.

15           I also want to extend a very happy Mother's Day to  
16 all the moms in Concord Township and all over. So it's going  
17 to be a wicked weekend but we will see what Mother Nature  
18 brings for us.

19           I also want to extend, on behalf of Concord Township  
20 Fire Department, a very happy Nurses Week. The nurses in the  
21 hospitals are working long hours and they truly are heroes in  
22 our eyes and appreciate everything that they're doing. So we  
23 want to thank them as well, so appreciate it.

24           CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Chief.

25           MS. LUCCI: Thank you.

26           CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: On to the Service Department,  
27 the Service Director, Tim Brown.

28           MR. BROWN: Good evening, everyone.

29           CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening.

30           MR. BROWN: Construction season is in full swing in

1 Concord. The Lancaster Road project, the entire road has now  
2 been removed, is moving along as planned. Concrete  
3 stabilization was performed on the west side about a week and  
4 a half ago. They did a proof roll after the stabilization  
5 cured after five days and it came out excellent, according to  
6 our engineers. The east side was ripped out this last week  
7 and has stabilized today. So in another five days, we should  
8 be able to do another proof roll and they're expecting good  
9 things there. Tri Mor is going to continue with the  
10 installation of curb drains and curb inlet repairs, and  
11 they're planning on pouring the concrete end of next week,  
12 Thursday or Friday. So we should be well ahead of schedule  
13 there.

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Wow, great.

15 MR. BROWN: The Cali Woods, Alexander and Bridlewood  
16 resurfacing is underway as well. Friday, 5/1, crews began the  
17 grinding and removal of the top layer of asphalt.

18 The other areas, the other areas under construction  
19 too would be Concord-Hambden, Morley and Pinecrest. Those are  
20 county road projects and they all seem to be moving along  
21 well, too.

22 On April 24th, the Service Department celebrated  
23 Arbor Day with the planting of two trees at the Old Stone  
24 Schoolhouse. The trees were donated by Holden Arboretum and  
25 Kline Nursery.

26 Our crews have been out continuing on our ditch  
27 maintenance. We've had some downed trees in the river off of  
28 Tulip Way that we removed and we backcharged the stormwater  
29 management for the removal of those trees.

30 The yard waste dumpster located at the Service

1 Department has been very busy. Since the 13th of April when  
2 we started, we've had four dumpsters hauled away. We get a  
3 steady flow of residents taking advantage of that service we  
4 provide.

5 So in closing, the Service Department would like to  
6 tell everybody to have a happy Mother's Day, have a safe and  
7 healthy spring, and remember to contact us with any concerns  
8 or anything at [www.ConcordTwp.com](http://www.ConcordTwp.com). Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Brown.

10 Zoning Department, Heather Freeman.

11 MS. FREEMAN: Good evening.

12 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening.

13 MS. FREEMAN: During the month of April, the Zoning  
14 Department processed 25 zoning permit applications and  
15 collected just over \$3,000 in application fees. Last night at  
16 our Zoning Commission meeting, we had a public hearing for an  
17 application to rezone approximately 29 acres of land off of  
18 Colburn Road from R-1 to R-2 RCD. The Zoning Commission ended  
19 up voting to recommend approval with modifications on the  
20 district change and the preliminary plan. We will be  
21 transmitting that to the Trustees later this month so you can  
22 schedule your public hearing, and we'll do the legal  
23 notification as required per the Ohio Revised Code.

24 Next week, on Wednesday, our BZA will be holding  
25 their meeting, 7:00. We're going to have four new cases to  
26 review. A detailed agenda can be found on the township  
27 website. Go to "Public Meetings," click on "BZA," you can  
28 find all the information on how to listen and/or participate  
29 during the meeting, including the agenda.

30 Finally, as Mr. Rose indicated, Town Hall is now

1 again open to the public, which includes the Zoning  
2 Department. We still are encouraging use of the drop box or  
3 mailing in your application. We are there and able to -- We  
4 are there during the day to process your applications but we  
5 do encourage you to, you know, call with questions and we can  
6 email you things in advance in order to expedite the process  
7 once you are here.

8 With that, I just want to say thank you and I hope  
9 everyone stays safe.

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thanks, Heather.

11 Recreation Department, Debra Esker.

12 MS. ESKER: Good evening, everybody.

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening, Debra.

14 MS. ESKER: Well, things are certainly different for  
15 our Recreation Department these days. COVID-19 has altered  
16 our course for the spring and summer. And even though the  
17 Community Center and the Old Stone School remain closed to the  
18 public and classes, events and programs and rentals are either  
19 rescheduled or postponed or canceled, your Concord Township  
20 Recreation Department is still hard at work for our residents.

21 Starting this month, kids are encouraged to enter  
22 our Virtual Kids Coloring Contest. Here is how it works:  
23 Kids draw and color pictures with a "Send a Hug" theme or a  
24 "Concord Tough" theme or both. Parents, take a picture of the  
25 masterpiece and email it to Recreation@ConcordTwp.com. We  
26 forward that artwork to local seniors or safety and healthcare  
27 frontline heroes to brighten their day. This contest runs  
28 through July 31st and kids can enter as many times as they  
29 wish. The names of the artists will be included in a raffle  
30 drawing for gift cards to local businesses. And details are

1 on the website or just contact the Recreation Department with  
2 any questions.

3           If you're looking for a way to help those in need,  
4 consider donating to Concord Township's Canned Food Drive.  
5 Drop off your donation at the receptacle located just outside  
6 the back entrance of Town Hall. Donations will be delivered  
7 to the Saint Gabriel Food Pantry and other local food pantries  
8 in need. Items most in demand include peanut butter and  
9 jelly, canned tuna and canned soup. And the drive is going on  
10 now through May 31st.

11           Our senior initiatives are blossoming. We'll begin  
12 to send virtual hugs to Concord senior citizens in May and we  
13 expect to receive lots of these hug pictures from Concord kids  
14 as a result of that coloring contest. We will forward those  
15 on for unexpected splashes of happiness.

16           We are also expanding our senior's page of the  
17 Concord Township website to include more links to local senior  
18 services, and one important link is the Lake County Health --  
19 General Health District's "We Thrive Together" initiative that  
20 lists the many ways that seniors all over Lake County can  
21 engage in social interaction. And right now, they're  
22 concentrating on how seniors can stay socially active in their  
23 home and they're providing programs like phone-in Bingo and  
24 trivia games, attending virtual cooking classes and exercise  
25 classes through Zoom and participating in chat groups about an  
26 attitude of gratitude and much more.

27           We're also loading up our senior web page with fun  
28 and informative at-home activities, like easy stretching  
29 exercises to get your body moving, local birds to watch and  
30 feed, healthy recipes to try, daily gratitude lists, crossword

1 puzzles, word searches, and the hot new trends on coloring  
2 pages for grownups.

3 All of these initiatives will be included in our new  
4 and improved senior newsletter that will be going out in June.

5 There is another group of seniors we want to  
6 acknowledge and honor and those are our high school seniors.  
7 Teenagers who are graduating high school this spring and  
8 summer have had their lives marked by two unprecedented  
9 milestones. They were born just after the 9/11 tragedy and  
10 now they're finishing their high school experience in the  
11 midst of COVID-19. It's unclear if any of them will be able  
12 to wear the traditional cap and gown and walk across the stage  
13 to cheers and applause from family and friends.

14 So we are going to honor our seniors by asking them  
15 to share with us a beloved graduation tradition. Announcing  
16 Operation Grad Cap. Take a picture of your decorated  
17 graduation cap and send it to Recreation@ConcordTwp.com, along  
18 with your name and high school, by June 30th. We'll create a  
19 collage and post it to our website and social media platforms  
20 for you to share and for all of Concord to see. Again,  
21 details are on our website or just call the Recreation  
22 Department with questions.

23 Although we may not be able to gather together for  
24 big celebrations right now, we can still move forward with two  
25 of our most beloved Community Day traditions. Nominations are  
26 now being accepted for Concord Township's Citizen of the Year.  
27 Do you know someone who's made a positive difference in our  
28 township? Download the nomination form and send it in by  
29 July 6th.

30 Applications are currently being accepted for our

1 traditional Community Day scholarships. And this year we are  
2 able to offer three scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each  
3 to graduating high school seniors who reside in Concord  
4 Township. These scholarships are made possible through the  
5 generosity of Lake Health and University Hospitals. And those  
6 forms can also be downloaded from our website.

7 We continue to make progress on our *Images of*  
8 *America* book honoring Concord Township's bicentennial. If you  
9 have a family photo or an artifact depicting life in Concord  
10 Township over the past 200 years, please consider sharing it  
11 with us for possible inclusion in the book.

12 Statistics show that, during this unprecedented  
13 time, Ohians are visiting parks a lot more frequently for  
14 walking and hiking. Did you know that you can access the  
15 MetroParks Greenway Corridor through the parking lot of our  
16 own Old Stone School? Well, you can, and I highly recommend  
17 that you do because you can do some "silly walking." We  
18 recently published a post on FaceBook giving a nod to Monty  
19 Python's "silly walking" skit and it went viral. If you are a  
20 Monty Python fan, you now have an image in your head of John  
21 Cleese and his remarkable flexibility. We challenge you to do  
22 your best to silly walk and send it to  
23 Recreation@ConcordTwp.com. We'll compile the silliness and  
24 you may find yourself on the Recreation section of our  
25 website. The Old Stone School is located at 7125 Ravenna  
26 Road, and the pathway with the "silly walk" signs is located  
27 behind the schoolhouse adjacent to the community garden. I  
28 really look forward to seeing those pictures.

29 So although we can't gather together right now, we  
30 can still encourage our kids to enter a coloring contest, we

1 can still help those in need by donating to a food drive, we  
2 can check in on our senior neighbor and nominate people for  
3 Citizen of the Year, we can encourage our graduates to  
4 participate in Operation Grad Cap and apply for traditional  
5 scholarships, and we can honor our past by sending in pictures  
6 of Concord history, we can take a break from our worries by  
7 doing a little silly walking. We can still recreate  
8 responsibly because we are Concord tough.

9 Thank you so much for your time and attention  
10 tonight. Happy Mother's Day. And thanks to all the nurses  
11 now and always.

12 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Debra.

13 Okay. We are going to move on to the audience  
14 portion of the meeting tonight. I would ask, to help  
15 facilitate this portion of the meeting, that we speak  
16 individually. We will start off, if there is anybody on the  
17 line that has the last name that begins with A through H, if  
18 you would speak now and state your name and address for the  
19 record.

20 MS. BREWSTER: Dennis Brewster, 7207 Alexander Road.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Hi, Denise.

22 MS. BREWSTER: Can you hear me?

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes, we can hear you.

24 MS. BREWSTER: Okay. Hi, okay, yeah, thank you.  
25 I'm still new to this whole thing. Anyway, I just wanted to  
26 mention I saw the paper where Mentor is canceling their  
27 concerts and I know that we're still up in the air on it.  
28 Just some consideration for maybe offering a few that people  
29 can listen to online. I know we can't gather but, I mean,  
30 we're even listening to Disney concerts on TV, you know, or

1 some of the artists. To be able to do that, is it possible?  
2 Just saying.

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay, thanks.

4 MS. BREWSTER: I wanted to thank the township for --  
5 Oh, pardon me?

6 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: I didn't say anything, Denise.  
7 I don't know if there is interference. You're okay.

8 MS. BREWSTER: Yeah, okay. I want to thank the  
9 township for paving the roads around the township and I know  
10 specifically Alexander and Bridlewood are getting done, and  
11 Lancaster. So thank you because it gets pretty beat up.

12 And then I also wanted to thank you for  
13 clarification on the News-Herald article and appreciate the  
14 opportunity to be able to, you know, still provide citizen  
15 input in the near future as we work through this process.

16 One thing I did want to ask for is, have there been  
17 discussions with the architect about the size and cost of the  
18 station?

19 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Morgan.

20 MR. McINTOSH: Denise, Morgan McIntosh here. I  
21 think to the end of -- I think at the point of taking a look  
22 at what has been worked on thus far and challenging them for  
23 cost reductions and doing -- and having some conversation  
24 about things that could have been, I suppose, taken out of,  
25 what if we do this? How much does that change the cost? What  
26 if we do that? How much does that change the cost? These  
27 kinds of questions have been asked.

28 MS. BREWSTER: Okay. So just kind of getting into  
29 some kind of a budget because I know we were kicking around,  
30 at the end of February, you know, funding and those kind of

1 things but, you know, obviously, it's going to take another  
2 look depending on how our financial forecast looks.

3 The other thing I wanted to ask, has there been any  
4 word about tax collection, which is usually at the end of  
5 July? If that is extended, like a lot of things are extended,  
6 like income tax or whatever, does that affect the township?

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Amy.

8 MS. DAWSON: Denise, this is Amy. Not that I'm  
9 aware of. No one has extended any property tax deadlines, to  
10 my knowledge, and that's what we rely upon heavily. So  
11 certainly will let you know if --

12 MS. BREWSTER: I just wondered because it seems like  
13 everything is changing as we go.

14 MS. DAWSON: Absolutely. And I could have a  
15 completely different answer for you tomorrow. But as of, as  
16 of today, I have not been informed of anything, any kind of  
17 collections dates that would impact the township.

18 MS. BREWSTER: Okay. All right. And then, you  
19 know, I mean, I could see them like extending the deadline  
20 just to help people out but, you know, I mean, they're still  
21 going to be due, just like our taxes.

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

23 MS. BREWSTER: All right. And then, you know,  
24 obviously, you're going to keep us and you are keeping an eye  
25 on size and cost of the stations but, you know, the citizen  
26 input, you know, would be helpful, remember that. So all  
27 right. Thank you.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: That's still our plan, Denise.  
29 Thank you.

30 Anyone on the line with the last name that begins

1 with I through Q?

2 MS. PESEC: I guess that would be me, Vanessa Pesec.

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Hi, Vanessa.

4 MS. PESEC: Hi ya. Do we have a recorder for this  
5 meeting, the transcriber, Mindy?

6 MS. DAWSON: Yes.

7 MR. ROSE: She's listening.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes, she's listening as we  
9 conduct the meeting.

10 MS. PESEC: Oh, okay, because I couldn't hear a  
11 number of people. And for last night's Zoning Commission, she  
12 was able to stop and say, "I couldn't hear," but maybe she  
13 can, maybe she can hear all right. We had some audio  
14 difficulty. But okay, fine.

15 I did want to also applaud Concord of for doing so  
16 much in these really strange and unprecedented times making  
17 sure that everybody has PPE, ambulances are clean and that,  
18 you know, you are keeping the staff healthy and safe. So  
19 thanks very much. I think that's really important.

20 In the comments, I heard that word that you're not  
21 making any decisions or moving ahead with plans or financing  
22 but it seems that still we're at the 23,000 square foot plan  
23 that Chief Sabo said he was at back in February. And in the  
24 article, it says that you consulted architects for designing  
25 control zone areas and that sort of thing. So while it looks  
26 like you're trying to find ways to decrease the cost, it still  
27 looks like it's a pretty, pretty large building site. And  
28 even if you are able to reduce the cost, how are you going to  
29 pay for both stations without raising taxes on citizens?

30 MR. McINTOSH: Vanessa, it's Morgan. I've had a

1 conversation with another member of the community and I made  
2 it very clear that we haven't made any funding decisions and  
3 even to the point where I said, specifically, "I don't know  
4 how I am going to pay for the fire stations." So to say that  
5 we will or will not or what we're doing as far as asking  
6 residents to pay or not pay is a presumptuous statement, to  
7 begin with.

8 As far as the size of the facility, we are  
9 challenging the architects with respect to that. And I have  
10 done a reconciliation and I think we, by now, we would have  
11 had a conversation in person, likely would have had a  
12 conversation in person, stakeholder meeting where we could  
13 have had some dialogue about that and some conversations as  
14 far as the size of the facility.

15 The one thing I do want to clarify or, at least, say  
16 in my opinion -- and it's one opinion -- is that when I took a  
17 look at the proposed station for Station 1 and I see how the  
18 size and what it's used for, it's -- I am going to go ahead  
19 and say I don't agree that the facility is too large.

20 MS. PESEC: Morgan, Morgan, you keep cutting out. I  
21 don't know. Could you maybe move the mic closer? I don't  
22 know what's going on. I am sorry. I'm having a hard time  
23 hearing you.

24 MR. McINTOSH: The phone probably. That's not going  
25 to work.

26 MR. ROSE: That's as far as it goes. Sorry.

27 MR. McINTOSH: How is this, Vanessa?

28 MS. PESEC: Oh, that's great. Thank you.

29 MR. McINTOSH: Okay. As far as the size of the  
30 facility, I think we're still in that phase of diligence to

1 understand what is driving it. But as I look at the demands  
2 of the square footage, based on the analysis and the  
3 programming that the fire station spent two years working on,  
4 year and a half, yeah, I am having a hard time finding where I  
5 cut space. So that's the, that's the conversation we're in  
6 with the Fire Department is, how do we shrink this? How do we  
7 save costs and what does it look like?

8 We don't have specific answers from LeMay at this  
9 point. At some point when we do take a look at the give and  
10 take of it, I am hoping we will be able to be in front of the  
11 community and having a dialogue about that.

12 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

13 MS. PESEC: About the size and the programming?

14 MR. McINTOSH: Sure.

15 MS. PESEC: There's a lot of communities that, you  
16 know, they have reasonably sized stations that are comparable  
17 and so --

18 MR. McINTOSH: That's -- Vanessa. I am sorry.  
19 Vanessa.

20 MS. PESEC: I look forward to the stakeholder  
21 meeting so that we can talk about this on the front end.

22 MR. McINTOSH: That's fine, Vanessa. And, again,  
23 what I want to do is, when we have the stakeholder meeting, is  
24 to have a conversation about square footage and say this is  
25 why it is what it is and then have the conversation about give  
26 and take. If we want it to be this size and down to this  
27 cost, this is what we sacrifice.

28 I am going to disagree with you about one thing and  
29 it is that there are communities that have comparable stations  
30 that are smaller and that's not true. I toured four stations.

1 All of them lack some of the features that Concord is putting  
2 in, and specifically the features that they lack that make  
3 them small are the decontamination spaces and some of the  
4 spaces that the fire station set aside for health and safety,  
5 maintenance of the breathing apparatus, the filling of that  
6 and the locker area. So our facility has those features at a  
7 higher level than a lot of the facilities that have been  
8 compared against. So it's not apples to apples.

9 MS. PESEC: Right, yeah. Well, at the beginning of  
10 the meeting, there is 2,285 political subdivisions. So I am  
11 glad that you were able to tour four of them but, you know,  
12 there is probably a lot that we can look at and decide what  
13 is, you know, reasonable and what we can afford and, you know.

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Vanessa, I can assure you that  
15 we're doing our due diligence and we are not going to make any  
16 rash decisions and we are going to be responsible as we move  
17 forward in this. But, yeah, we visited several fire stations  
18 and we are going to be reaching out to the community as far as  
19 input on the project.

20 MS. PESEC: Good, good, good. Because in the  
21 February meeting, it was stated that maybe Concord could  
22 afford Station Number 1 in building but then, for Station  
23 Number 2, which really needs significant help, too, that would  
24 be going to the taxpayers to pay for building that station.

25 MR. McINTOSH: Vanessa.

26 MS. PESEC: In the current economic crisis, this is  
27 not going to be over anytime soon and I don't see that, you  
28 know, being a viable option.

29 MR. McINTOSH: Vanessa, I am going to disagree with  
30 you. I don't recall ever saying that, whatever you just said

1 about how we plan to fund it. There is no plan to fund it.  
2 There is no committed order of construction. As you are  
3 aware, the plan from last year was to do the facility on one,  
4 utilize the old station to temporarily quarter Station 2 and  
5 have that whole process. And we're looking at this with  
6 multiple options, multiple timelines and that's going to  
7 spread out over two to three years. And I am not going to sit  
8 here today and say that we are committed one way or another to  
9 a funding strategy that stretches out the next, I mean, the  
10 balance of my term that I just started. This is something  
11 I'll probably be dealing with for the next four years.

12 So I am not going to make any commitments now in  
13 this meeting about how we're going to be financing the  
14 township for the next four years, especially with respect to  
15 this project, because costs and all kinds of things are going  
16 to change between now and then.

17 MS. PESEC: I absolutely agree. So I look forward  
18 to a early stakeholder meeting before plans are developed and  
19 you've spent a lot of money, you know, in developing the  
20 plans, you know, only to have citizens say, "Whoa, you know,  
21 look at this, look at that, think about this and think about  
22 that," because we have a lot of really talented citizens here  
23 in Concord with a lot of good ideas. So I look forward to  
24 that and look forward to eventually, before one set of plans  
25 is developed, we have an understanding of how we're going to  
26 build both stations because both are very important to us to  
27 build. Thank you.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes.

29 MR. McINTOSH: I have asked that we consider this in  
30 full spectrum, Vanessa. We're trying to approach this from

1 the standpoint of both stations, so we are definitely looking  
2 at that.

3 And by the way, the contact information for all the  
4 Trustees and all the departments is on the township website.  
5 And as we are facing this barrier of public gatherings with  
6 respect to COVID, I openly invite any residents that want to  
7 talk about it to contact the chief at the Fire Department,  
8 Administrator Rose or myself. We'd be happy to have  
9 conversations. I have plenty of time for that.

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Vanessa, are you done?

11 MS. PESEC: Oh, yes, I am done. Thank you. I am  
12 done.

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. I didn't know if you had  
14 another question. Thank you.

15 MS. PESEC: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Anybody else on the line last  
17 name beginning with R through Z? State your name and address  
18 for the record, please, go ahead with your question. Is there  
19 anybody else on the line?

20 (No response.)

21 Okay. We will close the audience portion of the  
22 meeting tonight, move on. There is no Old Business, so we  
23 will go to New Business and we need to vote for the April  
24 financial reports.

25 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve the  
26 April financial reports.

27 MS. LUCCI: I second.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

29 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

30 MS. LUCCI: I move that we offer a conditional,

1 conditional offer of employment to firefighter/EMT Kyle Langer  
2 pending background check and physical for the Fire Department.

3 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

5 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

6 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to offer -- for  
7 a conditional offer of employment to firefighter/EMT Josh  
8 Gibson pending background investigation and physical.

9 MS. LUCCI: I second.

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

11 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

12 MS. LUCCI: I move that we approve the Service  
13 Department's request for summer hours, Monday through  
14 Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., effective May 18, 2020,  
15 through August 29, 2020.

16 MR. McINTOSH: And I second.

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

18 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

19 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve  
20 seasonal employment for the Service Department of Sean -- or I  
21 am sorry -- Austin Van Pelt at \$12 an hour, effective May 11,  
22 2020, through August 29, 2020, pending a drug screen.

23 MS. LUCCI: I second.

24 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

25 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

26 MS. LUCCI: I move that we approve the Service  
27 Department seasonal employee, Brendan Sweeney, at \$12 per  
28 hour, effective May 11, 2020, to August 29, 2020, pending drug  
29 screen.

30 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

2 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

3 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve  
4 seasonal employee Cameron Dodick, at \$12 per hour, effective  
5 May 12 -- May 11th through August 28, 2020, pending a drug  
6 screen.

7 MS. LUCCI: I second.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

9 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. That brings us to future  
11 meetings and announcements, Mrs. Dawson.

12 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. On  
13 Wednesday, May 13th, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Board of  
14 Zoning Appeals meeting held here at Town Hall.

15 On Wednesday, the 20th of May, at 6:30 p.m., Trustee  
16 office hours in the conference room; and at 7:20, public  
17 hearing here in Town Hall for the 2021 tax budget; the Trustee  
18 meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following the  
19 public hearing for the tax budget.

20 Would you like me to go ahead and do the community  
21 events as well?

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: That would be great. Thank  
23 you.

24 MS. DAWSON: As Mrs. Esker said earlier, there is a  
25 Community Food Drive here from May 1st through 31st. Please  
26 drop off your canned goods at the Concord Township Town Hall  
27 in the sealed container.

28 Kids Coloring Contest for Hometown Heroes, May 1  
29 through July 31, 2020. Information is on the website and in  
30 the summer Grapevine.

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Citizen of the Year nominations are accepted now through July 6th.

And Community Day Scholarship applications are accepted now through July 6th.

That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you very much. In closing tonight, we wish everybody well and hope you stay safe. If you have any questions or concerns or need anything from any of us, please don't hesitate to reach out to any one of us, the Trustees or Town Hall here, our Administrator. With that, we're going to conclude the township trustee meeting for tonight. Have a good evening.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.)

