

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. 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.)

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