

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

August 5, 2020
7:30 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Present on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

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

Also Present:

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

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1 7:30 p.m.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Welcome, Concord Township, to
3 the Concord Township Board of Trustee meeting for August 5,
4 2020. We're going to call the meeting to order, if you could
5 stand and join us for the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

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

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you. Roll call,
8 Mrs. Dawson.

9 MS. DAWSON: Mr. McIntosh?

10 MR. McINTOSH: Present.

11 MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Lucci?

12 MS. LUCCI: Present.

13 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Dondorfer?

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Present.

15 For those of you that are joining us this evening
16 online or, I mean, on the phone there, if you could please
17 mute your phone and we will have you unmute when we get to the
18 audience portion this evening.

19 We are going to go into the approval of the minutes
20 from the last meeting, which was July 15, 2020, regular
21 trustee meeting. Is there a motion?

22 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve the
23 regular trustee meeting minutes from July 15th.

24 MS. LUCCI: And I second.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

26 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

27 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: And for the July 22, 2020,
28 special meeting?

29 MS. LUCCI: I move that we approve the meeting
30 minutes from the July 22, 2020, special meeting.

1 MR. McINTOSH: And I second.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

3 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

4 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Moving on to our Elected
5 Officials Report and our Fiscal Officer, Amy Dawson.

6 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. As of
7 July 31st, we were 58 percent of the way through the calendar
8 year. The treasury balance for the 19 active funds within the
9 Township treasury was \$7.0 million. The treasury balance
10 includes \$1.4 million in funds set aside for specific
11 projects. This does not include the Fire Station Project,
12 other than a small leftover P.O. out of that. Unencumbered
13 funds in the JEDD and the Capital Project Fund that can be
14 toward this project are \$2.0 million. The remainder,
15 \$3.6 million, will be used for operating expenses, such as
16 road repairs, cemetery, recreation, zoning, fire service and
17 administration in the township. This money will have to pay
18 for expenses until the first quarter of 2021.

19 Year-to-date expenditures are 46 percent of the
20 amount appropriated for 2020. The revenue received year to
21 date is 68 percent, including the advance on the second half
22 of our real estate taxes. So we are well within budget.

23 I would say, in the last two years, we've received
24 more at the advance in some funds than we have actual -- the
25 real estate tax. So we're getting more money sooner, so we're
26 able to actually invest that and earn, you know, earn money on
27 that.

28 If you have any specific financial questions, please
29 do not hesitate to call my office, 354-7516, or you can always
30 go to www.OhioCheckbook.gov. The website recently changed

1 from .com to .gov. So -- But it doesn't matter. Whatever
2 you key in there, it will take you right to it and you can see
3 what we've spent since 2013 right, right on the website.

4 That's all I have, Mr. Dondorfer.

5 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mrs. Dawson.

6 Moving into the Trustees' comments this evening,
7 Mrs. Lucci.

8 MS. LUCCI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did speak
9 with a few residents over the past couple weeks regarding some
10 road issues, someone on Cherry Hill, another resident in
11 Nature Preserve. Mr. Brown had already been taking care of
12 those, so not a problem. I know that they're being handled.

13 I also want to thank one of our residents,
14 Mr. Woodin on Prouty, for getting us on the no littering
15 signs. He is very concerned about littering on that road.
16 And it's probably just because of not really littering maybe
17 but people aren't picking up after their trash that gets blown
18 away, so if we could kind of remember to do that.

19 Obviously, I spent a lot of time in conversation
20 with experts regarding the fire station, done lots of
21 research. I think what's most important though is, you know,
22 reflecting on my decision, why I chose the decision that I
23 think is the most important is, you know, we have to take care
24 of the people that take care of us. People that are in
25 service usually serve selflessly. You know, they do so kind
26 of sometimes without taking care of themselves. And our
27 firefighters have been living in conditions and working in
28 conditions that are not suitable for too long and it's time.
29 It's time to give them what they deserve because they take
30 care of us. We need to help take care of them.

1 We stand behind safety. On our website, you know,
2 everybody's fire -- everybody fights fire. We're all included
3 in this. I think a sacrifice of \$5 a month is very affordable
4 to give our firemen, our firewomen facilities that they can
5 work and flourish in.

6 I think, you know, there is lots of sensitive issues
7 still out there. It's very important to understand all the
8 facts, not just hear something. Entertain the fact that there
9 could be two sides. So please do your due diligence, too,
10 when you're looking at the facts. We are always available to
11 answer questions, so please call us. But we are looking for
12 your support to move this forward. This is extremely
13 important. This is a high priority for us. So we hope too
14 that you join us, and thank you again for all your input.

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mrs. Lucci.

16 Mr. McIntosh.

17 MR. McINTOSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I had
18 a busy couple weeks since our last trustee meeting. I have
19 been out with our Service Director, Mr. Brown, and Stormwater
20 to deal with or take a look at a pretty significant water
21 issue and I was able to bring Stormwater with us and that's a
22 fluid situation and another issue I'm getting more and more
23 educated on. So that's been interesting, still working on it.

24 Had some conversations with some residents regarding
25 some zoning issues, a developer, and just a couple things
26 maybe coming our way in the future.

27 And as the three of us, have also talked with a lot
28 of residents regarding the Fire Station Project. We had a
29 stakeholder meeting just over a week ago. I continue to think
30 that those meetings were very constructive dialogue and

1 engagement. I think there was a lot of information provided
2 by the township and by our architects, and I think Ms. Dawson
3 and Mr. Rose did a fantastic job last week explaining the
4 financing options. I know that was something that was very
5 unclear and I think that we were able to clear that up. I had
6 a lot of people thank us for the detail and that information,
7 so it was nice to hear that.

8 And I, obviously, we had a unanimous support on this
9 Board for this project. I have spoken with a lot of residents
10 and I will definitely say that I have heard many people speak
11 vigorously in favor and in opposition to it. So I think there
12 is a lot of differing opinions in the community out there but
13 there is a lot of support for it. I am hearing a lot of that.

14 We have a responsibility to the community. There
15 isn't a time I have spoken with a resident that doesn't give
16 kudos to the Concord Township Fire Department. They do a
17 fantastic job. If we want to continue to attract quality
18 employees and have the fire service that we have and the EMS
19 service we have in Concord, we need to equip them with the
20 tools and the safety.

21 We had the fire we talked about in staff meeting on
22 Friday. They serviced a structure fire on Thursday evening
23 and they're drying fire equipment in the bay. That is not a
24 safe practice as far as this critical function. It's just
25 that for Concord Township, I think it's time that we modernize
26 these facilities to meet the demands of the fire service
27 today.

28 I would also like to echo that we -- I feel we've
29 been responsible. We have worked to lower the cost of this
30 project. We're looking to seize upon the opportunity to save

1 money with low interest rates and potentially a soft period in
2 the economy which will allow us to build this project at a
3 lower cost than in the past and we've seen dramatic reductions
4 from the way the project was a year ago with this new board.

5 So I look forward to working with the community on
6 this project. And I would also like to say I remain available
7 and I would love to engage with any resident that has
8 questions about this project and I encourage you to reach out
9 to a trustee.

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you.

11 Yeah. So to recap for our residents that may have
12 not been with us last evening for the special meeting that we
13 had regarding the Fire Station Project and those that are
14 viewing tonight, just to recap, what we voted on last night,
15 we were looking at different financing options in regards to
16 pushing both fire stations forward. I entertained a lot of
17 phone calls today asking, "Well, why now?" And the reason is
18 it's imperative that we demonstrate and support our first
19 responders during one of the most critical times, you know,
20 that I have dealt with in my years. We have to support our
21 first responders and have a health, healthy environment for
22 them to respond to the needs of our community.

23 So with that, we've held several meetings and last
24 night we looked at several options and we voted unanimously to
25 put on an \$8 million bond levy. The last ask, I believe, was
26 \$10 million and we're looking at \$8 million to fund two
27 stations. We have drilled down the cost. We have worked with
28 the community. So what that works out to is a 0.6 mills levy
29 that works out to be about \$21 per \$100,000 of home value.

30 So when I explained some of the reasonings behind

1 why we're doing this now, most people are concerned because
2 they want it to be affordable. In this instance, we're able
3 to shield 60 percent of our residents from any tax increase
4 because those that live within the Riverside School District,
5 the Morley Library construction bond levy falls off the
6 beginning of the year. That would negate any increase seen by
7 this fire levy. So 60 percent of our residents will be
8 shielded from any tax increase. Forty percent, those living
9 in the Mentor School District, would see an increase of what I
10 just stated, about \$21 per \$100,000.

11 We thought that this was the best balance for the
12 township. We did not want to financially strap the township
13 for any unseen, unforeseen emergency that would occur in the
14 township that would require us to act and pay for something.
15 So we thought this was the most prudent and responsible way to
16 seek financing. We cannot do it alone. And it's imperative
17 that the community come together on this initiative and
18 support our ability to fund the financing for these fire
19 stations. So last night we did vote unanimously for that
20 resolution to put that on the ballot and have our community
21 support that.

22 With that, again, I echo the comments by the other
23 Trustees here that, you know, we have to take care of our
24 first responders and, you know, we've always been asked to
25 make it affordable. And I don't know how much more affordable
26 we can make it other than shielding 60 percent of our
27 residents from not having to pay anything and the other 40
28 percent having a very affordable ask to support the men and
29 women that go out every day in a not-so-good environment right
30 now with the health issues out there, with COVID and other

1 things and work to serve our community day in and day out.

2 As a first responder myself, you know, I know that
3 these men and women that go out every day are dedicated.
4 Their motivation is service. And I think it's time for us to
5 come together collectively and to demonstrate our support for
6 that service because it's got to take us into the next 50
7 years and it's not going to get any cheaper. We've looked at
8 this. We can't predict the future but all I see is this
9 costing more if we continue to push this down the road.

10 So I would ask that, if you do have any questions,
11 please reach out to one of us. We are more than open to
12 discuss the matter with you. We all answer calls all day
13 long. But we really need to come together and work
14 collectively together to push this Fire Station Project
15 through and get the funding for that so we can get these
16 stations built, pay off the debt early at a low interest rate
17 and not have to combat rising construction costs in an effort
18 to protect the safety and wellness of our firefighters.

19 So thank you, again. And on to Department Reports
20 with our Administration Department, Mr. Andy Rose.

21 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. Members of the
22 Board, Mrs. Dawson, audience, good evening. Just a few items
23 to cover. The first is, on the agenda, is Resolution 2020-26,
24 and that is required in order to move along the Kellogg Creek
25 Restoration Project. I would like to thank the law director
26 for his heavy lifting in going through this somewhat
27 cumbersome document. But the project is being fully funded
28 through the Ohio EPA. And the County Engineer's Office and
29 Stormwater Management Office, they have the lead on this
30 project, but it is taking place in Concord Township. So this

1 resolution allows us to enter in to be part of the sponsorship
2 agreement. And just as a reminder, there is no cost to the
3 township, zero cost to the township for this Kellogg Creek
4 Restoration Project. This is all being funded through a
5 grant, \$1.3, \$1.4 million.

6 Under Old Business is the Memorandum of
7 Understanding between the township and the IAFF Local 3329,
8 which is our full-time firefighters union. This is regarding
9 the carryover of unused vacation time and compensation of
10 unused holiday time. So that is there for your consideration
11 under Old Business, and I recommend passage of that.

12 I accepted a resignation later, a resignation letter
13 on behalf of Trustees for part-time facility attendant Tom
14 Borris effective July 13, 2020. We wish Tom well in his
15 future endeavors and we thank him for his service to Concord
16 Township. He's done a great job for us.

17 A little bit of an unpleasant issue. I debated
18 bringing this up but I am hoping the people that are watching
19 it at home and listening at home -- It's regarding the
20 Port-A-John at Concord Hills Park. It's been vandalized
21 several times and it is continually filled with trash outside
22 of its intended use. The company that we have a contract with
23 that services it for us has informed us that this has happened
24 on several occasions and they will no longer remove all the
25 trash and repair the vandalized -- the hinges, the paper or
26 toilet paper holder, those types of things. They're going to
27 charge those back to us for any future occurrences of
28 vandalism.

29 I would prefer to, you know -- The Port-A-John is
30 there for our residents' convenience when they go to the park.

1 But, you know, I really don't want to pull it but I can't --
2 we can't, as a township, keep repairing vandalism and misuse.
3 There are trash receptacles, regular trash receptacles right
4 next to the Port-A-John. So I don't understand why this is a
5 difficult concept. But I am hoping the folks listening at
6 home, if you are at Concord Hills Park, maybe you see
7 mischief, see something, say something.

8 So that's my spiel on the park and that concludes my
9 report. Thank you very much.

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Rose.

11 Moving on to the Fire Department, Chief Sabo.

12 CHIEF SABO: Good evening, everyone.

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening.

14 CHIEF SABO: So for the month of July, we had a
15 total of 217 events, we had 121 EMS events, we made contact
16 with 130 patients, with 87 transports. On the fire side, we
17 had a total of eight events. Inside of Concord we had two
18 vehicle fires, two structure fires and one brush fire.
19 Outside of Concord we responded to two structure fires and one
20 fire investigation. We gave mutual aid 19 times and we
21 received mutual aid 19 times. So it's a wash with our
22 neighbors.

23 In the bureau, the fire prevention bureau, they did
24 a total of 52 inspections, accounting for approximately 88
25 hours. They had 36 passed inspections, eight inspections that
26 passed with comments, one correction notice issued, and two
27 follow-up inspections. They also have five pending, which is
28 a combination of consultations and follow-ups on past failures
29 or discrepancies that are working towards correction.
30 So a lot of what the inspection bureau does is education, so

1 going out and educating the business or, well, in a rare
2 occurrence, the home for, like, a foster home or something
3 like that. They work with them to help make those
4 corrections. They did two plan reviews and that accounted for
5 about six hours. They spent about 14 hours in training and
6 continuing education. And they also provided some important
7 training to our line staff, our firefighters. They did six
8 training drills and reached out to 28 firefighters inside
9 Concord. So a little bit of ingenuity and education and
10 training for our firefighters from the inspection bureau, so
11 that was nice.

12 In the public education side, we did three knockbox
13 installations, and they also did two days of fire extinguisher
14 training for a commercial business and that had 70 students
15 participating.

16 On a side note, I want to thank this Board of
17 Trustees and Mr. Rose and Mrs. Dawson for their support of the
18 Fire Station Project, as well as there's so many people in the
19 community. I get phone calls and emails regularly of support
20 asking how they can help. And they truly understand the
21 operation of the Fire Department and what we're trying to
22 accomplish, not just for today but for decades to come to
23 protect this township. So thank you very much.

24 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Chief.

25 Moving on to the Service Department and our Service
26 Director, Tim Brown.

27 MR. BROWN: Good evening, everyone.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening.

29 MR. BROWN: The Service Department for the month of
30 July, we've been pretty busy. The concrete crew has replaced

1 approximately 200 yards of concrete throughout the township.
2 As part of our concrete slab replacement program, Whitney
3 Lane, Hardwood Lane, Fieldstone Court, Amanda Court all
4 received concrete improvements. The crew continues to move
5 throughout the township making more concrete repairs.

6 Our Dura-Patch and crack sealing crews have been out
7 making repairs to prolong the lifetime of our roadways in the
8 township.

9 The Service Department is also continuing to work
10 with the residents and the Lake County Stormwater Management
11 Department on problems areas within the township to help
12 alleviate stormwater issues.

13 Our yard waste dumpster at the Service Department
14 continues to get a lot of traffic from residents bringing in
15 their yard waste.

16 The paving on Cali Woods, Alexander and Bridlewood
17 has been completed. A punch list of repairs and sealing the
18 edges of the roadway and seams is still to be performed by
19 Karvo Paving and we are working closely with the Engineer's
20 Office to get those issues resolved.

21 The Service Department reminds everyone to give us a
22 call at (440) 350-3225 or email at ConcordTwp.com, and we wish
23 everybody to have a safe and healthy rest of the summer. That
24 includes my report.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Brown.

26 Moving on to Zoning and Heather Freeman, our Zoning
27 Director.

28 MS. FREEMAN: Good evening.

29 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening.

30 MR. McINTOSH: Good evening.

1 MS. FREEMAN: So the month of July, we were fairly
2 busy issuing permits. We issued 46 zoning permits and
3 collected \$4,700 in fees. Additionally, we performed 141
4 inspections for open permits and investigated nine new
5 complaints about potential zoning violations.

6 Information on next week's Board of Zoning Appeals
7 meeting can be found on the township website under the Public
8 Meetings tab.

9 And, lastly, just to remind the residents, we are
10 happy to take your call or your emails and answer any
11 questions that you may have about land use, zoning or maybe
12 your construction projects. We're happy to assist you to get
13 through the process. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you.

15 Moving on to our Rec Department and Debra Esker.

16 MS. ESKER: Good evening, everybody.

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening.

18 MR. McINTOSH: Good evening.

19 MS. ESKER: I am happy to report the Recreation
20 Department is hard at work for our -- to bring value and
21 service to our residents, and here's what's going on in
22 August. Fire up that PowerPoint, Rick. Thank you. Gotta
23 have PowerPoint.

24 We know it may be difficult for residents to come to
25 the Community Center during normal business hours to complete
26 reservations, to get assistance enrolling in classes or
27 conducting other regular business. So we reworked our
28 schedule to provide evening office hours on Tuesdays and
29 Thursdays until 8:30 p.m. We have also designated senior
30 hours at the Community Center on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00

1 and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. These times are
2 reserved specifically for residents age 55 and older for small
3 group activities and leisure club meetings.

4 And just a quick reminder that, in order to adhere
5 to state and local guidelines, we continue to employ universal
6 precautions at the Community Center. Be aware that every time
7 you enter the Community Center you must sign a logbook located
8 at our entrance, and the purpose of the logbook is strictly
9 for contact tracing if ever needed. Rental room capacity
10 remains at 35 people, as opposed to 70 under normal
11 circumstances, and tables should be placed at least six feet
12 apart. Guests at rentals or people participating in meetings
13 or programs should keep in mind the social distancing
14 guidelines and to wear masks. And organizers and staff are
15 also cleaning high touch surfaces every two hours. So that's
16 what we're still doing and we are happy to welcome people to
17 the Community Center in a safe and appropriate way.

18 So what's happening in August? Well, the Community
19 Center can be your sanctuary for some healthy exercise and a
20 little fun. Classes offered in August include Martial Arts
21 for adults and kids, Yoga Pilates Fusion, Pound with those
22 weighted drumsticks, easy-going Tai Chi, and energy-burning
23 tennis lessons for kids. If you enjoy crafts, check out our
24 driftwood centerpiece class where you can create a beautiful
25 and unique centerpiece made with our own Lake Erie driftwood.
26 We're also offering virtual music classes, including Movement
27 and Music for younger children, Creative Music Making and Song
28 Writing for teens, piano lesson for adults, and that ever
29 popular Ukulele Basics for teens and adults.

30 The Recreation Department will host our second

1 American Red Cross Blood Drive this year at the Community
2 Center. This one is Friday, August 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to
3 3:00 p.m. Everybody is encouraged to sign up at
4 www.RedCrossBlood.org and just type in sponsor code
5 "ConcordCC," or simply call us and we can schedule your
6 appointment for you. Here is a fun fact: A single blood
7 donation can help save up to three lives. At our blood drive
8 in July, we collected over 27 pints and potentially helped 81
9 people, so in August our goal is to up that.

10 And it's August, it's time to announce the winners
11 of the 2020 Community Day Scholarship Awards. Although the
12 traditional Community Day events aren't happening this year,
13 the scholarships certainly are. Our first scholarship winner
14 is James Keherly of Hunting Lake Drive. James will be
15 attending American University and studying public health. Our
16 next winner is Anthony Brey of Weathersfield Drive, and
17 Anthony will be attending Miami University and studying
18 computer science. And our final winner is Avery Campbell of
19 Bridlewood. Avery will attend Ohio State University and she
20 will study finance. The annual scholarships are made possible
21 through the commitment and the generosity of Lake Health
22 Systems and University Hospitals, so we thank them for their
23 continued support.

24 And we often get calls and inquiries about our
25 community garden, so I thought I'd share a little bit of
26 information with you about how to get a plot. The township
27 community garden is located at 7125 Ravenna Road, behind the
28 Old Stone School. It contains 34 plots, with half of them on
29 the organic side and the remaining 17 on the non-organic side.
30 Plots range in size from a few 10 by 10 raised beds to 10 by

1 20 and 20 by 20 gardens. And although all of the plots are
2 currently spoken for this year, anyone interested in the
3 garden next year can simply download the application from the
4 website and send it in by the end of February because plots
5 are basically assigned in March. So shout out to gardeners
6 because they are literally the cream of the crop. They have
7 cultivated their own close community over the years and it's
8 been an honor to watch it grow, no pun intended.

9 And, lastly, finally, it's easy to stay informed on
10 township happenings. Start by reading the township
11 newsletter. The fall Grapevine is scheduled to be mailed
12 directly to everybody's home early September and is full of
13 valuable information on each township department. It also
14 includes our fall class schedule, our modified senior programs
15 that begin in September, and a preview of what our fall family
16 events are going to look like. Other ways to stay informed
17 include subscribing to our monthly email newsletter, the
18 e-Grapevine, downloading the Concord app or visiting our
19 highly informative website. We encourage residents to follow
20 us on social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter and
21 Instagram, or simply pick up the phone and call any department
22 for immediate assistance.

23 The Recreation Department always welcomes resident
24 input, so please contact us anytime, and thank you very much
25 for your time and attention tonight.

26 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Debra, always very
27 informative and thorough. Thank you.

28 Moving on to Concord law enforcement, we have
29 Sheriff Leonbruno here tonight.

30 SHERIFF LEONBRUNO: I've been storing up for a

1 couple months now, so I will try to keep it under an hour.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Great.

3 SHERIFF LEONBRUNO: For July, we had 1,011 calls for
4 service. We handled two injury accidents in Concord, nine
5 property damage accidents. We did six arrests, three for
6 driving under the influence, two drug arrests, one disorderly
7 conduct. We went to 47 alarms. We gave 107 warnings and 8
8 citations in terms of doing traffic here in Concord. We did
9 99 business checks, 56 crime preventions. We handled 22 civil
10 complaints, 33 disabled vehicles, which was sort of unusual
11 when it is not the wintertime.

12 That we are working on, we have a number of
13 investigations, three of which are drug investigations on
14 Johnnycake Ridge and Auburn Road. We responded to a shots
15 fired on Butler Hill Drive, two trespass complaints on
16 Mountain Ash and Buckeye. We had two warrant arrests in the
17 area, both on Auburn Road. We responded to 41 noise
18 complaints and then various other investigations.

19 A couple things to note, in June we came out with
20 the Lake County Sheriff's mobile app, so that is now available
21 for your Android or your Apple phone. It's available online
22 at the App Store and it's under LakeSheriff -- LakeCountyOH,
23 LakeCountyOH. It's a free app you can download to your phone
24 and we have lots of information on it. Our most wanted is on
25 there. We have a mapping of sexual offenders in your area
26 that's available, an app to access our jail information, our
27 jail roster to see who's in jail. If you don't have social
28 media, it has social media posts on it, as well as we have
29 news releases that we put out. There is an alert bar across
30 the top. So if there is an accident in your area or there is

1 an emergency, it will send an alert to your phone, if you so
2 choose, and you hit the icon on your phone and it will tell
3 you where, what that emergency is and take you to a more
4 detailed message concerning that. We also have township
5 information on there, access to --

6 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Great.

7 SHERIFF LEONBRUNO: -- access to all the Lake County
8 phone numbers.

9 One other thing I want to mention since I haven't
10 had a chance to be here, because there is a lot out there in
11 regards to police reform today and what's going on, so a lot
12 of our resident ask us how we are doing as an agency. Way
13 back when Trustee Dondorfer worked for the Sheriff's Office,
14 he was one of the initial moves to get us involved in the Ohio
15 Collaborative.

16 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

17 SHERIFF LEONBRUNO: And the Ohio Collaborative are
18 four major areas of certification in the Ohio -- in Ohio for
19 police departments. That involved racial profiling, use of
20 force, use of deadly force, those types of areas. The Lake
21 County Sheriff's Office is one of the departments certified
22 fully in the state of Ohio for that. We do mental health
23 training, so we work with Beacon Health in terms of sending
24 our deputies to be trained in terms of mental health response
25 for people who are impaired, how better to work with them, and
26 we've been doing that for the last ten years. For the last 20
27 years, all of our officers have been trained in de-escalation
28 training. Just interesting to note, about 25 years ago, not
29 25 minutes ago, 25 years ago we banned choke holds at our
30 department and don't use those unless it's a matter of last

1 resort. All of our incidents for use of force are reviewed by
2 at least five individuals, all the way up to myself as the
3 sheriff, in terms of any use of force done by the Lake County
4 Sheriff's Office.

5 So we're trying to stay ahead and we've always tried
6 to do that, be proactive. We've been involved with Begin the
7 Conversation here in Lake County where we work with our
8 minority sectors of our population and have been an active
9 participant in that since it was created about three years
10 ago.

11 Lastly, we're working with Concord Fire, as well as
12 other fire departments in Lake County and other police
13 departments in Lake County, at Auburn Career Center this week,
14 three days of training for mass casualty drills. So it's a
15 lot of ways for us to come together and work together.

16 And any questions?

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: One question. On the app,
18 correct me if I'm wrong, you do have the ability to submit a
19 tip on the app?

20 SHERIFF LEONBRUNO: You can submit a tip and you can
21 either text it or call it in and leave a message and it will
22 record it. Again, that app is free.

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

24 SHERIFF LEONBRUNO: It doesn't cost you anything.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: So if somebody wants to submit
26 an anonymous tip or something like that --

27 SHERIFF LEONBRUNO: It's all anonymous.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: -- they can do that all on the
29 application. That's great, a great tool. Thank you, Sheriff.

30 SHERIFF LEONBRUNO: Not a problem.

1 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. We're moving on to our
2 audience portion. We will -- we've got to -- I'll unmute the
3 phone.

4 MR. ROSE: We're unmuted. They can hear us.

5 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Oh, yeah, they have to unmute,
6 yeah. Welcome, everybody who is on the phone with us this
7 evening. And we will start with anybody with the last name
8 beginning with A through I, if you could state your name and
9 address for the record and go ahead with any comment or
10 question that you have.

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Seeing that there are
13 none, anybody with the last name beginning with J through R,
14 if you could please state your name and address for the
15 record.

16 MS. KANGAS: Is this just people in attendance?

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: If you are online, ma'am, or if
18 you are on the phone and you would like to make a comment or
19 ask a question, you can go ahead.

20 MS. KANGAS: Well, yeah, I do.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay.

22 MS. KANGAS: My name is Linda Kangas, Cascade Road,
23 and I want to say I fully support the new fire houses for our
24 first responders and EMTs. I have kind of a two-part question
25 regarding, regarding the levy, and one of them is that I think
26 is a good thing that you have been talking about. You stated
27 numerous times, even at the stakeholder meetings, that you
28 plan to pay for this levy on an early basis. Mr. Callender
29 even commented that you could pass a resolution stating your
30 commitment to pay off the bond levy early, which sounds like a

1 really good thing to do.

2 I have a question related to that. Will you sign an
3 irrevocable resolution stating that you will pay off the \$8
4 million bond levy early? Because I think, just sitting here
5 thinking about it, that this commitment could go a long way to
6 encourage residents to support the levy.

7 MR. McINTOSH: Mrs. Kangas, I want to clarify
8 something. I believe last night Mr. Callender said that was
9 not an option. I don't know if you had a problem hearing.
10 But we did ask if we were capable of doing that and he said
11 that was not an option. When this goes to issue, depending on
12 how it goes, there may be a lockout period of an indeterminate
13 amount of years before we can prepay it. That's pretty
14 traditional. He said it could be as low as two, could be as
15 high as seven years but we couldn't, we aren't able to make
16 that commitment legally. It's not something that the ORC
17 allows.

18 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: And, Mrs. Kangas, I would like
19 to indicate that, in regards to your question, that, you know,
20 past practice here at the township, it's always been
21 demonstrated by any debt that the township took out that we
22 have looked at that we've always paid off the debt early. So
23 that would be our intention but, again, you know, we would do
24 our due diligence. Especially during this period of time with
25 low interest rates, I think it would put us in a better
26 position to do that.

27 Thank you for your question.

28 MS. KANGAS: Yes. And can I -- And I have a
29 question that relates to what you have just said about it not
30 being legal. I suppose that meant to include it in the

1 writing of the bond; is that true?

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: That's correct.

3 MR. McINTOSH: Yes.

4 MS. KANGAS: That's what it cannot be. Well, what's
5 the possibility of doing it in a, in a fashion that is just
6 a promise to the residents and it's not a legal, it's not
7 going into a legal paper. I think you should really, if
8 you're looking for a way --

9 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

10 MS. KANGAS: -- to encourage people to vote for this
11 \$8 million levy, that it would be a good thing to do.

12 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you for that comment,
13 Mrs. Kangas. And, yes, it is \$8 million and it's, the
14 \$8 million, is to support the financing and construction of
15 both stations. And we will look into that. I mean, I think
16 we all, from the initial part of this project, you know, we
17 have demonstrated that we've been honest and transparent and
18 open to recommendations made by the public, and I will assure
19 you we will certainly look at that and it's a good suggestion.
20 Thank you.

21 MR. McINTOSH: Mrs. Kangas, Morgan McIntosh. I
22 agree with Mr. Dondorfer. I agree with you. I mean, we would
23 prefer to retire the debt early. And as we presented last
24 week, the township certainly has a record of it, and that goes
25 along with my own personal and business philosophy. So I --
26 We'll have to do some diligence on that with our legal counsel
27 as far as how we might approach that but I don't think that's
28 an unreasonable request for us to consider.

29 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you.

30 MS. LUCCI: I just wanted to agree, too. I thought

1 that was a good suggestion. We do have a good track record of
2 paying things off early. And if we can, we certainly would do
3 that. So thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Anybody else on the line with
5 us this evening?

6 MS. KANGAS: I have one more related levy question
7 for you.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. All right. What we're
9 going to do then is we will go through the questions and we'll
10 take notes and we'll address them all at the end. Go ahead,
11 Mrs. Kangas.

12 MS. KANGAS: Okay. Is it probable that you will ask
13 Concord residents to renew the five-year fire levy in 2021
14 because I think that's coming up for renewal.

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: That was -- Okay. Thank you.
16 I am taking a note on that. We will address --

17 MS. KANGAS: The hourly rate of many firefighters,
18 I've been told, has increased substantially this year, which
19 is fine, and this fire levy pays for salaries as one of its
20 goals, as well as other items. Do you stand -- At one of the
21 stakeholder meetings, there was a comment from you all that
22 you were going to try not to increase this levy this coming
23 year. We also could have a, not a property tax increase next
24 year as a possibility, which would further be a hardship. Is
25 it possible that you all would consider not raising, when you
26 renew, that you wouldn't raise the level of the levy?

27 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Thank you for your
28 question. We're going to answer those at the end. We are
29 going to get through everybody that's online. Is there
30 anybody -- Is that your last question, Mrs. Kangas?

1 MS. KANGAS: It is.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes, okay. Who is on the line
3 now?

4 MR. SANDERSON: This is Bob Sanderson, 7796 Rockdove
5 Lane.

6 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening, Mr. Sanderson.

7 MR. SANDERSON: Good evening. I have one question.
8 At a stakeholder meeting, you had numerous people, and I
9 remember one in particular, asking about cutting costs in the
10 Station 2 by using less costly exterior material, fit in
11 better with the residential homes around that area, and to
12 utilize pre-engineered bays, reducing the cost, and if you did
13 reduce the cost, start construction right away. Why, why
14 don't you do this?

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. We will answer that
16 right at the end once we get through everybody here. We're
17 all taking notes here. Is that your last question,
18 Mr. Sanderson?

19 MR. SANDERSON: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, sir. Anybody else
21 on the line this evening?

22 MS. PESEC: Sure. This is Vanessa Pesec, 11705 Cali
23 Court. I had a couple of questions about Station Number 1. I
24 know that you stated that the footprint is 18,000 square foot
25 but what is the total square foot for proposed Station
26 Number 1?

27 And, second, do you have a floor plan and firm costs
28 from the architect and the engineer, as the trustees had last
29 year when they put their tax levy on the ballot? You also, at
30 the stakeholder meeting, it seemed that there were a lot of

1 creative ways to reduce the cost of these buildings so that
2 you wouldn't need this \$8 million tax levy, so I was wondering
3 where you were on that.

4 And then, finally, just a statement regarding the
5 cost of the two stations. In 2019 when you the trustees,
6 asked for a levy, Station Number 1 was \$8.9 million, Station
7 Number 2 was \$5 million. This year Station Number 1, it
8 states online, is \$8.8 million, Station Number 2 is \$4.9
9 million. So they're pretty much the same cost for the two
10 stations. So I am not quite sure, after going through those
11 stakeholder meetings and finding ways to look at things and
12 get citizen input, how we ended up with the same cost for two
13 fire stations. So maybe you could explain that as well.
14 Thank you. That's it.

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Thank you. Is there
16 anybody else on the line?

17 Okay. I will start off. Mrs. Kangas, you had
18 mentioned there was some discussion at the last stakeholder
19 meetings, I guess, about the fire operations levy. And we
20 really hadn't considered anything in that regard and that's
21 not something we're not going to look at. I know that, by our
22 decision to look at an \$8 million bond levy, it puts us in a
23 better position to complete two stations and possibly, you
24 know, not, have the ability not to, not to raise the
25 operations levy. It puts us in a better position. We really
26 haven't discussed that but it does put us in a better
27 condition for that, position for that.

28 I know that -- and correct me if I am wrong,
29 Morgan -- but I believe Vanessa mentioned that it was an
30 \$8.9 was asked for in 2019. I thought the not-to-exceed was

1 \$10 million.

2 MR. McINTOSH: Correct.

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: So that's actually a \$2 million
4 reduction of the budget estimate, Vanessa. The not-to-exceed
5 was asked at \$10 million. We reduced it by 2. And then,
6 again, we covered a lot of this in the stakeholder meeting.
7 That's a budget estimate. We do not have floor plans yet
8 because we haven't gone to fixed competitive bidding and
9 gotten the design development and the construction drawings
10 done yet because we first have to secure financing.

11 I know that Mr. Sanderson mentioned something about
12 the pre-engineered bays and things of that nature. That's
13 something that we would look at once we got into the design
14 development and the construction plans and the fixed
15 competitive bids to try to drill down the cost. Again, this
16 number that is out there, the not-to-exceed, is a budget
17 estimate. It's not the final cost of the project.

18 So I don't know, Morgan or Amy, can you --

19 MR. McINTOSH: Okay, yes. I mean, I just don't want
20 to totally repeat everything Carl said but with respect to
21 renewing the levy, yes, we have a levy that's expiring in two
22 years and it is, as Ms. Kangas accurately pointed out, for our
23 salaries and wages. And so we will be asking -- I mean, I
24 don't see how -- We are not building stations to have them
25 empty, so that would be a renewal.

26 I think, yes, as we said yesterday, this Board has
27 agreed to -- We had two funding options in front of us and we
28 went with the higher ask or the higher amount simply because
29 that puts the township in a stronger position with respect to,
30 as was said earlier, unanticipated expenses and it does create

1 some elbow room so we wouldn't be looking to -- It put us in a
2 good spot to not have to raise taxes. I am hesitant to commit
3 to something that far out but, at this point, we are trying to
4 create insurance so we don't have to be so tight in our
5 budgets, why we went with the higher amount.

6 With respect to cost cutting and the other external
7 materials, you know, those are all things that are going to
8 come in when we put this thing to bid and we have those
9 conversations. We haven't gotten that far yet. So when you
10 look at those line items and you see the dollar amounts
11 referenced there, that's the estimate of it. The real
12 conversations all come after we are approved for the financing
13 and we're into those conversations. So those options all
14 still remain on the table.

15 With respect to final design, as I said last night,
16 Station 1 is something that we put forth in concept at the
17 start of July. We held two stakeholder meetings. The door
18 has been open for conversation about design and that's why we
19 weren't taking taken any further with design and we haven't
20 done that. So it would be a very short order to create those
21 next steps and get us right to the edge of planning, get the
22 sequence, get the project moving along so, if we're able to
23 receive the funding through the passage of the levy, then we
24 can then go right into the detailed design and start getting
25 into the bidding and really looking at under the hood because
26 we've realistically done a lot of work so far to reduce
27 everything.

28 And I guess I would like to close by saying that,
29 while we did go through this, the diligence we've done this
30 year, in my view, validates the footprint and the design of

1 the stations. In other words, we've had a number of fire
2 people look at it and say there is no waste here. There isn't
3 anything. We are going to move in and use these facilities at
4 their, pretty much, their fullest capacity out the gate, that
5 this is a step to get Concord where it needs to be for today
6 and it isn't building anything we don't already need.

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Amy.

8 MS. LUCCI: Yeah. I just wanted to add,
9 Mr. Sanderson, we did look at some pre-engineered bays and
10 steel roofs and things like that to try to cut costs. And I
11 believe from an architectural and construction standpoint, we
12 were looking for materials that were going to last us 50
13 years. So, you know, sometimes it's cheaper to do things up
14 front but if we're going to be spending more money in two or
15 three years, that's something that we didn't kind of want to
16 go with.

17 But we did look at, to address Ms. Pesece, you know,
18 we changed the Station 1 to a different location. So we did
19 take a lot of input. We did reduce the floor plan, especially
20 on the first floor. To answer your question about total
21 square footage, I believe it's 23,000 total; 17, I think, is
22 on the first floor but with the basement, that's the added.
23 So we did take a lot of input from stakeholder meetings, from
24 the residents to help reduce those costs.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you for your
26 participation tonight, for all those that are on the phone
27 with us, and we will move into Old Business. There is a vote.

28 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve
29 the Memorandum of Understanding between Concord Township Board
30 of Trustees and the International Association of Professional

1 Firefighters Local 3329-AFL-CIO relating to vacation and
2 holiday roll-over for 2020.

3 MS. LUCCI: I second.

4 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

5 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

6 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Moving into New Business
7 this evening.

8 MS. LUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I move that we vote to
9 approve July financial reports.

10 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

12 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Item B.

14 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve
15 Resolution 2020-23, a resolution authorizing the Fiscal
16 Officer to certify assessed street lighting to the County
17 Auditor for this, for the tax year 2020, with such assessed
18 street lighting being collectable in the calendar year of
19 2021.

20 MS. LUCCI: I second.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

22 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Item C.

24 MS. LUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I move that we vote to
25 approve Resolution 2020-26, a resolution authorizing the Board
26 of Trustees for Concord Township to enter into the Ohio Water
27 Pollution Control Loan Fund for Water Resource Restoration
28 Sponsor Program sponsorship agreement for the Brightwood Lake
29 Dam Removal and Kellogg Creek Restoration Project.

30 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

2 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Item D.

4 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve the
5 change in status for probationary part-time firefighter/EMT
6 Joshua Gibson to probationary part-time firefighter/paramedic
7 effective 7/20 of 2020.

8 MS. LUCCI: I second.

9 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

10 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

11 MS. LUCCI: I move that we vote to approve Service
12 Department step increase to \$24.77 per hour for operator 1
13 Camron Edwards effective August 20, 2020.

14 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

16 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Item F.

18 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I approve -- move that
19 we approve to appoint Rich Iafelice to Zoning Commission
20 regular member effective August 5th through March 31st, and
21 that was due to a resignation. Mr. Iafelice is a recent
22 appointment to our Zoning Commission and I know that his
23 experience in the community, his commitment to Concord and his
24 professional background will be a tremendous asset to the
25 Zoning Commission.

26 MS. DAWSON: Mr. McIntosh, that was March 31, 2022.

27 MR. McINTOSH: '22. Restating those dates,
28 August 5, 2020, through March 31, 2022.

29 MS. LUCCI: And I second.

30 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

1 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Item G.

3 MS. LUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I move that we vote to
4 appoint James Rowe to Board of Zoning Appeals alternate member
5 effective August 15, 2020, through August 14, 2022.

6 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

8 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

9 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Item H, I believe, is a
10 recognition letter for the Stars and Stripes Award recipient
11 Hannah Duryea.

12 MR. ROSE: Yes, sir. The Stars and Stripes Award
13 recipient Hanna Duryea:

14 "It is with great pleasure that the Trustees of
15 Concord Township extend their congratulations to Hannah Duryea
16 for attainment of the very prestigious American Heritage Girls
17 Stars and Stripes Award.

18 "Anyone who has known a Stars and Stripes Award
19 recipient understands the years of hard work and dedication
20 that accompanies this award. However, it is certainly worth
21 noting that Hannah is the 663rd recipient to receive the Stars
22 and Stripes Award since American Heritage Girls started over
23 20 years ago.

24 "It is impressive that you have chosen American
25 Heritage Girls from your youngest years as one of your primary
26 guides towards character development. You have exemplified
27 the ideals and goals in innumerable ways with three level
28 awards, 27 merit badges, three Presidential Service Awards,
29 and four hundred service hours earned. Furthermore, your
30 leadership and community dedication is demonstrated with your

1 service project consisting of developing a detailed project
2 plan, raising funds, and renovating an office at New Day
3 Church which included an upgrade of offices, systems and
4 computer hardware.

5 "Congratulations on earning your high school diploma
6 and your Associate's Degree from Lakeland Community College.
7 We wish you the best as you pursue a Pre-Med degree at Kent
8 State University and we look forward to watching you grow as a
9 future community leader.

10 "Sincerely, The Concord Township Board of Trustees."

11 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you. Congratulations to
12 Hannah.

13 MR. McINTOSH: Yes.

14 MS. LUCCI: Wonderful, amazing.

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Wonderful recognition.

16 MR. McINTOSH: It's always great to see young people
17 in our community working hard and serving. It's very
18 rewarding. That's great.

19 MS. LUCCI: Yes, very inspiring. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Moving on to future
21 meetings and announcements.

22 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I want to, before we
23 get do that, I want to recommend that -- I know we've had some
24 holiday schedules and things going on here, and I know it is a
25 standard practice of the township to suspend or cancel the
26 second meeting of August, which I believe was going to occur
27 on the 19th of this month. So I would ask that we cancel that
28 meeting and have a little vacation here in the summertime,
29 before we get to future meetings and announcements.

30 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: I am in agreement.

1 MS. LUCCI: I agree.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. We will cancel the
3 second scheduled trustee meeting for the month of August.
4 And, Mrs. Dawson --

5 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. On
6 Wednesday, August 12th, at 7:00 p.m., the Board of Zoning
7 Appeals meeting will be held here at Concord Town Hall.

8 As was just stated, the previously scheduled regular
9 trustee meeting on August 19th and the trustee office hours
10 will be canceled.

11 And then on Wednesday, August 25th, at 6:00 p.m. --

12 MR. ROSE: Tuesday.

13 MS. DAWSON: Oh, sorry, Tuesday, August 25th, at
14 6:00 p.m., will be a work session for the Trustees on economic
15 development here, held here at Town Hall.

16 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you very much.

17 MS. DAWSON: You're welcome.

18 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: And that concludes our trustee
19 meeting for this evening. We hope all of our residents stay
20 safe and well. Thank you. We're adjourned.

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