

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

October 7, 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

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
Captain R. Mike Warner, Sheriff's Department

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7:30 p.m.

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2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening, Concord Township.
3 I am going to call to order the Concord Township Board of
4 Trustee meeting for October 7, 2020. Please join me in rising
5 for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Mr. Rose, the roll call,
8 please.

9 MR. ROSE: Mr. McIntosh?

10 MR. McINTOSH: Present.

11 MR. ROSE: Mrs. Lucci?

12 MS. LUCCI: Present?

13 MR. ROSE: Mr. Dondorfer?

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Present.

15 Okay. We are going to move into the approval of the
16 minutes for the September 16, 2020, regular Board of Trustees
17 meeting.

18 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to accept the
19 minutes for the September 16th meeting as written.

20 MS. LUCCI: I second.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

22 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Moving into the elected
24 officials report, Amy Dawson is not with us tonight, our
25 Fiscal Officer. Giving her report will be our Administrator,
26 Mr. Andy Rose.

27 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. The Fiscal
28 Officer's report: As of September 30th, we were 75 percent of
29 the way through the calendar year. The treasury balance for
30 the 19 active funds within the Township treasury was \$7.0

1 million. The treasury balance includes \$854,264 in funds set
2 aside for specific projects.

3 Year-to-date expenditures were 60 percent of the
4 amount appropriated for 2020. The revenue received year to
5 date is 92 percent of the amount budgeted for. This includes
6 the second half of our 2019 real estate taxes. We are well
7 within budget. We will not be receiving real estate tax
8 revenue again until the end of the first quarter of 2021.

9 As always, Mrs. Dawson is available to answer any
10 questions, so please don't hesitate to email her at
11 ADawson@ConcordTwp.com or you can call the finance office at
12 354-7516. Thank you, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Rose.

14 Okay. The Trustees report, Mrs. Lucci.

15 MS. LUCCI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did field
16 some calls from residents regarding the Fire Station Project,
17 cleared up some misinformation. I did receive a few calls
18 about some issues with neighborhood, not cutting grass and
19 kind of dealing with that. Our Zoning Director is helping
20 with that information as well.

21 And I think the biggest thing is, are we having
22 Halloween? So I have had so many people call me and I did
23 confirm that we are having Halloween trick-or-treating on the
24 31st. It is a Saturday this year. So reminding people to
25 slow down because there is probably going to be a lot of kids
26 out.

27 So, and the last thing is, I did attend an OTA
28 webinar on CARES Act funding. That's it.

29 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you.

30 Mr. McIntosh.

1 MR. McINTOSH: Yeah, just been a couple of water
2 issues we've got going on in the township, actually,
3 ironically, a very similar water issue in two different
4 places. I've been talking with residents on that, been
5 working with Zoning and Stormwater on that.

6 I know we've also fielded some calls regarding some
7 questions of fences and HOA regulations versus township
8 regulations.

9 Had a meeting last week with a prospective business
10 that's looking to locate in Concord Township, would be
11 somebody potentially joining the JEDD. That went very well.
12 I was pretty excited.

13 Carl, we went to, got to see the Lucky's grocery
14 store.

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes, yes.

16 MR. McINTOSH: It was a pretty exhilarating visit.
17 There's a lot to look forward to as far as what's coming with
18 the Concord Township.

19 Still fielding some questions and issues regarding
20 Parkside Elementary and that joining the Summerwood
21 neighborhood.

22 And just like the rest of us, we've been fielding a
23 lot of questions about the fire station and I did have the
24 opportunity to speak at the candidates forum yesterday
25 afternoon. So when that's posted, I encourage folks to, you
26 know, take a look.

27 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you. Yes, I had some
28 contact with a few residents that called me regarding some
29 zoning issues in Concord Township that we're working with.

30 I did visit with one resident in Concord in

1 reference to a neighbor issue and a property line dispute that
2 I think we got worked out.

3 And we addressed some issues with some speeding that
4 was going on on Girdled Road. I guess we're working on a
5 speed study there at a certain area of Girdled Road that has a
6 limited line of sight, so we're working with the Lake County
7 Engineer's Office. We had some interaction with them this
8 week regarding that speed study, so see if we're going to work
9 towards a reduction of speed in that area.

10 Yeah, the Lucky's Market, we were really impressed
11 with that. The Saltzman family is a great family. The store,
12 I think, has a unique and great vibe and I think it's going to
13 be a great fit in Concord Township. It was really -- I was
14 really impressed with the story and everything that they had
15 to offer there. I think our residents are really going to
16 welcome that, really enjoy shopping there.

17 MR. McINTOSH: Yeah, I was really impressed with it
18 as well. And I think the thing that was fun to know is that
19 the store that we looked at was 10 to 15 percent smaller than
20 the Concord footprint.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

22 MR. McINTOSH: So they're going to be able to do a
23 lot of things with the store and they're very excited about
24 making changes to it.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

26 MR. McINTOSH: I know that this is a brand
27 differentiation they were looking to do and Lucky's gave them
28 the avenue to do that, and they're reworking the plans to make
29 it match Lucky's.

30 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: It's going to have its own

1 unique vibe and feel to it and it's not going to have that
2 chain sort of feel to it. It's going to be great. So I was
3 really impressed. And thank you to the Saltzman family for
4 our tour on that.

5 Moving out of the Trustees reports to department
6 reports and we will start with Mr. Rose, our Administrator.

7 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. One quick
8 thing, there was a significant water main break on Prouty Road
9 near the Montessori school. Aqua Ohio is out there. The
10 repairs are a little more severe and they're going to take
11 longer than expected. They'll probably last until late
12 tonight, maybe into the early hours of the morning. And they
13 are diverting traffic. Prouty Road is currently closed at
14 that section. So they should get the water back on before
15 morning and then we will work on the road repair and we will
16 coordinate with the county, since that's a county road, to
17 make sure that the road repairs get taken care of right away.

18 The only other thing I have is from the cemetery
19 sexton regarding fall cleanup of the Concord Township
20 Cemetery. November 1st will be the next grave site cleanout.
21 We've got signs that will be posted near the exits two weeks,
22 for the two weeks prior. You are allowed one artificial
23 decoration per occupied grave site from November 15th through
24 March 31st. I would wait two weeks to make sure removal has
25 been completed before placing a new decoration. You are also
26 permitted to have one steel rod hanger, a shepherd's hook, per
27 monument. We ask that they're placed flush at the side of the
28 monument and they must have a visible decoration on the hook.
29 With winter coming, wooden crosses are permitted. They shall
30 not exceed 24 inches above the ground, 12 inches wide. And

1 they're temporarily permitted to mark the location of grave
2 sites under the following circumstances, where if a permanent
3 monument has not yet been placed or to mark any monument that
4 is under 18 inches tall, from November 15th to March 31st.

5 And then, finally, a reminder about columbarium
6 decorations. Columbarium decorations are not permitted on the
7 individual niches, and funeral flowers, live or artificial,
8 and any other decorations at the time of burial can be left
9 for up to three days. We then remove those after three days.

10 If anybody has any questions, you can contact the
11 cemetery office at (440) 354-7518. And that concludes my
12 report, sir. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Rose.

14 Moving on to our Fire Department, Chief Sabo.

15 CHIEF SABO: Good evening, everyone.

16 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening.

17 CHIEF SABO: For the month of September, we had a
18 total of 163 events, including 124 EMS calls with 101
19 transports to our local hospitals. We had three fire events,
20 all in Concord, including two vehicle fires and one grill
21 fire. We gave mutual aid 14 times and received mutual aid 16
22 times.

23 Our fire prevention bureau completed 42 inspections,
24 accounting for about 70 hours. They had 24 passed
25 inspections, nine passed with comments, two passed with
26 discrepancies, and three follow-up inspections. We also have
27 four pending and they completed two plan reviews. They
28 accounted for 12 hours of training and continuing education
29 and also assisted in the investigation, fire investigation to
30 a mutual aid company.

1 For public education, we installed four residential
2 lockboxes and one was returned.

3 I just want to remind the Concord residents that the
4 Fire Department is here to help 24/7, 365. We're still
5 getting comments when we're out and about that people are
6 still concerned about calling 911 amid concerns of COVID. I
7 want people to be rest assured that we're there and taking
8 every precaution that we can to provide for your safety. But,
9 ultimately, having us respond is the best way to get you
10 treated and help us help you make a decision in terms of
11 transport. So thank you very much.

12 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Chief. Appreciate
13 that.

14 Moving on to the Service Department, Tim Brown, our
15 Service Director. Good evening, Mr. Brown.

16 MR. BROWN: Good evening. The Service Department
17 has been taking advantage of the good weather and continues to
18 Dura Patch and asphalt -- Dura Patch our asphalt roadways and
19 perform concrete slab replacement throughout the township.
20 Our other crews have been out doing ditch maintenance, culvert
21 replacements and snow barricade installs. I would like to
22 remind the residents, if you'd like to have a snow barricade,
23 give the Service Department a call and fill out the proper
24 permit you can find on the website and we will get that taken
25 care of for you.

26 Our equipment maintenance department has begun to
27 ready the equipment for the upcoming winter season. We
28 continue to work alongside the Lake County Stormwater
29 Department to assist with stormwater issues throughout the
30 township.

1 The Service Department also installed "Do Not
2 Litter" signs along the state routes as you enter into the
3 township and are awaiting permits for the county maintained
4 roads for installing those, also.

5 The Service Department continues to provide the yard
6 waste dumpster at the Service Department until November 30th.
7 The Annual Brush Day dropoff will take place October 17th from
8 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This year will be a little bit
9 different due to the COVID-19. We ask residents to stay in
10 their vehicles and allow our crew to unload the brush. This
11 will keep everyone socially distanced and safe.

12 The annual yard waste collection will take place on
13 November 23rd, beginning at 6:00 a.m. All residents should
14 have their paper yard waste bags at the curb for pickup by
15 6:00 a.m. on the 23rd. Major Waste will begin collection that
16 morning and should finish that day. There will not be any
17 additional days for pickup.

18 The Service Department would like to wish residents
19 a safe and enjoyable fall season and remind residents with any
20 questions or concerns, they can give us a call at (440)
21 350-3225 or email us at ConcordTwp.com. That's all I have.

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Brown.

23 MR. ROSE: Thanks, Tim.

24 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: On to Zoning with Heather
25 Freeman, our Zoning Director.

26 MS. FREEMAN: Good evening.

27 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening.

28 MR. ROSE: Good evening.

29 MS. FREEMAN: So during the month of September, the
30 Zoning Department processed 37 zoning permit applications and

1 collected \$5,900 in fees. Of that, ten permits were for
2 accessory buildings, eight were for single-family dwellings,
3 four fences, and the remaining were split between different
4 types of pools and other yard structures. Year to date, we
5 processed a total of 289 zoning permits, of which 45 were for
6 new dwellings.

7 Additionally, last month our office performed 94
8 inspections for open zoning permits and followed up on 11 new
9 zoning complaints.

10 Next week, our Board of Zoning Appeals will hold
11 public hearings for two variance requests, both are related to
12 the number of accessory buildings permitted on a parcel. The
13 detailed agenda can be found on the township's website under
14 the "Public Meetings" tab.

15 Finally, there still is some time to respond to the
16 2020 Census. So if your household still has not responded,
17 please go to [My2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) and do so. It's quick and easy
18 and the questionnaire will take you ten minutes or less. The
19 last day to respond at this point is October 31st. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Heather.

21 MR. ROSE: Thanks, Heather.

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: On to Recreation, Debra Esker.

23 MS. ESKER: Good evening, everybody.

24 MR. ROSE: I'm glad you're back. I didn't know if I
25 could do this two months in a row.

26 MS. ESKER: I appreciate that.

27 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: I dont' think he could follow
28 you for a second month.

29 MS. ESKER: I appreciate that.

30 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: He did very well the month you

1 were gone.

2 MS. ESKER: He did. He does me proud often.

3 Happy fall, everybody. Who can resist a crisp fall
4 beautiful day in Concord Township? If you are ready to get
5 out and try something new, Concord Township Recreation
6 Department has you covered.

7 Rick, fire up the PowerPoint, please.

8 October leisure classes offered through the
9 Recreation Department include: Baton for Kids, that's a new
10 one; tennis lessons for kids at the Concord Hills Park;
11 Martial Arts for adults and kids; Pound!, which is that
12 exercise class using weighted drumsticks; Tai Chi; Yoga
13 Pilates Fusion; Painting a Sunflower Masterpiece; making Jack
14 O'Lanterns using chalk and paper art; creating a stained glass
15 keepsake box; learning how to get better sleep; learning the
16 popular game of American Mah Jongg; Getting Started with
17 Medicare; Getting Ready For Retirement. And we continue to
18 offer virtual piano lessons for adults and ukulele lessons for
19 teens and adults.

20 Senior socials at the Concord Community Center occur
21 the first and third Wednesday of each month. They are a great
22 way to meet new friends and enjoy something different.
23 Everyone is invited to attend but seating is limited, and
24 preregistration is required. Earlier this afternoon, local
25 entertainer Susan Cannavino thrilled and delighted our
26 audience while describing the experiences of the six wives of
27 Henry VIII, and she came in costume. It was magnificent.
28 Our next senior social is an afternoon of painting a seasonal
29 masterpiece while sipping punch at the Concord Community
30 Center at our annual Paint & Punch Program on October 21st.

1 Again, seating is limited and residents are encouraged to call
2 soon to reserve their spot.

3 New this fall is our "Won't You Meet Your Neighbor"
4 series presented by Dan Maxson, our own Old Stone School
5 docent. This month, Dan leads residents on a full afternoon
6 of adventure and inspiration as he takes us on a hike to
7 Concord's own Chair Factory Falls. Immediately after, he
8 shares some of his vast knowledge of several of Concord
9 Township's beloved artifacts at the Community Center in his
10 presentation called "Every Artifact Tells a Story." These
11 programs are free but, again, spots are limited and
12 preregistration is required.

13 The Recreation Department will host another American
14 Red Cross blood drive at the Community Center on Friday,
15 October 9th, this Friday, noon to 7:00. Sign up at
16 WWW.RedCrossBlood.org and type in sponsor code "ConcordCC" or
17 simply call us and we can schedule the appointment for you.
18 So far, we have hosted four blood drives and have exceeded our
19 goal each time, thanks to the generosity of our donors. Let's
20 keep this momentum going in October and keep helping those in
21 need as we head into the holiday season.

22 And just a friendly reminder that we continue to
23 adhere to state and local safety guidelines and continue to
24 employ universal precautions at the Community Center. Every
25 time you enter the Community Center, you must sign a logbook
26 located at our entrance. Rental room capacity is still
27 limited and tables must be placed 6 feet apart. Guests at
28 rentals or people participating in meetings or programs should
29 keep in kind social distancing guidelines and wear masks.
30 We're happy to welcome people to the Community Center in a

1 safe and appropriate way and we thank residents and guests for
2 their continued cooperation.

3 And speaking of the Community Center -- here we go
4 -- our Service Department has been hard at work pouring brand
5 new concrete walkways in front of the Community Center this
6 week and it looks fantastic. I have had the privilege of
7 witnessing the crew work constantly and tirelessly in record
8 time to get the job done with precision and efficiency. I am
9 in awe of the masterful way they do their work and so very
10 thankful for all they do for the Recreation Department and for
11 the community. Great job, guys. It looks so good. I am
12 excited to welcome everybody to the Community Center to see
13 it.

14 The Annual Candidates and Issues Forum was
15 videotaped yesterday without an audience, in the interest of
16 public health, and will be made available for on-demand
17 viewing on the township website next week. We will also post
18 a link to the video on our social media platforms, including
19 Facebook. The Lake County League of Women Voters will also
20 share the video and candidates can add that link to their
21 sites. It's a great way to put a face to the name and to
22 listen intently to hear the facts on the issues you care
23 about.

24 And it's October, so that means little ghosts and
25 goblins are counting down the days until it's candy overload
26 time, and Concord Township is all in for some family-friendly
27 fun. So celebrate Halloween this year on a hunt for treats
28 around beautiful Concord Township on Thursday, October 29th,
29 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Kids and parents are encouraged to
30 dress up in costumes and hop in their car to follow a treasure

1 map to collect treats around the township. Families drive to
2 specific locations and remain in their car as they are handed
3 treats at each stop. And I have to tell you, I've been
4 working with the volunteers at each location and they're
5 coming up with some creative ways to get the treats in the
6 cars, so this should be fun for everyone. Drivers are asked
7 to pay close attention to the entrance and exits at each
8 location and drive slowly and safely to each location, as well
9 as within the parking lots. And we will have lots of staff on
10 hand to help that run smoothly. The Halloween Hunt will
11 proceed regardless of the weather, so please dress
12 appropriately.

13 There are eight locations in the hunt this year:
14 Saint Gabriel Church; Hope Ridge Church; the Community Center;
15 Vista Springs Quail Highlands; Grist Mill Village, including
16 Panini's; the Goddard School; Concord Alliance Church; and the
17 Concord Township Town Hall Campus. And this map is available
18 on our website, by the way, for download. Families can start
19 at any of the locations and be sure to visit all of them
20 between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 29th. And,
21 again, families are reminded to stay in their car and drive
22 safely and slowly through each location. Please do not park
23 or get out of your car at Grist Mill Village, like we've done
24 in the past. The businesses are all going to be there ready
25 to toss the treats into the car in creative ways. Feel free
26 to contact the Recreation Department with any questions or if
27 you need further details about the Halloween Hunt at (440)
28 639-4650.

29 And as Trustee Lucci said a little bit earlier, good
30 old-fashioned door-to-door community trick-or-treating is set

1 for Halloween night, Saturday, October 31st, from 6:00 to
2 8:00 p.m. throughout Concord Township. Please be safe, use
3 common sense, and watch out for those little goblins and
4 ghosts.

5 It's easy to stay informed on township happenings.
6 Start by reading the township newsletter, the Concord
7 Grapevine. It includes our fall class schedule, modified
8 senior programs and a preview of what our holiday family
9 events are going to look like. Other ways to stay informed
10 include subscribing to your email newsletter, the e-Grapevine,
11 downloading the Concord app or visiting our highly informative
12 website, follow us on social media platforms like Facebook,
13 Twitter and Instagram, or simply pick up the phone and call
14 any department for immediate assistance.

15 And I had to go here. Lastly, risking the bemoaning
16 of just about everyone in the room tonight, I'd like to
17 proudly announce that the Recreation Department is planning a
18 few fabulous and festive programs for the holiday season,
19 which I am pretty sure begins the day after Halloween. So
20 look for more information on our website and social media
21 platforms within the next few months for our fabulous, festive
22 programs. So thank you very much for your time tonight and
23 take care, everybody.

24 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Debra.

25 MR. ROSE: Thanks, Deb.

26 MR. McINTOSH: Thanks, Deb.

27 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Joining us on Concord law
28 enforcement this evening is Captain Warner. Thank you,
29 Captain.

30 CAPTAIN WARNER: You expect me to follow that act?

1 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: It's always difficult, isn't
2 it?

3 MR. ROSE: It's tough.

4 CAPTAIN WARNER: Yes, it is. Well, it used to be I
5 never had to follow that act. It was a lot easier. So I can
6 do the PowerPoint, although we didn't have quite the
7 arrangement here and the person back there, like Rick, running
8 everything.

9 So, listen, they hit 954 incidents and calls to the
10 township, 14 of them were investigations and arrests. The
11 juveniles that were involved in that fire that you guys had
12 were arrested and taken care of. So it's a good working
13 relationship between the fire, fire investigation unit and the
14 Sheriff's Office, always has been and continues to be that
15 way.

16 They had 52 alarms. They had six injury accidents,
17 five property damage accidents, 52 alarms, 10 citations, 148
18 warnings. So we're not out trying to give tickets but we are
19 trying to keep the speed limits in tow so that people will
20 follow the safety standards that are out there for traveling
21 on the roadways. We had three operating a vehicle while
22 intoxicated and five driving under suspension, 117 business
23 checks and 100 crime preventions. So if you need more of that
24 breakdown, Administrator Rose has the original copy.

25 I just wanted to talk to you a little about that 911
26 that I heard the Fire Chief talk about. Call 911. Our
27 dispatchers are trained. They're emergency medical
28 dispatchers, which means they can help find out what's wrong
29 with you and help diagnose a little bit on the phone in
30 helping the first responders as they arrive at your property.

1 And if you do think you have a problem with COVID or
2 something, they'll ask you some questions and try to help the
3 first responders and help you and put you at ease. Just this
4 week, one of our dispatchers did -- gave CPR instructions over
5 the phone to help save somebody's life, which is kind of neat
6 to see that.

7 Another thing that you can do is you can go to the
8 Sheriff's website or go online on your iPhone or your Droid
9 and download the Sheriff's app. So anytime there is a road
10 closure, our sergeants at the desk at central dispatch will
11 put it out over the air so it not only goes to our app for an
12 alert, it also goes to our Facebook page and Twitter account.

13 Any questions?

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: No. That's, I have heard a lot
15 of good feedback about the new Sheriff's Office app on social
16 media about how informative it has been as far as road
17 closures or things going on in the community to alert the
18 residents to what's going on. So it's been very well
19 received.

20 CAPTAIN WARNER: And our sergeants are now doing it
21 right from the desk, from the supervisors' desk.

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right. So it's almost
23 immediate from when it comes in to when it goes out.

24 CAPTAIN WARNER: They're not calling me at 2:00 in
25 the morning and saying, "Can you put this out?" And I am
26 trying to do it while I am half asleep. So it is very nice
27 now.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

29 CAPTAIN WARNER: The Sheriff offers the reason he
30 couldn't make it tonight, he had a conflicting meeting

1 tonight.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Understandable.

3 CAPTAIN WARNER: So you got stuck with me.

4 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Always a pleasure. Thank you,
5 Captain.

6 MR. ROSE: Good to see, Captain.

7 MS. LUCCI: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. We'll be moving on to
9 our audience portion of the meeting this evening. I believe
10 we only have one caller online. So if that caller would like
11 to participate, you can do so now, at this time, by stating
12 your name and address for the record, please.

13 (No response.)

14 Okay. Seeing that nobody on the phone is wanting to
15 participate, we will, in-house here, we have a couple
16 residents. Does anybody want to come up to the podium? Sure,
17 Mrs. Brewster.

18 MS. BREWSTER: Can I take off my mask here?

19 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yeah, yeah.

20 MS. BREWSTER: I get to breathe.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yeah.

22 MS. BREWSTER: Okay. I am glad you had the segue
23 from Debra and not me, but that was a nice segue for me
24 following the sheriff. I didn't see him here when I initially
25 walked in and missed Chief Warner. I have a concern about,
26 and I've been hearing about it for over a month, about the
27 issue of theft in Concord. I am aware that, just from talking
28 to some residents, that there was a rash of theft of, you
29 know, particular political signs related to the national
30 election. I started hearing that. And then I understand that

1 somebody was caught on that and it immediately stopped until
2 there was another one the other night, which I saw on
3 Nextdoor.

4 But, at any rate, the reason I am here is because,
5 on this past Friday night after 9:00, there was a sign stolen
6 on Girdled near Crile and this is the second time a large sign
7 was taken. This is the same location where Andy Rose had told
8 me we had to relocate a sign away from the sight clearance of
9 Crile, and we did that, so we were purely on Mr. Lazuka's
10 property. On this particular sign, since one was already
11 taken, we put a "Private Property" sign on it that said that
12 we had owner permission so that people knew it was a legal
13 sign.

14 And so what happened is we put the sign up at 8:00
15 at night on Friday. I didn't. I was out of town. But the
16 fact is, at 9:00, a sheriff's cruiser went by because you
17 could see it on the camera. We purposely put a camera up.
18 And so we saw the sheriff's cruiser because you can see the
19 lettering quite clearly. And it was after 9:00 -- I am not
20 going to say exactly the time -- that a truck pulled up. We
21 can see the man with a PPE mask on in the driver's seat,
22 shining a flashlight so whoever was taking the sign had
23 lighting and then walked off with the sign.

24 After that, a sign disappeared from, a large sign
25 disappeared from Crile, where all these other signs are, just
26 that sign. And I am not saying what sign it was. Another
27 sign was taken from Girdled and Auburn. Then they continued
28 up Girdled and I suspect that's where probably Mr. Patterson
29 had his damage. Then another ten signs, smaller signs,
30 disappeared around the township.

1 You're talking \$400 in signs. This is deliberate.
2 They're cutting zip ties. They're taking them. And the fact
3 that there was such a rash on Friday night is ridiculous. I
4 just feel that the residents -- Where does it stop? You know,
5 there is a culture out there, for some reason, that people
6 think that they can just help themselves to signs.

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

8 MS. BREWSTER: And I know they're very careful about
9 taking signs off private property but, clearly, we had a sign
10 on the thing that said it was private property --

11 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

12 MS. BREWSTER: -- and we had permission. So I guess
13 what I want to say is that I feel it's unacceptable. We do
14 have -- We're in the process of identifying what we have on
15 tape or on the night camera vision. And, you know, I just
16 think it's a shame because, I mean, I have been associated
17 with school levies for over 40 years in three different
18 communities and have never seen this, this kind of thing going
19 on.

20 And I will say that in the past three elections,
21 whether they're for trustee or especially with this one, there
22 is always theft of our signs. We don't do this.

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay.

24 MS. BREWSTER: We just don't do this.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay.

26 MS. BREWSTER: We know how much it takes to buy
27 those signs.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Sure.

29 MS. BREWSTER: And I just don't think it's right.
30 So, you know, where does it stop? I just feel that you need

1 to know this is going on and I just don't feel it's something
2 that should be happening, especially to that amount of money.

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Well, can I respond?

4 MS. BREWSTER: Go ahead, yeah.

5 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: We certainly do not condone
6 that type of activity. I can tell you from my years of
7 operation at the Sheriff's Department, every election cycle I
8 dealt with complaints of similar nature of a theft of, you
9 know, political signs or issue signs or whatever it was and we
10 would do our best to try to, you know, identify who is
11 responsible if we could. I think there is a greater number of
12 signs or that type of activity going on during this election
13 cycle just because it's so contentious nationally. You know
14 what the climate is nationally.

15 MS. BREWSTER: Right.

16 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: I just think there's more
17 people that are taking some type of action. We don't condone
18 it. I mean, it's great if you have, you know -- The sheriff
19 can do an excellent job. If there is video coverage of that,
20 I urge you to file a report. You know, if you have video
21 surveillance of that, I urge you to turn it over to them so
22 they can do an investigation and look into it. There is all
23 kinds of different avenues.

24 We don't, we don't condone it. I don't think it's
25 -- It's unacceptable for anybody to be doing it and it's
26 inappropriate. I mean, we understand.

27 MS. BREWSTER: Right.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: You know, it's hard for us to,
29 you know, really get a gauge or monitor how much of it's going
30 on. I was not aware of as much, you know, what you are saying

1 to me, I didn't know that, you know, from the Sheriff's
2 Department or I haven't gotten any information but I know some
3 of that happens.

4 MS. BREWSTER: Right.

5 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: We don't condone it. It's not
6 acceptable. For whatever reason, whether it's an issue,
7 whether it's a national election, you know, everybody's got a
8 right to voice their opinion or place a sign or, you know, as
9 long as they have permission, you know.

10 And then the other side of it, I've gotten calls
11 from people that say signs have been placed without
12 permission. And I say, "Well, if they're on your property and
13 if they don't have your permission, then, you know, you have
14 the, you have the authority to remove a sign from your
15 property if you didn't grant permission." So, but we do not
16 condone that activity. I don't think anybody here would.

17 MR. McINTOSH: No.

18 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: If people are identified, then
19 they'll be, they'll be, you know, responsible for their
20 actions.

21 MR. McINTOSH: Thanks for letting us know. And I
22 guess I will echo what Carl said. I mean, we don't condone
23 it. You know, you and I actually had a conversation about
24 that. I reached out.

25 MS. BREWSTER: Right, you did.

26 MR. McINTOSH: This is private property, you know,
27 and I got permission to take it but I offered you the chance
28 to come retrieve it. So, you know, that's -- It's unfortunate
29 and I am sad to hear that that's the case. I have observed,
30 you know, signs change all over the place. We all drive

1 around and we all have our political opinions and, you know,
2 as Carl said, our candidates or issues. We see signs and it's
3 all, I don't want to say -- I don't know if "troubling" is the
4 right word but, you know, we all get worked up about the
5 issues when we see things.

6 So I would also ask that, you know, we don't step to
7 that level and stealing signs is not -- I don't condone that.
8 We shouldn't be doing it. We should be leaving it alone.
9 It's private property. To go onto someone's property and take
10 their, take their signs, I mean, that's -- if it's owned
11 property and you see a collection like that, you shouldn't be
12 going out there and doing that and I am disappointed to hear
13 that that's happening.

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: And I think it's been
15 exacerbated, especially during this election cycle, just
16 because of the climate nationally. I mean, I see, driving to
17 work in the morning in different communities, I see signs
18 thrown out or, you know, cut out in sections and it's not
19 appropriate. We don't believe in any of that.

20 MS. BREWSTER: Right. Well, I am glad to see that
21 you --

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: It's hard to control.

23 MS. BREWSTER: Well, you didn't know about it.
24 That's why I'm here.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right. And we do want to know.

26 MS. BREWSTER: Because it just happened this past
27 Friday night.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: And we do want to know.

29 MS. BREWSTER: Yeah. But the main thing is that you
30 are not condoning it. And if you can, at least, put word out

1 because I am hoping this is not an employee. Okay? I am just
2 saying.

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Well, okay.

4 MS. BREWSTER: I doubt that it is but I am hoping
5 it's not.

6 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay.

7 MS. BREWSTER: And so, but I just want to make sure
8 everybody is on the same page, you know. I think you made
9 some comment before about just having, you know, respect,
10 especially on the Nextdoor thing. It was getting really
11 intense with the comments and the shaming and all that, and
12 there is still bits of that, but I am glad to see that people
13 are stepping up and saying, "Hey, you know, stick to the
14 issue," or, you know, and they're being a little more
15 respectful because I talked to many people that said, "I had
16 to get off of there. I cannot -- that's unacceptable."

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: I hear what you are saying and
18 I do monitor that. I don't really participate much as an
19 elected official.

20 MS. BREWSTER: Right.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: I will tell you, again, we
22 don't -- we believe in being very professional during our
23 duties and functions and what we believe in. People are
24 entitled to their opinion. I believe that we have all taken
25 the high road during this issue and, when we have commented,
26 it's been appropriate, hasn't been disrespectful.

27 MS. BREWSTER: Yeah.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: But we can't control what other
29 people say. I do tell you that, you know, I think we have all
30 spoken with people and said, hey, everybody's got their own

1 opinion but we still need to maintain professionalism.

2 MS. BREWSTER: Exactly.

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Everybody's got a right to
4 their opinion but we're going to be professional about it
5 because we don't condone that.

6 MR. McINTOSH: And I think regarding Nextdoor,
7 I mean, we all know -- I ran into it last year, talking to
8 people now and when I was running for trustee a year ago. It
9 was like, oh, that Nextdoor, I, you know, endless stream of
10 comments about how it gets on there and it's, pretty much,
11 known around Concord what goes on when you get involved in a
12 debate on that.

13 MS. BREWSTER: Yeah.

14 MR. McINTOSH: I, you know, think, you know, I try
15 not to stay involved in that. If I see something, I think
16 it's a factual statement, I will try to stick, like Carl said,
17 pay attention for it. So we want everyone to be respectful.
18 But I think, to the point of people on their time and they're
19 independent, we only have so much influence on that.

20 MS. BREWSTER: Right.

21 MR. McINTOSH: As far as the signs and all that go,
22 it's not like, you know, we have the ability to do a heavy
23 amount of enforcement there. It is what it is. But I
24 certainly would say on the record that you need to be
25 respectful of people and we need to respect things on private
26 property and that's it.

27 MS. BREWSTER: Okay. And I know in, I think it was
28 the last election, it was a candidate sign and I saw it laying
29 down where it was going to get run over and I walked it into
30 the Town Hall and they looked at me like, What are you doing

1 with that sign? I was returning it. I don't destroy signs.
2 I, you know. But the point is that if our signs are ever
3 found -- because in the last election, I think you know, some
4 signs would be thrown in the woods. These have totally
5 disappeared. But if any of them reappear, I would appreciate
6 a call, please.

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Certainly.

8 MS. BREWSTER: Because that's quite an investment.

9 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: And we agree. I know that I've
10 had people that have asked me for signs personally and say,
11 "My sign is missing now." My response is, you know, that
12 happens from election cycle to election cycle. We don't
13 condone it and we urge our residents not to participate in it.

14 MS. BREWSTER: Right. Okay. Well, I appreciate it.

15 And then just because you're going on further in the
16 agenda, on the Service Department things, what account is that
17 that these purchases are made from? I know you are not Amy
18 but --

19 MR. ROSE: CARES Act.

20 MS. BREWSTER: Pardon me?

21 MR. ROSE: CARES.

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: The CARES Act.

23 MS. BREWSTER: The CARES Act for the Service
24 Department --

25 MR. ROSE: Correct.

26 MS. BREWSTER: -- purchases?

27 MR. ROSE: Correct. They fall within the criteria
28 of the CARES Act funding that we received from the feds to the
29 state to the county to us.

30 MS. BREWSTER: Okay. Was that the recent 300 some

1 thousand?

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Two hundred and --

3 MR. ROSE: No. That was Round 1. This is Round 2.

4 MS. BREWSTER: Round 2 was to \$200,000?

5 MR. ROSE: No, ma'am. Round 2 is \$654,192.90.

6 MS. BREWSTER: Okay, all right. And the Ford

7 Escape, is that like a truck for --

8 MR. ROSE: That is a vehicle for Town Hall

9 Administration. That falls underneath the CARES Act.

10 MS. BREWSTER: Okay. All right. Thank you so much.

11 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you.

12 Anybody else wishing to participate in the audience
13 portion?

14 (No response.)

15 Okay. Seeing as there is none, we will move on into
16 Old Business. Seeing that there is none, we will move into
17 our New Business portion this evening.

18 MS. LUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the
19 September financial report.

20 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

22 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Item B is Resolution 2020-31.
24 This is permanent appropriations as of 10/7/2020 and I believe
25 we need a roll call vote.

26 MR. ROSE: That is correct, that will be a roll call
27 vote, sir.

28 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve
29 Resolution 2020-31, permanent appropriations as of 10/7/2020.

30 MS. LUCCI: I second.

1 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Mr. Rose, a roll call vote.
2 MR. ROSE: Roll call: Mrs. Lucci?
3 MS. LUCCI: Yes.
4 MR. ROSE: Mr. McIntosh?
5 MR. McINTOSH: Yes.
6 MR. ROSE: Mr. Dondorfer?
7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes.
8 MR. ROSE: Thank you.
9 MS. LUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I vote to approve Fire
10 Department motion to approve probationary firefighter/EMT
11 basic Matthew Collins to regular status firefighter/EMT basic
12 effective September 21, 2020.
13 MR. McINTOSH: Second.
14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?
15 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
16 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve P.O.,
17 Fire Department P.O. in the amount of \$19,872 to MES Warren
18 Fire Equipment for firefighting turnout gear.
19 MS. LUCCI: And I second.
20 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?
21 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
22 MS. LUCCI: I move to vote for the Service
23 Department's P.O. in the amount \$42,415 to Classic Ford
24 Lincoln for an F-350 pickup truck.
25 MR. McINTOSH: Second.
26 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?
27 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)
28 MR. McINTOSH: I move to approve the P.O. in the
29 amount of \$68,749 to Classic Ford Lincoln for an F-450 pickup
30 truck.

1 MS. LUCCI: I second.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

3 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

4 MS. LUCCI: I move to approval Service Department
5 P.O. in the amount \$90,634 to Versalift East for an F-550
6 bucket truck.

7 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

9 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

10 MR. McINTOSH: I move to approve the P.O. of \$7,990
11 to Best Truck Equipment for two lift gates.

12 MS. LUCCI: And I second.

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

14 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

15 MS. LUCCI: I move to approve Service Department
16 P.O. in the amount of \$12,655.68 to Enzo's Cleaning Solutions
17 for a disinfecting hot steam/pressure washer.

18 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

20 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

21 MR. McINTOSH: I move to approve the P.O. in the
22 amount \$30,940 to Classic Commercial Trucks for a 2020 Ford
23 Escape.

24 MS. LUCCI: I second.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

26 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

27 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Thank you. Moving on to
28 future meetings and announcements, Mr. Rose.

29 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. Future
30 meanings and announcements: Friday, October 9th, from

1 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., will be the blood drive at the
2 Concord Community Center.

3 Monday, October 12th, township offices will be
4 closed in observance of Columbus Day.

5 Wednesday, October 14th, at 7:00 p.m., will be the
6 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

7 Saturday, October 17th, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
8 will be the Brush Day's brush dropoff here at the Town Hall
9 Campus at the Service Department.

10 Wednesday, October 21st, at 6:30 p.m., will be
11 Trustee office hours, followed at 7:30 by the Trustee meeting.

12 Thursday, October 29th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., will
13 be the Halloween Hunt. Those details can be found on the
14 township's website.

15 And then as another reminder, on Saturday,
16 October 31st, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., is trick-or-treating.
17 And that concludes future meetings and announcements, sir.

18 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Thank you very much.

19 Thank you, Concord Township. That concludes our
20 Board of Trustee meeting this evening and we are adjourned.

21 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.)
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