

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 21, 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

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7:30 p.m.

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2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening, Concord Township,
3 and welcome to the Concord Township Board of Trustees meeting
4 for October 21, 2020. I am going to call the meeting to order
5 and if you could join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Mrs. Dawson, the roll
8 call, please.

9 MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Lucci?

10 MS. LUCCI: Present.

11 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Dondorfer?

12 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Present.

13 MS. DAWSON: Mr. McIntosh?

14 MR. McINTOSH: Present.

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Moving into the approval
16 of the minutes for the October 7, 2020, regular trustee
17 meeting, a motion.

18 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve the
19 October 7, 2020, meeting minutes as written.

20 MS. LUCCI: And I second.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

22 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Elected officials reports, and
24 we will start off this evening with our Fiscal Officer,
25 Ms. Amy Dawson.

26 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. It's the
27 second meeting of the month, so based upon some of our
28 residents' recent questions and concerns, I thought I would
29 discuss financial facts. I recently spoke to a resident who
30 was concerned that the Fire Department had to cover I-90

1 accidents and thought we did not receive any compensation for
2 it. I explained that, when we assist individuals anywhere in
3 Concord Township, their insurance company reimburses us for
4 some of the costs incurred. If they are a Concord Township
5 resident, they are not billed any further. If nonConcord
6 Township, medical assists are billed the remainder of the
7 cost, to which the individuals have to supplement that if
8 their insurance company does not.

9 Concord Township did receive rebated tax fees in the
10 first quarter of 2020 from the Lake County Auditor's Office.
11 The amount was \$12,754.77 credited to the General Fund. That
12 was the fund that originally paid those fees.

13 Year to date, Concord Township received
14 approximately \$908,000 in CARES Act grant funds. There are
15 specific criteria that we can use to spend the money that must
16 be encumbered by November 20, 2020, and spent prior to
17 December 30th of this calendar year or the money has to be
18 returned. We cannot use the money to build a fire station.

19 Finally, it is unlawful to save money over a long
20 period of time without a specific purpose in the state of
21 Ohio. We are allowed to save money for a specific project for
22 a five-year period. That's why we have capital projects
23 funds. For example, we were saving \$10,000 in an emergency
24 fund in case of an emergency after the 2006 flood. The State
25 Auditor's Office made us return those funds to the General
26 Fund where they had been originated so that we could spend the
27 money. We would never be allowed to save money over a 26-year
28 period for no reason.

29 Finally, if you have any questions, please do not
30 hesitate to call my office at 354-7516. If you have a

1 financial fact that you would like addressed in an upcoming
2 meeting, please email me that question and I will try and
3 include it in report my. Thank you very much.

4 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mrs. Dawson.

5 On to the Trustees reports for the evening and we
6 will start with Mrs. Lucci.

7 MS. LUCCI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, just a few
8 things. I did have a few more conversations with folks
9 regarding the Fire Station Project. I appreciate all the
10 emails and phone calls asking the questions. Other questions
11 regarding the grocer and I think people are really excited.
12 People were asking about timelines when they are going to
13 open, so people are really excited about Lucky's coming.

14 It is election time, so I think we take this
15 opportunity to, you know, understand we could make a
16 difference in our lives and our children's lives and to vote
17 wisely and to please get out there and vote. We definitely
18 don't take this freedom lightly, so we thank all those who
19 have already voted as well.

20 And then, last but not least, Halloween, we wish
21 everybody a safe and happy Halloween. Please remember there
22 are some folks that don't feel comfortable with lots of people
23 coming to their doors, so just keep that in mind. You may
24 have to bypass some houses that look like they're not open.
25 And we respect what everybody wants, so please do whatever you
26 feel comfortable with. And that's it.

27 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mrs. Lucci.

28 Mr. McIntosh.

29 MR. McINTOSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, I've
30 been busy on a couple of stormwater incidents, been on a

1 couple of properties that have similar topography and similar
2 water issues, so I've been talking with Stormwater about
3 those. We're storming ahead and getting those resolved.

4 Had a constructive meeting last week, the
5 Administrator and I did, up at Parkside Elementary trying to
6 resolve some of those moving issues which we've had with that
7 relatively new school there. So good conversation, good
8 constructively moving forward and that's nice to be having
9 that conversation.

10 As we all have been taking questions about the fire
11 station on a regular basis, did also have some questions about
12 the timeline on the grocery store, too. I know people are
13 very excited about that, as am I.

14 And, yeah, I encourage everyone to practice
15 Halloween as you see fit. I think our Halloween Hunt is going
16 to be a fun thing for kids to do this year. That's a safe
17 alternative. I look forward to participating. I think we're
18 going to be here at Town Hall. And I echo Ms. Lucci's
19 comments about just be respectful of those who are choosing to
20 participate and not, and we left it up to members of the
21 community to make their own choice about how they want to
22 celebrate or participate. I really think that's the right
23 decision.

24 And, again, I encourage everyone to go out and vote
25 November 3rd. And that's the end of my report.

26 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Great, great. I also did field
27 several calls about the fire issue and, you know, I would like
28 to commend Mrs. Dawson for covering some of those facts that
29 were brought up. A lot of the questions I had was about, you
30 know, some recent factual -- or information that was

1 circulated about, you know, excessive slush funds and things
2 of that nature that just don't exist, and I was able to
3 clarify that on the phone with several residents that called
4 me and Mrs. Dawson clarified that in her factual information
5 that she presented.

6 So I, you know, I am happy with the job that the
7 Trustees have done through this initiative and I commend
8 everybody on providing, you know, factual information. And we
9 urge the public to get out and vote and we thank them for
10 their input and their calls and things of that nature
11 regarding the fire issue.

12 I also did field some calls about the grocery store.
13 It's going to be great. You know, the timeline, like we
14 talked early, I think, was the end of March but you never know
15 with construction and things of that nature.

16 We had several issues regarding road concerns after
17 the storms from last night. I know our Service Department was
18 very involved this morning working with the county. Everybody
19 knows there was excessive amount of water flow and rainwater.
20 You know, the Service Department did an exceptional job, I
21 think, remedying some of the issues in our township roads. We
22 thank them for that.

23 I did field a couple issues regarding some neighbor
24 concerns that I am working with some residents on. And that's
25 all I have. So thank you for everything everyone has done.

26 Moving on to department reports and Administration
27 Department, Mr. Andy Rose.

28 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. Members of the
29 Board, Mrs. Dawson, members of the audience, good evening,
30 just a couple of quick things. I accepted a resignation

1 letter on behalf of the Trustees from Star Bruno. Her last
2 day will be October 30th of 2020. She's done a great job for
3 us in the Recreation Department. We thank her for her years
4 of service in our Rec Department and we wish her well on her
5 future endeavors.

6 The County Engineer is conducting a speed study on
7 Girdled Road to determine if a speed limit change is
8 warranted. The full study, this process, takes about 90 days.
9 So once they give us the full report, I will report that back
10 to the Trustees on what their findings are.

11 And then, finally, I will echo what seems to be a
12 common thread. If you have not already done so, I encourage
13 you to vote. There are, between absentee, voting in person at
14 the Board of Elections -- I must say, I did that and they're
15 doing an exceptional job -- and then all the polling locations
16 will be open, you know, I encourage you to vote. That
17 concludes my report. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Rose. Moving on
19 to our audience portion this evening, is there anybody on the
20 phone?

21 MR. ROSE: There is no one online, Mr. Dondorfer.

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Anybody in the audience
23 here at Town Hall that would like to come to the podium?

24 Okay. Seeing that there is nobody here, we will
25 move on to Old Business. Seeing that we have none, we will
26 move on to New business and, New Business, we have Item A.

27 MS. LUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve
28 Fire Department approval of the reclassification of
29 firefighter 1 Frank Virant to regular status firefighter/
30 paramedic effective October 11, 2020.

1 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

3 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

4 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve
5 Service Department P.O. in the amount of \$12,150 to SSECO
6 Solutions for the purchase of a fuel management system.

7 MS. LUCCI: I second.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

9 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you. And with future
11 meetings and announcements, Mrs. Dawson.

12 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. On Thursday,
13 October 29th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., will be our Halloween
14 Hunt at various locations throughout the township. Please
15 call the Community Center for the list of those locations.

16 On Friday, October 30th, 9:00 a.m., staff meeting
17 here at Town Hall.

18 Saturday, October 31st, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., will
19 be our annual trick-or-treating throughout the township.

20 Tuesday, November 3rd, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.,
21 is Election Day. Please go out and vote if you have not done
22 so already; and 7:00 p.m. that evening, Zoning Commission
23 meeting, I am assuming, here at Town Hall.

24 MR. ROSE: Town Hall.

25 MS. DAWSON: Okay. Wednesday, November 4,
26 6:30 p.m., Trustees office hours in the conference room; and
27 at 7:30 p.m., Trustee meeting here at Town Hall.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you very much. And that
29 concludes our meeting this evening, Concord Township. Stay
30 safe and well and happy Halloween to our young trick-or-

1 treaters when they go out and we hope you have an enjoyable
2 evening. That concludes our meeting this evening. Thank you.

3 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.)

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