

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

November 18, 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
Stephanie Landgraf, Esq., Legal Counsel
(via Webex)

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1 7:30 p.m.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening, Concord Township,
3 and welcome to the Concord Township Board of Trustee meeting
4 for November 18, 2020. I am going to call the meeting to
5 order, and if you would join us in the Pledge of Allegiance,
6 please.

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

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

10 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. Mrs. Lucci?

11 MS. LUCCI: Present.

12 MR. ROSE: Mr. McIntosh?

13 MR. McINTOSH: Present.

14 MR. ROSE: Mr. Dondorfer?

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Present.

16 Okay. We're going to move to approve the minutes of
17 the November 4, 2020, regular Trustees meeting.

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

20 MS. LUCCI: I second.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

22 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Moving on to our elected
24 officials report, our Fiscal Officer, Amy Dawson, is not with
25 us this evening but I believe, Mr. Rose, you're covering her
26 report.

27 MR. ROSE: There is no report from the Fiscal
28 Officer this meeting. Thank you.

29 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Moving on to the
30 Trustee's report, we will start with Mrs. Lucci.

1 MS. LUCCI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did have a
2 conversation with a resident regarding a possible single trash
3 hauler for the township for more affordable pricing and to be
4 able to have household recyclable service. We have looked
5 into this this year and have had some other residents comment.
6 We are going to continue with these investigations. If you
7 have any ideas, thoughts, please definitely let us know.

8 I wanted to thank the Service Department, the Fire
9 Department for handling resident calls with downed trees and,
10 you know, water issues and power issues these last crazy
11 weather days. Your service means everything to our residents
12 and to us.

13 And I did want to take a moment to address the
14 increased COVID cases in the county. You know, my hope is we
15 find better ways to be more resilient in terms of how we deal
16 with the stress of being in a pandemic. You know, we all know
17 that this disease hits those hardest who are immune
18 compromised, who have comorbidities, and yet I read a study
19 today that 76 percent of the population gained 16 pounds with
20 the first lockdown. So it's almost sort of counterintuitive.
21 And so, you know, my hope is that we take this opportunity to
22 take care of ourselves and to improve our health, to improve
23 our well-being so that, you know, we don't have to -- you
24 know, we can use prevention as the key. We don't have to rely
25 on a vaccine. So just sort of my nursing sort of two cents.

26 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

27 MS. LUCCI: But with that, I do wish everybody a
28 wonderful Thanksgiving. I hear that it's going to be
29 different this year but we still all have something to be
30 grateful for. I am very grateful for you guys. I am grateful

1 for the township and the residents and I do wish everybody the
2 best.

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you very much.

4 Mr. McIntosh.

5 MR. McINTOSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's been
6 fairly quiet. I think I had a few follow-up questions about
7 the fire station. People are asking about where and when and
8 that sort of stuff, and continue to deal with the normal
9 water, zoning questions. I've also had some conversations
10 about businesses that are interested in locating, some of that
11 sort of JEDD-related activity, so there is some interesting
12 things happening there. It's exciting to see businesses
13 wanting to come to Concord. So a lot of good things there.

14 And I'd also just like to take a minute to discuss
15 the increase we're seeing in the coronavirus cases. It's been
16 a challenging year for all of us, I think, to what Mrs. Lucci
17 said about everybody gaining weight and being stuck at home,
18 and we're facing the prospect of being isolated from families
19 and being back in our homes at a time when we don't have the
20 opportunity to spend as much outside in nice weather as we did
21 over the summer.

22 So it's tough and we need to work as a community.
23 We need to be safe. I mean, this is going on and it's
24 happening and you need to know your circles and need to know
25 who you're with. I know it's awkward to ask close friends and
26 family about who they're around and to be doing these diligent
27 things. But when you go into medical facilities, they ask you
28 questions, taking temperatures and staying on top of that
29 stuff. When we're not -- When we are casual about those
30 things is when we have the result that we had, and the more

1 we're casual about it and not taking it seriously the longer
2 it's going to stick around.

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

4 MR. McINTOSH: So I think it's good news on the
5 horizon. I mean, I know that it's being treated effectively
6 and mortality rates are declining and there is hopes of
7 vaccines. But just because those positive ticks are out there
8 doesn't mean that we're not going to have -- We have to endure
9 a little bit longer until that's going to be available to all
10 of us. So I encourage us to work together as a community. I
11 certainly hope we can continue to enjoy our businesses and our
12 restaurants as we did in the spring. If you are not going out
13 and you can still get take-out and support the local
14 businesses --

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Sure.

16 MR. McINTOSH: -- that's going to be really
17 important.

18 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

19 MR. McINTOSH: And I'd just like to take an
20 opportunity to wish everyone in Concord Township and my fellow
21 trustees and staff members here at Town Hall a happy
22 Thanksgiving. It is important to be thankful. It's been a
23 tough year and we have, even though that's been hard, we can
24 all look and see things that we can be thankful for.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Great, thank you.

26 I would also like to let our residents know we
27 continue to be updated daily through the mayors and managers
28 daily meetings as far as what's transpiring throughout our
29 state with the pandemic. You know, these are challenging
30 times. We're going through more of a challenge right now. I

1 think it's important for our residents to understand that, you
2 know, everybody here in the township and in the county needs
3 to, you know, practice personal responsibility during this
4 time, you know, and to take measures that they think are
5 critical in protecting their family and others around them, so
6 I urge everyone to do their part during this difficult time.
7 You know, we have, we all have to do our part.

8 As Morgan and Amy have stated, we have businesses in
9 here that we can continue to support during these difficult
10 times if you order carry-out or things of that nature. At the
11 same time, you know, I hope everybody stays healthy and well
12 during this time and during -- as we get into the holidays.
13 We do wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and I hope you all
14 find something to be thankful and happy for during the holiday
15 season.

16 And we will continue to be diligent in our
17 responsibilities as far as updating the residents of Concord
18 Township as to what's transpiring throughout the state. Like
19 I said, we're in daily contact with updates from the
20 Governor's Office through the mayors and managers and we hope
21 that everybody stays well during these times.

22 With that, we will move on to department reports and
23 our Administration Department, Mr. Rose.

24 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. Two quick
25 items to touch on this evening. Due to the significant rise
26 in the COVID cases that we're all familiar with, we have
27 closed township offices to public access. We have instituted
28 the ability to conduct all our business through the drop box,
29 which is installed at the entrance here to Town Hall.
30 Residents can also email, they can mail, and they can call any

1 respective department offices and we will be happy to get
2 their business taken care of. This is going to continue until
3 further notice.

4 Just as a reminder, all the public meetings will
5 continue to be broadcast through Webex, as they are now, and
6 that allows our residents the opportunity to participate in
7 our public meetings. In addition, the Trustee meetings,
8 Zoning Commission and BZA meetings are always available to be
9 viewed on our YouTube channel, and additional information can
10 be found on our website on how to access all that. And if
11 anybody has any questions or you need any further assistance,
12 please contact Town Hall and we will be happy to give you all
13 the assistance you need to accomplish your goals.

14 The second thing is Resolution 2020-32 is on the
15 agenda for this evening. The main purpose of this resolution
16 is to prevent engine braking by semi trucks. That's what it
17 boils down to. They're very loud, especially along our
18 highway corridors, 44, in the township. We received many
19 complaints on this, so this is a solid way to address the
20 issue. Once the ordinance is passed, we will have to publish
21 the appropriate information for three consecutive weeks in the
22 local newspaper. In addition to that, we will put up signs on
23 the respective highways and that will allow law enforcement to
24 address any infractions as they come up.

25 That's it.

26 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Great.

27 MR. ROSE: I would also like to wish everybody a
28 very happy and safe Thanksgiving. That concludes my report.
29 Thank you.

30 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Rose.

1 Moving on to the audience portion of the meeting
2 tonight, is there anybody on the telephone with us this
3 evening that would like to participate?

4 MR. ROSE: There is the Law Department is on the
5 phone, so we have legal counsel with us.

6 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay.

7 MR. ROSE: And that's it.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: And that's it, okay. Seeing
9 that we have nobody in the audience this evening, we will move
10 on to Old Business. Seeing that we have none, we will move
11 into the New Business portion of the meeting this evening and
12 Item A.

13 MS. LUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I vote to approve, that we
14 move to approve a vote on the Resolution 2020-32, a Resolution
15 adopting regulations to govern excessive vehicle and engine
16 noise in the township.

17 MR. McINTOSH: I second that.

18 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

19 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

20 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve Fire
21 Department conditional offer of employment to Connor Bachmann,
22 part-time firefighter/paramedic, pending background check and
23 physical.

24 MS. LUCCI: And I second.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

26 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

27 MS. LUCCI: I move to vote on a purchase order to
28 O'Connor Plumbing in the amount of \$25,200 for labor and
29 materials from COVID funds.

30 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

2 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

3 MR. McINTOSH: I move to approve a P.O. to Hull
4 Engineering & Associates in the amount of \$18,700.

5 MS. LUCCI: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

7 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

8 MS. LUCCI: I move to vote on the purchase order to
9 Lemay, Erickson, Willcox in the amount not to exceed \$122,000.

10 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

12 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

13 MR. McINTOSH: I move to approve all remaining CARES
14 Act funds generated by the interest to be applied towards the
15 Sheriff's contract.

16 MS. LUCCI: I second.

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

18 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

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

21 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. Friday,
22 November 20th, at 9:00 a.m., there will be a staff meeting
23 that will be held via Webex. And the -- If anybody wants to
24 listen in, that is available at our website.

25 Monday, November 23rd, from 10:00 in the morning
26 until 3:00 in the afternoon, the Concord Community Center is
27 hosting a blood drive. From what I understand, due to the
28 need for blood, that is still continuing but they have a --
29 The Red Cross runs that blood drive and there are protocols in
30 place and you must have an appointment in order to donate

1 blood. If you have any questions, contact the community
2 center.

3 Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th, we will
4 be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

5 Tuesday -- I can't believe I am saying this --
6 December 1st, there will be a Zoning Commission meeting at
7 7:00 p.m.

8 And then on Wednesday, December 2nd, 6:30 p.m.
9 office hours, 7:30 p.m. will be our Trustee meeting. And
10 those will be broadcast on our YouTube channel and you can
11 also participate via Webex.

12 That concludes the meetings and announcements, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Rose. And that
14 concludes our township Trustee meeting this evening. We would
15 like, on behalf of Concord Township, to wish you all a happy
16 Thanksgiving and a great holiday. Stay safe and well. And
17 we're adjourned. Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, the meeting concluded at 7:43 p.m.)
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I do further certify that I am not a friend, relative, or counsel for any party or otherwise interested in the outcome of these proceedings.

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