

CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
PUBLIC HEARING and REGULAR MEETING

Held via Webex Teleconference
and YouTube Live Streaming

Concord Town Hall
7229 Ravenna Road
Concord, Ohio 44077

May 20, 2020
7:20 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Present on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

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

Also Present:

Andy Rose, Administrator
Matt Sabo, Fire Chief
Michael Lucas, Esq., Legal Counsel

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1 7:20 p.m.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening, Concord Township.
3 Welcome. This is the Concord Township Board of Trustees and
4 we're going to open up the public hearing for the proposed tax
5 budget for 2021. And, Amy Dawson, take it away.

6 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. So every
7 year we have to approve the tax budget. You have to adopt the
8 next year's tax budget on or before July 15th and then I have
9 to submit an original and a copy to the Lake County Auditor
10 before July 22nd. Then they have a public hearing. They give
11 you an estimate of what you're going to receive in local
12 government funds and what the levies will bring in based upon
13 real estate tax values for the following year. Then they send
14 it back to us and you will see this again in September. Then
15 you vote on the amounts and rates.

16 So one of the requirements is we fill out a tax
17 worksheet. This only encompasses 5 of the 19 funds. Okay?
18 It's our inside millage funds of the General Fund, the Road
19 and Bridge Fund, and it's the outside voted millage funds of
20 the Fire Levy, the Road Levy and the Safety Services Levy.

21 So based upon an exercise that they have us do every
22 year, we take the actual revenues and expenditures for the
23 General Fund, the Road and Bridge Fund, the Fire Levy Fund,
24 the Safety Services Fund and the Road Levy Fund, and we take
25 the actual for 2018, take the actual for 2019, we do an
26 estimate as a snapshot in time -- and this was as of May 15th
27 of this year -- and then we estimate what we're going to need
28 for 2021. Now, this can be changed and amended at any time
29 but, like I said, it's got -- it's based on a snapshot in time
30 and mine was done as of May 15th and wrote it all up nice and

1 neat and then I am going to ask you in the regular portion of
2 the meeting to do this.

3 I am estimating, in the five funds, that we're going
4 to get, I would love \$7.3 million. That doesn't mean I am
5 going to get \$7.3 million. So, I mean, it's not far off from
6 what we're getting now in the levy. I think we're getting
7 like \$7.2 and change, so it's pretty realistic.

8 Do you, do the Trustees have any questions at all?

9 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: I do not. Morgan?

10 MR. McINTOSH: No. I contacted Ms. Dawson outside
11 of the meeting to talk about it.

12 MS. LUCCI: I do not.

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Is there anybody on the phone
14 or online with us right now that has any questions?

15 (No response.)

16 Okay. Hearing none, we will close the public
17 hearing on the tax budget.

18 (Whereupon, the public hearing was closed at
19 7:23 p.m. and there was a recess before the regular
20 meeting commenced.)

21 7:31 p.m.

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening, Concord Township.
23 We're going to call to order the Concord Township Board of
24 Trustee meeting for May 20, 2020. Please stand and the Pledge
25 of Allegiance.

26 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
27 recited.)

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Mrs. Dawson, the roll recall,
29 please.

30 MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Lucci?

1 MS. LUCCI: Present.

2 MS. DAWSON: Mr. McIntosh?

3 MR. McINTOSH: Present.

4 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Dondorfer?

5 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Present.

6 We will move to approve the minutes of the May 6,
7 2020, regular Trustee meeting.

8 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve
9 the meeting minutes from May 6th.

10 MS. LUCCI: I second.

11 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

12 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: And we will move into the
14 elected officials report with Mrs. Lucci.

15 MS. LUCCI: Mrs. Dawson.

16 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: I am sorry. Mrs. Dawson. I
17 apologize.

18 MS. DAWSON: That's okay, Mr. Dondorfer.

19 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: I am getting ahead of the game
20 here.

21 MS. DAWSON: Normally, I probably wouldn't have a
22 report because it's the second meeting of the month but I just
23 wanted to say that one of the requirements of my office is
24 that, at least, every four years I personally attend the
25 records training that the Attorney General puts on. And
26 myself, our new assistant fiscal officer, Mr. McIntosh, and
27 Mr. Rose all had the pleasure of sitting through the three
28 hours of records training. I know Mr. Dondorfer took it last
29 year.

30 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes.

1 MS. DAWSON: And Mr. Rose took it for Mr. Dondorfer
2 and Mrs. Lucci this year. So they will get the pleasure of
3 doing that some other year but that requirement has been
4 fulfilled. I have to fulfill ethics training and then I have
5 to continue to get my six hours of fiscal officer training
6 every year, which I hope to get the end of June this year,
7 so -- if it's not canceled again.

8 And then I just wanted to wish everybody a safe
9 Memorial Day coming up on Monday. So that's all I have.

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mrs. Dawson. Now
11 Mrs. Lucci.

12 MS. LUCCI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted
13 to first extend my support and encouragement to anybody who is
14 suffering still with the pandemic. We know there are very
15 uncertain times yet ahead but still important to remain
16 determined and focused.

17 Again, with Memorial Day upon us, I express my
18 sincere gratitude for those who have served, those who
19 continue to put themselves out there for others, greatly
20 appreciate that.

21 And last, congratulations to the seniors who are
22 graduating. You know, commencement means beginning. I think
23 we can all take that meaning in moving forward ourselves with
24 the community. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Mr. McIntosh.

26 MR. McINTOSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am
27 excited to see that our economy and our communities are
28 starting to open. I think it's nice to -- Spring is
29 happening. We had some nice weather today. And I can say, as
30 a small business owner and person that's got people working

1 for them, and as a representative of the community here, it's
2 good to see the economy starting to loosen up. Businesses
3 need it.

4 I continue to think it's important that we, as a
5 community, be respectful of everybody's different opinions.
6 And it's very obvious that we have not only a diversity of
7 opinion but an extreme, extremes of regarding how we're
8 responding to this. So I continue to urge everyone to be
9 respectful of people's opinions. If you are concerned about
10 being out and about, then, you know, I hope that you just take
11 precaution when you have to go out and maybe stay home. And
12 for those that go out, be respectful of the fact that some
13 people are a little hesitant or uncomfortable and try to just
14 be tolerant of that.

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

16 MR. McINTOSH: We've got our businesses in Concord.
17 I know it's been hard for some of them. I have talked with
18 the owners. So I encourage everyone to patronize our local
19 businesses and be out and do as much as you're comfortable
20 with.

21 Again, I also would like to echo Ms. Lucci's
22 comments regarding our seniors that are graduating high
23 school. I definitely -- An interesting time to graduate and I
24 feel bad that a lot of them have had the end of their school
25 year changed pretty dramatically. But I encourage them to
26 move on, move forward and look to their horizon positively.

27 As Ms. Dawson said, I trained, I did the Sunshine
28 Law training. And dealing with some resident things, we had
29 some conversations with residents about Parkside Elementary,
30 have had some stormwater problems on Sara Lee I know we're

1 working on, and talked with a few businesses about zoning and
2 some economic development, some people that want to locate
3 here. So a bunch of things going on.

4 And I'd like to also wish everybody a safe and happy
5 Memorial Day.

6 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Great. Thank you. I also hope
7 all of our residents in Concord Township are doing well with
8 the governor lifting the safe-at-home order and implementing
9 the new health advisory. I hope everybody is personally
10 responsible and sees what they need to do as far as following
11 those requirements as we move into the summer and the holiday
12 weekend.

13 As Mr. McIntosh stated, everybody has different
14 opinions and we have to respect everybody's opinions and do
15 what we think is best but still follow the guidelines set
16 forth by the state to try to get through this collectively and
17 together.

18 I did entertain a few calls from some residents this
19 past week. We had a couple issues with stormwater backing up
20 in a culvert over on Auburn Road at Ellison Creek. I believe
21 that was remedied. We got on that rather quickly.

22 There was some concerns about a sign for a Dollar
23 General that was going to be erected on, apparently,
24 residential property over at 608 and Girdled Road. We were
25 able to verify through a resident over there that it was just
26 a practical joke on another resident and there is no Dollar
27 General going in at that location. So if anybody saw that and
28 had any concerns, it is not happening.

29 We did have some other issues regarding some
30 concerns of traffic complaints, speeding vehicles on Rolling

1 Acres, as well as Tanglewood. We are working with the
2 Sheriff's Department to get some increased presence there and
3 do some public relations and some traffic enforcement, as well
4 as doing some sign postage to notify people traveling those
5 residential streets that there are a number of children living
6 in those areas that play in the cul-de-sac. So we handled
7 those calls.

8 I will tell you that we, due to the lifting of some
9 of the orders from the Governor's Office, we are going to be
10 working here at the township reevaluating some of our programs
11 and some of our departments, especially recreation and looking
12 at how we can move our summer forward with our Recreation
13 Department and still adhere to the guidelines set forth by the
14 governor.

15 I also would like to echo our congratulations to our
16 seniors that are graduating. We wish you all the best during
17 this difficult time.

18 And we, also, everybody here hopes that everybody
19 has a safe Memorial Day and stay safe.

20 So with that, we will move on to department reports
21 and Administration, Mr. Rose.

22 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. Members of the
23 Board, Ms. Dawson, members of the audience, good evening.
24 Just to reiterate what Mrs. Dawson said, on May 12th, I did
25 attend the Ohio Attorney General'S public records training
26 webinar. It was a lovely three hours. I attended this
27 session on behalf of the Trustees. This training is required
28 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 109.43(B) and
29 149.43(E)(1). The Certificate of Completion is here on file
30 at the township.

1 I would like to, again, strongly encourage all
2 residents who have not yet completed the census to please get
3 that done soon. We are one of the top -- We are the top
4 community in Lake County and we're one of the top communities
5 in the state as far as responses but the census is important.
6 It helps our community. And so I would like to encourage
7 everyone that has not done that to please complete that. For
8 those of you who have completed it, thank you very much.

9 With regard to COVID-19, our offices at Town Hall
10 are open to the public based on updated guidance. I know
11 that, as Mr. Dondorfer stated, recreation is looking to move
12 some things forward and we're evaluating how we conduct
13 business here moving forward. We do encourage visitors to
14 wear a mask when they visit Town Hall. We encourage you to
15 conduct your business initially by phone, fax, email or
16 regular mail. We continue to utilize the drop box but we are
17 open here at Town Hall.

18 Any questions or concerns, the Lake County General
19 Health District has the lead on that. There is a link on our
20 website that will take you directly to their page and there is
21 contact information, frequently asked questions and all their
22 latest situational report updates are there for anyone who
23 wishes to look at those.

24 We continue to stay in regular contact with the Lake
25 County mayors and managers. We're continuing to coordinate
26 during our regularly scheduled conference calls.

27 As brought up by Mr. McIntosh, please remember our
28 local businesses. Our local businesses have started to open
29 up and we encourage all of our residents to shop local when
30 you're considering your purchases and help support those local

1 businesses right here in Concord Township.

2 Stormwater was touched on. I believe we had 15
3 calls from the rain storms. The majority of those are
4 resolved. I know that there is a meeting with Tim Brown, our
5 Service Director. He is working with Lake County Soil and
6 Water and Lake County Stormwater to resolve those few
7 outstanding issues and I know that they have a meeting
8 tomorrow to hammer those out to see what we can do about some
9 drainage enhancements.

10 And then, finally, a note about Memorial Day from
11 our cemetery sexton. In honor of those who have selflessly,
12 selflessly given and valiantly served our nation, we thank
13 you. The cemetery staff has created a tribute video since we
14 do not have the opportunity to be at the cemetery on Monday,
15 and that is posted on our YouTube channel, as well as the
16 cemetery page at our website at ConcordTwp.com under
17 Departments. And hats off, the cemetery staff did an
18 excellent job creating a wonderful tribute video for Memorial
19 Day.

20 MS. DAWSON: It's beautiful.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: It really is an outstanding
22 video.

23 MR. ROSE: That -- It is. It is moving. That being
24 said, I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you very
25 much.

26 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Rose.

27 We are on to our audience portion of the program
28 tonight. Is there anybody on the line? Please state your
29 name and address and go ahead with your question. Hello?

30 (No response.)

1 Nobody is there. Seeing that we have nobody on the
2 line, we will move along into Old Business.

3 Seeing that we have none, we will move into New
4 Business and Item Number A tonight.

5 MS. LUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I move that we vote on the
6 Resolution 2020-15 to approve the 2021 tax budget.

7 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I second that motion.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

9 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

10 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to, move to
11 approve Resolution 2020-16 declaring certain personal property
12 of the township Fire Department surplus and not needed. So
13 we're looking to, which it was -- What are we selling?

14 MS. DAWSON: It's a 1998 Spartan Ferrara fire
15 engine.

16 MR. McINTOSH: And we're selling that.

17 MS. DAWSON: We're hoping to sell it.

18 MR. McINTOSH: So I move to proceed with that sale.

19 MS. LUCCI: I second.

20 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

21 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

22 MS. LUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I vote on -- I move that
23 we vote on the Service Department's purchase order to
24 Elemental Shelter Solutions LLC in the amount of \$15,978.32
25 for the purchase of a 40 by 60 fabric salt storage structure.

26 MR. McINTOSH: And I second.

27 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

28 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

29 MR. McINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to extend
30 seasonal employment to Steven Ettinger at \$11 per hour

1 effective May 21, 2020, through August 29, 2020, pending
2 completion of new hire paperwork.

3 MS. LUCCI: I second.

4 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

5 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

6 MS. LUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I vote that we -- or I
7 move that we vote on the Fire Department's P.O. to Motorola
8 Solutions in the amount of \$31,125.20 for the purchase of
9 eight radios.

10 MR. McINTOSH: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

12 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Next, we're going to set a
14 public hearing for Zoning Map Amendment and Preliminary Plan
15 Application 0320-2, submitted by Sommers Real Estate Group
16 LLC, for a proposed residential conservation development, R-2,
17 RCD District, for approximately 29.6 acres of land owned by
18 Colburn Development LLC located off of Colburn Road and
19 currently known as Permanent Parcel Number 08-A-012-B-00-018-0
20 and 08-A-012-B-00-009-0.

21 MR. ROSE: Mr. Chair, I would recommend that we give
22 that hearing a half hour, so I would start that hearing at
23 7:00.

24 MR. McINTOSH: Okay.

25 MR. ROSE: Before the next Trustees' meeting on --

26 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: June 7th?

27 MR. ROSE: June 3rd.

28 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: 3rd, okay.

29 MR. ROSE: 7:00 p.m.

30 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

1 MR. McINTOSH: Do we move up office hours or just
2 shorten?

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: It's your call. Do you want to
4 move up office hours to 6:00? Is that feasible?

5 MS. LUCCI: It's feasible.

6 MR. McINTOSH: Yeah.

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. We will move up office
8 hours on the 3rd to 6:00, set the public hearing for
9 7:00 p.m., and then followed by the Trustees meeting at 7:30.

10 We will now move on to a fire station project
11 update, as we've discussed in the past with our residents. At
12 this point in time, I am going to have Administrator Rose and
13 our Fire Chief go over a summary of the project and then we
14 will have some discussion between the Trustees and move on
15 from there.

16 MR. ROSE: Good evening, again. The Chief and I and
17 Deputy Chief, we've been talking and we thought it would be
18 appropriate to just give a fire, quick fire station update on
19 the fire station project. I am going to go back a little bit
20 and talk about where we've been. You know, the original
21 concept plan and looking through the records, back in 2007,
22 2008, the former fire chief Mike Warner started the initiative
23 to upgrade the fire stations. The original plan was to put an
24 addition on Station 1, basically double its size, and then
25 also build two new stations. So there would be double the
26 size of Station 1 and then replace Station 2 with a new
27 station and then create a third station at or near Auburn
28 Career Center. And then as things evolved, the situation did
29 not move forward.

30 Then we entered into an agreement with the Ohio Fire

1 Chiefs Association and we had the Ohio Fire Chiefs Study of
2 2017, which I believe all of you have read. That's also
3 available online for anybody who wants to read that. In
4 addition, we -- Chief Sabo started attending the fire station
5 design conferences. He's been there the last three years to
6 further educate himself on fire station design and
7 construction.

8 In 2018, we started the request for qualification
9 process and then, subsequently, we received I think it was 13
10 statements of qualification or 13 architectural firms. That
11 was pared down to three. Those three architectural firms were
12 then brought in to a public meeting and interviewed by the
13 current Board of Trustees, along with Fire Department
14 leadership, Fiscal Officer -- No, you weren't here.

15 MS. DAWSON: I was not, no. I was out of town when
16 they were doing that.

17 MR. ROSE: I am sorry. And I was there. And that's
18 where our current architect was selected. The initial designs
19 were created with heavy input by our firefighters that were on
20 the design team and working with the architect. We used line
21 firefighters and some of our lieutenants, obviously, our chief
22 and deputy chief worked into that.

23 We had a good plan and put it to the voters in order
24 to finance the bond issue to finance the station. That was
25 defeated. And that's, basically, where we are right now. So
26 I am going to turn it over to Chief as to where we are right
27 now and then I'll be back.

28 CHIEF SABO: Thank you, Mr. Rose. Thank you,
29 Trustees. So where we're at now is, in terms of the project,
30 is we continue to, myself and the Trustees, Deputy Chief and

1 the committee, the Fire Department committee, continue to
2 visit fire stations in the area. We've been to Lafayette
3 Township, North Ridgeville, and we visited a few others.
4 Talked to several fire chiefs about their projects, both
5 locally and throughout the country, just to get their input,
6 just to get their ideas, what worked, what didn't work, what
7 would you do different, talking not just to the chiefs but to
8 the firefighters. What makes this station work or what makes
9 it more difficult?

10 We performed internal reviews of Fire Department
11 operations and the programming that goes along with it, so the
12 programming in terms of the fire station design. The Fire
13 Department has gone back through the initial design in detail
14 for additional modifications to the plan to see if there is
15 something that we missed that would not be negatively impacted
16 by our operations or would not negatively impact our
17 operations.

18 A geotechnical evaluation for an alternate site for
19 Station 1, we received information from the architect that
20 building on the soccer field does not necessarily result in a
21 savings. That's bad soil that's going to present a challenge.
22 So it really becomes a wash between the parking lot original
23 site and the soccer field site. We still have the option to
24 choose either location depending on what we feel would be best
25 going forward.

26 We have, the Fire Department, myself specifically,
27 has discussed with the architect the ability to construct the
28 new Station 2 on the current site while maintaining some level
29 of staffing for that area. Originally, they didn't think it
30 was feasible. Now they seem to think that there is more of a

1 possibility that that can still happen, so that's good news.
2 That keeps us in that area responding to calls and provide
3 some addition -- or continued coverage for Station 2 area.

4 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Chief.

5 MR. ROSE: In addition to the Fire Department
6 internal reviews, we're taking a look at finances to produce
7 options on how we're going to pay for these stations. You
8 know, borrowing without any additional revenue limits our
9 ability for unanticipated but significant costs, such as a
10 major road catastrophe. Back in 2007-2008, we were doing a
11 simple repaving of a road. When they skinned the top layer of
12 the road off, it collapsed and \$100,000 repave went in excess
13 of a million dollars that was not budgeted for. Those things
14 happen from time to time. You don't want them to happen but
15 they happen.

16 And, you know, and then we're also looking at and
17 I've reached out to our state representative, Jamie Callender,
18 and we don't have any clarity yet but we're trying to figure
19 out what the impact of local government, possible, possible
20 local government fund reductions. You know, our hotel revenue
21 is way down. You know, JEDD revenue right now is holding its
22 own but, you know, there are hospitals that have -- You know,
23 predominant source of income from the JEDD are the medical
24 facilities, it's not a surprise, Lake Health and UH over there
25 on Auburn Road. And if they decide to pare down based on the
26 impacts of COVID and their expenses, there is a trickle-down
27 theory that comes to us as well.

28 So we're still looking at that. We're evaluating,
29 we're going through it, you know, running various scenarios on
30 how we're going to pay for these. I am talking to Amy Dawson,

1 the Fiscal Officer, and, you know, just trying to work through
2 this and trying to anticipate what's going to happen. I think
3 we'll have a little bit more clarity. The state fiscal year
4 ends June 30th. Prior to that, we should know what the
5 impacts to local government funds are going forward. I am not
6 a negative Nelly but I am a firm believer that, if the state
7 takes away local government funds next year, we won't get
8 those back, just like we didn't get them back during the
9 previous governor's administration. They just don't come
10 back. So those are the things we're looking at.

11 And then I will get into the stakeholder meeting
12 piece at the end but I want to give it back to Chief for the
13 what's next.

14 CHIEF SABO: Thank you. So in terms of what the
15 Fire Department's doing, we're going to continue our internal
16 reviews and programming. Nobody knows better than our
17 firefighters our operation. So we want to make sure that we
18 look at absolutely every, every corner of these designs that
19 have been established so far and see how we can modify them to
20 make things more feasible.

21 We're going to continue reviewing other stations and
22 visiting those. Those have been very difficult with the COVID
23 restrictions. Our fire station remains closed, as do many in
24 the area, so it's very difficult to get into those at this
25 time. But once we have that opportunity, we are going to be
26 back in and visiting and talking to other departments.

27 Just like we always have, we're going to continue to
28 collect citizen input. Once again, we urge everyone that has
29 questions on the design and operations of the Fire Department
30 to reach out to the Fire Department, myself. I will be happy

1 to answer your questions. I will be happy to hear what you
2 have to offer. And then we will be still evaluating which
3 station to go first, whether it's going to be Station 1 or
4 Station 2. There's pros and cons to both ways, so we're
5 looking at those and see what makes the most sense. So thank
6 you.

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Chief.

8 MR. ROSE: The final piece of this is stakeholder
9 meetings. We've talked about conducting and, you know, I am
10 not going to blame COVID for everything but if we didn't have
11 COVID-19, we, more than likely, would have had a stakeholder
12 meeting already. We would have already had one under our belt
13 by now. But I think it's time. You know, they've been on
14 hold but I think it's time to start planning to have one in
15 June. Depending on the Health Department guidance, it may end
16 up being a virtual meeting. I would much rather have a
17 gathering meeting but we will continue to monitor for that,
18 maybe reschedule it and we pray for good weather and we have a
19 meeting at the gazebo, set up a sound system. Everybody can
20 socially distance like they would almost like if it was a
21 summer concert.

22 So, at this point, I am going to ask the Trustees to
23 look at some dates so maybe we can announce a placeholder
24 where we, you know, we're going to work on the venue but the
25 Health Department guidance is evolving, so -- but I think we
26 need to get a placeholder out there so that we can let folks
27 know when we are thinking about having this meeting. I
28 recommend early evening, 7:00.

29 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay.

30 MR. ROSE: So, at this point, that concludes our

1 short update. I just want to mention one other thing because
2 I have picked up cross talk here and there. No one has
3 redesigned the fire stations. The designs that we had back in
4 August, September, October that we put on our website, that we
5 showed to the voters prior to the vote, that's these plans
6 right here. They have not changed. We haven't redesigned.
7 We haven't leaned forward. We are looking forward to some
8 stakeholder meetings and then break off into those three
9 subgroups.

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

11 MR. ROSE: Where we talk about financing, we talk
12 about fire and EMS operations, and we talk about architecture
13 and construction and we start soliciting input from the
14 stakeholders at the stakeholder meeting. And as Chief said,
15 you know, anybody can call us at any time to have those
16 discussions prior to the stakeholder meeting.

17 So, at this point, that concludes our short update
18 on where we've been, where we're at and where we're going, and
19 I would just recommend that we get a placeholder date out
20 there for a stakeholder meeting. And then if any of the
21 Trustees want to throw any comments out, that would be great.
22 Thank you very much.

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mr. Rose, and thank
24 you, Chief. Very thorough summary of the status of the fire
25 station project. I am sure we are all in agreement here that
26 we all agree that this project needs to be moved forward and
27 needs to get accomplished, as well as I believe the residents
28 do, also. It's important that, even though we're going
29 through this crisis, we still have a focus on moving this
30 project forward, so that's why I think, you know, we're going

1 to make good on our promise. We need to have a stakeholder
2 meeting sooner than later. I would recommend that we look
3 at -- I was just looking at my calendar. I don't know if this
4 is good with either of you but June 16th, which is a Tuesday,
5 the day before the second staff meeting of the month, maybe at
6 7:00?

7 MR. ROSE: Trustee meeting?

8 MR. McINTOSH: Yeah, Trustee.

9 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yeah, before the next Trustee
10 meeting, we could do the stakeholder meeting on June 16th
11 around 7:00, which would be a Tuesday. And like Mr. Rose
12 indicated, that might be some type of hybrid stakeholder
13 meeting. If we have weather that, good weather that we could
14 do something outside, as well as have some people on a Zoom or
15 virtually --

16 MR. McINTOSH: Right.

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: -- to get more people involved,
18 I think it's important that we get input from the onset, in
19 the beginning of moving this project forward, as Mr. Rose
20 said. These are the initial plans and they have not been
21 changed but it's important that we get input and some ideas
22 and some opinions from people in the community so we can move
23 this thing forward because we need to move it forward. So I
24 would recommend our first stakeholder meeting being June 16th
25 at 7:00. Either of you good with that or do you have any
26 comments?

27 MS. LUCCI: Yeah, I am good with that date.

28 June 16th at 7:00 p.m. works for me. And I just want to
29 acknowledge Chief Sabo and Mr. Rose for giving us a nice
30 update, kind of presenting the challenges, where we're at.

1 Agree, we need to, you know, keep moving forward. We do have
2 to service our community with, you know, a Fire Department
3 that can do their job. So I think it is important to get
4 going with the stakeholder meetings.

5 MR. McINTOSH: Yeah, the 16th is fine with me. And
6 I -- Maybe we do the hybrid thing. I mean, I know that we've
7 had times here with Town Hall and zoning and different things
8 where we've not had physical capacity. And with the COVID
9 restrictions, I think we're going to have an issue. So I
10 think a hybrid solution of, if we can pull off some and then,
11 hey, if we're full up or people say, "I don't want to leave
12 home," having that, it's a nice option for folks that just
13 want to stay home.

14 I think it's important to get a date on the
15 calendar. We have had to hold this off. I know we all prefer
16 to have a traditional face-to-face thing, meeting, and that's
17 just probably not going to be possible. But rather than to
18 hold it off any longer, I'd like to get out there.

19 As I've had a lot of dialogue or not a lot but a
20 fair amount of dialogue with some people in the community and,
21 at the recommendation or sharing of some of the residents,
22 have looked at some other stations. I participated in the
23 tours and there is definitely a lot of other points and I
24 think some dialogue at this point would be healthy. I have
25 seen a lot of different things and there is definitely pros
26 and cons and I know people have questions. I also think that
27 our architect would be willing to participate and I think
28 virtual, being as they're not local, might be a nice option
29 for them to be able to come in and answer some questions for
30 us.

1 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right.

2 MR. McINTOSH: I also think we've had a chance to
3 learn a little bit about fire operations as a new board here
4 but, you know, while we endured this crisis and it's taught us
5 some things and I have seen some value in the thinking more
6 going forward and I would like the opportunity to share that
7 with the community and answer questions and dialogue about it.
8 So overdue and ready to go.

9 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yeah, I agree. I mean, we are
10 obligated to move this thing forward for not only the
11 community but for our firefighters, our safety services, and
12 we'll have the stakeholder meeting and start this.

13 So with that, we will look at June 16th, for those
14 of you that are listening tonight, at 7:00, and the venue will
15 be addressed here shortly.

16 MR. ROSE: We will announce it once we get some
17 updated Health Department guidance, probably after the long
18 weekend is my guess.

19 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right. For those of you that
20 would like to participate, June 16th at 7:00, our first
21 stakeholder meeting for the fire station project.

22 With that, we will move on to future meetings and
23 announcements, Mrs. Dawson, if you would have the honor.

24 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer. On Monday,
25 May 25th, closed in observance of Memorial Day. The Memorial
26 Day service that we usually have at noon will be canceled due
27 to the COVID-19 restrictions. Again, as Mr. Rose said, please
28 visit our website Cemetery Department page for a tribute.
29 They did a really, really nice job.

30 So Friday, May 29th, at 9:00 a.m., there is going to

1 be a staff meeting, where to be determined. If it's Zoom or
2 not Zoom, I think that all depends on what the governor says.

3 MR. ROSE: Yeah. I anticipate that will be a Cisco
4 Webex. We will publish that as well at the time.

5 MS. DAWSON: On Tuesday, June 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.,
6 Zoning Commission meeting. Also, same thing, it will either
7 be here at Town Hall or it will be a Webex.

8 On Wednesday, June 3rd, at 6:00 p.m., Trustee office
9 hours are going to be set here at Town Hall; 7:00 p.m., the
10 zoning public hearing for Sommers Real Estate Group;
11 immediately following or at 7:30, the regular Trustee meeting
12 will be held here.

13 And as Mr. Dondorfer just said, the Trustees are
14 looking at scheduling their first stakeholders meeting at June
15 16th, at 7:00 p.m., somewhere on Town Hall Campus.

16 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you, Mrs. Dawson.

17 With that, we thank all that have attended our
18 meeting tonight virtually and we wish you all a safe holiday
19 weekend. Thank you very much. And we will end this Board of
20 Concord Township Trustee meeting.

21 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
22 8:05 p.m.)
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