

CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING

Held via YouTube Live Streaming

Concord Town Hall
7229 Ravenna Road
Concord, Ohio 44077

September 15, 2021
7:30 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Present on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Amy Lucci, Vice Chair
Carl Dondorfer, Trustee
Amy Dawson, Fiscal Officer

Also Present:

Andy Rose, Administrator
Michael Lucas, Esq., Legal Counsel
Heather Freeman, Zoning Director

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7:30 p.m.

VICE CHAIR LUCCI: All right. Good evening. I am calling to order the Concord Township Board of Trustees meeting for September 15, 2021, and would you please join me with the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

VICE CHAIR LUCCI: All right. Mrs. Dawson, will you call roll, please.

MS. DAWSON: Mr. Dondorfer?

MR. DONDORFER: Present.

MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Lucci?

VICE CHAIR LUCCI: Present.

We have the approval of our minutes.

MR. DONDORFER: I will make a motion to approve the September 1, 2021, regular trustees meeting minutes.

VICE CHAIR LUCCI: And I will second. All in favor?

(Two aye votes, no nay votes.)

VICE CHAIR LUCCI: And just to note, obviously, Mr. McIntosh is not with us this evening. You probably noticed that but I just wanted to make sure, if you're not watching, that he is not present today.

And elected official reports, Mrs. Dawson.

MS. DAWSON: I have no report.

VICE CHAIR LUCCI: Very good.

Trustees, Mr. Dondorfer.

MR. DONDORFER: Okay. Thank you, Mrs. Lucci. I just wanted to first remind everybody we have our concert series tomorrow night with Abbey Rodeo, our makeup concert. The weather looks like it's going to be cooperating. It should be a great evening, so I would welcome everybody to

1 come out tomorrow.

2 A couple stops at Lucky's since it's opened. It's a
3 great store, very busy. It's nice to see the residents there
4 and seems like they're doing quite well.

5 I noticed that the Community Center project was
6 completed with the siding. It looks great over there. We had
7 a meeting there about the, for the bicentennial coming up last
8 night -- Mr. Rose and I were over there -- and it looks
9 wonderful.

10 I did have a couple calls since our last meeting.
11 The first one was regarding an issue with the, some zoning
12 compliance and I've been working with Heather Freeman and the
13 resident on that.

14 And the other was in regards to the -- There's been
15 a lot of news locally in the News-Herald regarding townships'
16 police protection, specifically Perry's initiative with the
17 Board of County Commissioners and Lake County regarding their
18 proposal to help fund additional law enforcement resources
19 within that township. And we have had some dialogue with the
20 Board of Commissioners and I know we are going to be beginning
21 to explore the possibility of adding additional law
22 enforcement resources within the townships.

23 But before we get to that point, I think it's going
24 to be important that, at least, from my perspective, is that
25 we have some dialogue and discussion with the residents in
26 Concord Township so they completely understand what resources
27 we have available now and maybe where we need to get to and
28 how do we get to that point. So there has been specific phone
29 conversations, some emails and stuff that we're starting to
30 see from residents because of the news attention, and I just

1 wanted the residents to know that we are going to be starting
2 to explore some discussion on that.

3 And with that, that's all I have.

4 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: All right. Thank you,
5 Mr. Dondorfer.

6 And I do, I did receive a few emails regarding the
7 police, additional police services. And I would agree that,
8 you know, a meeting with the residents might be a great idea
9 to gain, kind of, insight from what the community is thinking
10 might be best for Concord. So, definitely, we will move
11 forward with that and hope to have some decisions around that
12 very soon.

13 Again, Lucky's, wonderful. I enjoy shopping there
14 very much. I think it's a great addition so far and look
15 forward to more to come.

16 I did have a discussion with a resident on Hunting
17 Lake who was having some issues with some of the new
18 construction there blocking some of the sewers, and that's
19 been cleaned up. Thanks to our departments for noticing and
20 taking action for that.

21 We stopped by the Concord Day softball tournament
22 last week to say hi.

23 MR. DONDORFER: Yeah, great.

24 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: Which looked like was a lot of
25 fun. I am not sure how it turned out but it looked like it
26 was a great day for that.

27 And I hope everybody had a great Labor Day and we
28 look forward to Abbey Rodeo tomorrow. And that's the end of
29 my report.

30 So time for Department Reports, Mr. Rose, our

1 administrative report, please.

2 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mrs. Lucci. Members of the
3 Board, Mrs. Dawson, members of the audience, good evening.

4 Tomorrow is going to be an exciting day. The bid
5 opening for the fire stations project is set for tomorrow at
6 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon here at Town Hall. So we are
7 anxiously awaiting the results of that bid opening.

8 I touched on this during my last administrator's
9 report. The third phase of the water line study is underway.
10 It is being conducted by CEC, Civil Engineering Consultants,
11 this final phase, which provides the layout and cost estimates
12 in order to determine the next steps for the extension of
13 public water service to certain areas of the township.

14 I wanted to highlight the four areas that we are
15 studying in this phase. We're looking at Girdled Road from
16 Raleigh Court to Hermitage, Girdled Road from Painesville
17 Warren to the township line where we meet Leroy Township,
18 Auburn Road from Stonewycke Drive to Ravenna Road, and then
19 the fourth spot is on Cascade Road from the intersection at
20 Williams and extending 2,600 feet to the east. Those are the
21 four areas being studied in this Phase 3.

22 Moving on, there continues, continues to be a good
23 deal of economic activity taking place. There is a little bit
24 of a buzz. We are still in very active discussions with three
25 new manufacturers looking at Concord Township, along with
26 continuing discussions with two of our existing manufacturing
27 businesses who are evaluating plans to expand.

28 I did have the opportunity, I had another discussion
29 with the government liaison from First Energy regarding the
30 concerns that have been raised on power reliability. I have a

1 meeting scheduled for next Tuesday to discuss that issue.
2 We're meeting here at Town Hall. The report that we've
3 requested, the reliability report, that will be sent to us by
4 Friday so that we have a few days to review the findings ahead
5 of Tuesday's meeting. And that will allow us some time to
6 have some discussions with, more in-depth discussions with
7 First Energy at the meeting. And as soon as I get that
8 report, I will forward it to the Board for any questions that
9 you may have based upon the report.

10 Another bit of good news, our parking lots here at
11 Town Hall and Community Center are going to be repaved. Crews
12 are scheduled to begin work tomorrow morning. The Town Hall
13 lot will be closed on Thursday and Friday during business
14 hours and we will utilize the grass overflow lot that's across
15 the street for temporary parking. In addition, the striping
16 crews will be laying down new parking lot lines on Sunday, so
17 we will close the parking lot on Sunday.

18 This will affect yard waste drop-off at the Service
19 Department. While the Service Department drive will be open,
20 it may be temporarily closed while the paving crews are
21 physically working in that section of the driveway going back
22 to the Service Department. So we ask for your patience on
23 that. If you show up and the paving crew is in the middle of
24 the driveway, we may ask you to come back a little later.

25 The Community Center, that will remain open during
26 repaving operations and they're going to cordon off certain
27 areas because there are some, I believe, some events and
28 classes.

29 After hours, like for the concert tomorrow night,
30 the parking lot will be open. So we'll be able to park here

1 and in the overflow lot. So we look forward to a new parking
2 lot.

3 Work on the Kellogg Creek Restoration Project,
4 that's the project formerly known as the Brightwood Lake Dam
5 Removal Project, continues. The latest schedule that was
6 provided to the township indicates that the dewatering
7 process, which is a fancy way of saying we're draining the
8 lake, will start in early October. The survey work is
9 complete. And then they will be breaching the dam during the
10 dewatering phase to get the water levels down to the sediment
11 this fall. So that project continues to march forward.

12 And then, finally, I look forward to seeing everyone
13 at the concert tomorrow at the gazebo. Abbey Rodeo will be
14 here to play for us. This concert does begin at 6:00 p.m.
15 And just a reminder, there are no vendors for this event. So
16 bring your chairs and a snack and we can all hang out and
17 enjoy some great music.

18 That concludes my report. Thank you, Madam Chair.

19 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: Thank you, Mr. Rose.

20 That leads us to our audience portion. Is there
21 anyone here in the audience that would like to address the
22 Board?

23 (No response.)

24 Nobody on the phone, correct?

25 MR. ROSE: Nope.

26 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: Seeing none, we will move on to
27 Old Business. And under Old Business, seeing none, we will
28 move on to New Business.

29 MR. DONDORFER: Okay. I would like to make a motion
30 to approve Resolution 2021-19, accepting the amounts and rates

1 as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the
2 necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Auditor.

3 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: And I will second. Do you need a
4 roll call? Mrs. Dawson, roll call, please.

5 MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Lucci?

6 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: Yes.

7 MS. DAWSON: Mr. Dondorfer?

8 MR. DONDORFER: Yes.

9 I make a motion to approve the promotion of
10 Lieutenant Michael Biddell to the rank of captain effective
11 September 26, 2021.

12 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: And I second. All in favor?

13 (Two aye votes, no nay votes.)

14 MR. DONDORFER: I make a motion to approve the
15 promotion of Lieutenant Tyrone Bilal to the rank of captain
16 effective September 26, 2021.

17 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: And I second. All in favor?

18 (Two aye votes, no nay votes.)

19 MR. DONDORFER: I would like to make a motion to
20 approve the promotion of Lieutenant Michael Homovec to the
21 rank of captain effective September 26, 2021.

22 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: I will second. All in favor?

23 (Two aye votes, no nay votes.)

24 MR. DONDORFER: I would like to make a motion to
25 approve the reassignment of firefighter 1 Kevin Bruening to
26 the status of regular firefighter/paramedic effective
27 September 12, '21.

28 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: And I second. All in favor?

29 (Two aye votes, no nay votes.)

30 MR. DONDORFER: I would like to make a motion to

1 approve the promotion of part-time probationary firefighter/
2 EMT basic Rayshaun McCurdy to the rank of part-time regular
3 firefighter/EMT basic effective September 13, 2021.

4 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: And I second. All in favor?

5 (Two aye votes, no nay votes.)

6 MR. DONDORFER: I would make a motion to approve the
7 Amended Final Development Plan for Eagle Pointe Residential
8 Conservation Development District.

9 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: And I will second. Any
10 discussion before the vote?

11 MR. DONDORFER: No. I am comfortable with the
12 changes that have been made.

13 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: All in favor?

14 (Two aye votes, no nay votes.)

15 MR. DONDORFER: I would like to make a motion to
16 approve the step increase to operator 1, at rate of \$24.67 an
17 hour, for Chad Gillenwater effective September 17th of 2021.

18 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: And I'll second. All in favor?

19 (Two aye votes, no nay votes.)

20 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: And next we need to set a public
21 hearing for our zoning text amendment to Section 13.33(E)
22 Outside Dining to delete the existing requirement for maximum
23 outside seating capacity. Would you like to find a date?

24 MR. DONDORFER: Yeah, sure. When -- Go ahead.

25 MS. FREEMAN: I would recommend at your next meeting
26 on Wednesday, October 6th.

27 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: Okay.

28 MR. DONDORFER: Okay.

29 MR. ROSE: How long do you need?

30 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: Yeah. Right before?

1 MS. FREEMAN: It was very short at the Zoning
2 Commission, so maybe 15 minutes.

3 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: Fifteen?

4 MR. ROSE: Madam Chair, I will make a recommendation
5 that you, on October 6th, you shift office hours from
6 6:30 p.m. and have it end at 7:15, like we did today. And
7 then you can have the public hearing at 7:15 to 7:30 and then
8 the regular trustee meeting can go at 7:30 or upon conclusion
9 of the public hearing. And that will still give you an
10 opportunity to have office hours.

11 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: Sound good?

12 MR. DONDORFER: Yeah, great.

13 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: Sound good, Amy?

14 MS. DAWSON: Um-hum.

15 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: All right. Then we will go with
16 the public hearing on the -- That's the 6th?

17 MS. DAWSON: The 6th of October.

18 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: At 7:15.

19 And, Mrs. Dawson, would you like to go over future
20 meetings and announcements, please?

21 MS. DAWSON: I would be delighted, Madam Chair.

22 On the 25th of September, from 10:00 a.m. to
23 12:00 p.m., is Community Shred Day here at Town Hall Campus.
24 For a whole list of rules and regulations, please see our
25 website.

26 On October 1st, at 9:00 a.m., the staff meeting will
27 be here at Town Hall.

28 On October 5th, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Zoning
29 Commission meeting here at Town Hall.

30 And on October 6th, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., trustee

1 office hours in the conference room; at 7:15 p.m., you are
2 going to hold your public hearing regarding the zoning
3 amendments; and either immediately following or at 7:30 p.m.,
4 the trustee meeting will be held here at Town Hall.

5 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: All right. Thank you very much.

6 MR. DONDORFER: Great.

7 VICE CHAIR LUCCI: As that is the end of our
8 meeting, I will call this meeting over.

9 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
10 7:44 p.m.)

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I do further certify that this proceeding took place at the time and place as specified in the foregoing caption and extension completed without adjournment.

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 1st day of October 2021.

Melinda A. Melton
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