

CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING

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Concord Town Hall
7229 Ravenna Road
Concord, Ohio 44077

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7:30 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Present on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Amy Lucci, Chairwoman
Carl Dondorfer, Vice Chair
Morgan McIntosh, Trustee
Amy Dawson, Fiscal Officer

Also Present:

Andy Rose, Administrator
Michael Lucas, Esq., Legal Counsel
Matthew Sabo, Fire Chief
Tim Brown, Service Director
Heather Freeman, Zoning Director
Debra Bechel-Esker, Recreation Director
Sergeant Jerrold Infalvi, Sheriff's Office

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7:34 p.m.

CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: All right. Good evening. I am calling to order the Concord Township Board of Trustees meeting for March 2, 2022. Would you all join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Okay. Mrs. Dawson, roll call, please.

MS. DAWSON: Mr. Dondorfer?

MR. DONDORFER: Present.

MS. DAWSON: Mr. McIntosh?

MR. McINTOSH: Present.

MS. DAWSON: Mrs. Lucci?

CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Present.

So we have some very important people to introduce and recognize this evening. Thank you for being here. Welcome to the Morrison family and Mr. Zahren.

Mr. McIntosh, would you like to say a few words about the foundation and Mr. Zahren's part?

MR. McINTOSH: Sure. Well, tonight we're here to recognize a Concord resident, but presenting an award is Mr. Eric Zahren, who currently serves as the president and secretary of the Carnegie Hero Foundation. It's a Pittsburgh-based foundation that recognizes civilian heroism. He served as president since June of 2017. Prior to that, served as executive director until in 2016 and has been a member of the board since 2015.

Mr. Zahren retired from the U. S. Secret Service in May of 2016, following a 25-year career as a special agent. Amongst things that he served as, special agent in charge of

1 the Pittsburgh field office from 2010 until his retirement in
2 2016. He had multiple assignments in the Secret Service,
3 including the Newark field office and served in the
4 Presidential protection division, protecting President Clinton
5 and President George W. Bush, and served as resident attaché
6 in charge of Berlin. He is a graduate at Indiana University
7 or -- I am sorry -- Indiana University of Pennsylvania and
8 University of London, also having studied in Germany.

9 The Hero Fund was established by Carnegie in 1904
10 and the Carnegie Medal has been awarded to 10,000 individuals
11 recognizing, in recognition of outstanding heroism in the act
12 of saving lives. They have given out grants totaling more
13 than \$40 million have been given to benefit awardees and their
14 survivors, to include scholarship age and continuing
15 assistance in death benefits.

16 So thank you for being here this evening.

17 MR. DONDORFER: It's amazing. Yeah, I also think
18 it's important just to touch base on what the Commission's
19 working definition of a hero is, as well the requirements for
20 the award. The candidate for an award must be a civilian who
21 voluntarily risks his or her life to an extraordinary degree
22 while saving or attempting to save the life of another person.
23 The rescuer must have no full measure of responsibility for
24 the safety of the victim. There must be conclusive evidence
25 to support the act's occurrence, and the act must be called to
26 the attention of the commission within two years. Pretty
27 amazing.

28 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: So, Shane, we have been thinking
29 about this for a long time and we would like to recognize you.

30 Mr. Rose, can you please read our letter?

1 MR. ROSE: We will do -- Is there a medal
2 presentation? We will probably do that first, Madam Chair,
3 and then we can do the proclamation immediately following.

4 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: All right. Then we can --

5 MR. DONDORFER: Come on up.

6 MR. ZAHREN: Thank you so much for having us here
7 today. We are truly honored to join you here. And thank you
8 all for being here, in addition to regular township
9 business, to honor our most recent Carnegie Hero, Shane
10 Morrison. Thank you to the Trustees for having us, appreciate
11 it very much.

12 You did a great job laying out some of the thinking
13 behind the Fund and some of the history of the Fund itself.
14 You mentioned that Andrew Carnegie established it in 1904. So
15 for 118 years, we've been doing three essential things,
16 recognizing civilian heroism in the U. S. and Canada,
17 supporting those heroes in a number of different ways, and
18 also equally as important to our cause is to tell the story of
19 what these heroes did for other people.

20 You mentioned the requirements for the award. Of
21 the hundreds of cases the Commission examines every year, only
22 about 10 percent are ultimately awarded, and 20 percent of our
23 medals are awarded posthumously to those who lost their lives
24 in their efforts to save another person. Awardees of the
25 Carnegie Medal come from all different backgrounds, racial,
26 ethnic, religious, socioeconomic backgrounds, but they have
27 one thing in common, and that is, in the moment of truth when
28 lives were in peril that they made that split-second decision
29 to risk their own lives on behalf of another individual.
30 Really what we recognize through the Carnegie Medal is the

1 moral choice made by the rescuer in that moment. That choice
2 changes lives, it changes lives in the rescuer and the rescued
3 party and others who may be inspired to act on behalf of
4 others, as Shane did.

5 In a sense, our heroes take a heartbeat oath in the
6 moment of intensity, with real life, long-lasting, sometimes
7 final consequences. And it binds the rescuer to accept
8 whatever outcome stems from their willingness to trade their
9 life for another.

10 So Shane certainly embodies Carnegie's ideal in a
11 very best of human nature, our innate ability to selflessly
12 put another's life above our own without obligation or
13 thoughts of our own well-being.

14 So with that said, I would like to follow, read the
15 official act of what Shane actually did to be considered for
16 recognition by the Hero Fund Commission:

17 Shane Morrison helped to rescue Donovan Conwell from
18 drowning, Mentor, Ohio, on June 24, 2020. Donovan, 13, was
19 swimming in Lake Erie when he had difficulty returning to the
20 rock breakwater from which he had entered the water. Shane,
21 15, a high school student, was atop the breakwater with
22 friends when he saw Donovan bobbing up and down in deep water
23 about 200 feet northeast of the breakwater. Shane dived into
24 the water, swam to Donovan, and grasped him from behind. A
25 lengthy struggle ensued, during which Donovan submerged Shane
26 repeatedly as Shane kept Donovan afloat in the water.
27 Authorities arrived shortly in a boat, brought Shane and
28 Donovan aboard, and took them to safety. Donovan, who had
29 ingested water, received treatment at a hospital and
30 recovered. Shane, nearly exhausted, also recovered.

1 Shane, can I ask you to join me here.

2 It's truly my honor and privilege, on behalf of the
3 Hero Fund Commission, to present to you the Carnegie Medal for
4 Civilian Heroism. Congratulations.

5 MR. MORRISON: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. ROSE: Could you stand with Mr. Zahren and show
8 that medal? Tilt it down just a smidge. Perfect.

9 (Picture.)

10 Thank you. Thank you very much.

11 MR. MORRISON: Thank you, guys.

12 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Shane, congratulations. So now
13 we would like to read our recognition letter.

14 Mr. Rose, please.

15 MR. ROSE: Concord Township Proclamation for Shane
16 Morrison:

17 "It is with great pleasure that the Trustees of
18 Concord Township extend their congratulations to Shane
19 Morrison for attainment of North America's highest honor for
20 civilian heroism, the Carnegie Medal.

21 "The Carnegie Medal is given throughout the U. S.
22 and Canada to those who enter extreme danger while saving or
23 attempting to save the lives of others. As of this date, a
24 total of 10,273 Carnegie Medals have been awarded since the
25 Pittsburgh-based Fund's inception in 1904.

26 "Fifteen-year-old Shane Morrison, of Concord
27 Township, Ohio, was atop a rocky breakwater with friends on
28 June 24, 2020, when he noticed a younger boy drifting into
29 deeper water in Lake Erie off of Mentor, Ohio. After shouting
30 at the boy and receiving no response, Shane, of Concord

1 Township, Ohio, jumped in and swam to 13-year-old Donovan
2 Conwell. Donovan had already struggled to remain afloat for
3 several minutes, and as Shane approached, he panicked and
4 submerged Shane repeatedly as Shane kept him afloat in the
5 water. Shane attempted to swim back toward the breakwater,
6 but he made little progress due to strong currents pulling
7 them farther into the lake. Donovan was in and out of
8 consciousness, as Shane tread water. Authorities arrived in a
9 boat, picked up the boys and took them to safety. Donovan,
10 who ingested water, received treatment at a hospital and he
11 recovered. Although nearly exhausted, Shane was not injured.

12 "Shane, we can congratulate you on receiving the
13 Carnegie Medal and for your act of heroism.

14 "Sincerely, the Concord Township Board of Trustees,
15 Amy Lucci, Carl H. Dondorfer, and Morgan McIntosh."

16 Thank you.

17 (Whereupon, discussion was held off the record and
18 pictures were taken.)

19 MR. ROSE: Thank you, everyone. This is probably a
20 good time, if you are here for the Morrison presentation,
21 unless you want to listen to wonderful township, Concord
22 Township business, this is the perfect time to escape. Thank
23 you very much for coming.

24 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Yes, yes.

25 MR. DONDORFER: Yes, thank you. Thank you very
26 much.

27 MR. McINTOSH: Have a great evening.

28 (Whereupon, discussion was held off the record.)

29 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Okay. That's the way to start a
30 meeting.

1 MR. DONDORFER: On a positive note, right?

2 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: On a positive note.

3 Okay. So we are moving on and we are up to the
4 approval of minutes.

5 MR. DONDORFER: Madam Chair, I would make a motion
6 to approve the February 16, 2022, regular trustee meeting
7 minutes.

8 MR. McINTOSH: I will second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: And all in favor?

10 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

11 MR. McINTOSH: Madam Chair, I will make a motion to
12 approve the February 23, 2022, special meeting minutes.

13 MR. DONDORFER: I will second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: And all in favor?

15 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

16 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: And it's time for our Elected
17 Official Reports. Our Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Dawson.

18 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Lucci. As of
19 February 28th, we were 17 percent of the way through the
20 calendar year. Treasury balance for the 20 funds within the
21 Township treasury was \$15.3 million after posting the advance
22 of the first half of the 2021 real estate taxes. The
23 remainder of the funds will be received in March or early
24 April. The treasury balance includes \$11.1 million in funds
25 set aside for specific projects, including the fire stations.

26 Year-to-date revenue is 17 percent of the annual
27 revenue budget, and expenditures were 11 percent of the 2022
28 temporary appropriations. So we are very well within budget.

29 I will be asking the Trustees tonight to vote on the
30 2022 permanent appropriations. We changed the Appropriations

1 Workshop up a bit this year, and I appreciate the time that
2 the department heads and the Trustees put into it to make this
3 a very successful evening.

4 If you have any question, please do not hesitate to
5 call my office, (440) 354-7516. Thank you very much.

6 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Thank you, Mrs. Dawson.

7 Trustees, Mr. Dondorfer.

8 MR. DONDORFER: Okay. I didn't have too many points
9 this evening. I did have a couple of correspondence regarding
10 some of the issues that came up at the Zoning board meeting
11 last night. So I did watch the Zoning board meeting to
12 educate myself on those issues.

13 We had our Appropriations Workshop that I thought
14 went very well as far as our responsibility to make sure that
15 the department heads are on budget and the township is being
16 fiscally responsible as far as entering this year.

17 I'm excited about the Founders Day breakfast coming
18 up next week to sort of really kick off the Bicentennial, so
19 that's happening next week. I am excited about that. Deb
20 Esker and her group has done a lot of prepping for that, so
21 that will be great.

22 It was nice to recognize, you know, Shane this
23 evening.

24 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: I know.

25 MR. DONDORFER: What an act of extreme bravery. I
26 don't think there is any other greater act of heroism than
27 saving a life and risking your own at the same time. So I am
28 sure that young man was in great peril if he didn't act the
29 way he did. So that's just an amazing accomplishment.

30 Other than that, I don't have anything.

1 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: All right. Thank you.

2 Mr. McIntosh.

3 MR. McINTOSH: It hasn't been too -- Well, fairly
4 busy, actually, doing a lot of stuff but I haven't had a lot
5 of conversations with residents. I did receive a request for
6 a slow down in the speeding sign in a neighborhood, and a
7 resident who made some requests with respect to property. And
8 I want to thank Tim Brown, our Service Director, and Heather
9 Freeman, from the Zoning Department. Both of them interacted
10 with residents, helped me work through and get that issue
11 done.

12 I did have a complaint or a question at one point
13 about the traffic light at Prouty and Morley, which is the one
14 where we had added the left signal and all that.

15 MR. DONDORFER: Right.

16 MR. McINTOSH: And I do know that we, there was
17 some -- I believe it came up. There was some reprogramming
18 involved and there has been some longer wait times and,
19 Mr. Rose, I think you brought that up.

20 MR. ROSE: Yes, sir.

21 MR. McINTOSH: But I talked with some residents
22 about that.

23 We had our Appropriations Workshop, which was a
24 really helpful experience. It was great getting together with
25 the various department heads, talking about their budgets, and
26 having a really solid working understanding of the budgets.
27 There is a lot that goes into the budget and planning for the
28 township. Our Fiscal Officer has done a fantastic job of
29 keeping track of everything and has been very helpful with us,
30 this new board as far as getting us on board with that.

1 I know there has been some conversation on social
2 media and some discussion about township finances and whatnot,
3 and I think the heart of it we discussed last week. And just
4 as a reminder to the community, those are public meetings and
5 that the Trustees remain available to discuss that and, you
6 know, all that information is -- there is nothing secret about
7 it. So it's out there for public consumption. And with as
8 much conversation as we have about budgets and the projects
9 and we have our ARP funds that we are sort of discussing, I
10 certainly want to be transparent about that. So I think
11 that's important for the community to know what goes into that
12 process. It's not a rubber stamp, by any means.

13 And then, lastly, I was made aware that there are
14 residents concerned about the request for rezone, which the
15 Zoning Commission took up last night and, at some point, will
16 come before this board but not this evening. I did already
17 dialogue with a resident about some of their concerns or
18 questions, so I have noted that. I haven't actually seen the
19 plan myself because it hasn't come to us yet, so I'm keeping
20 those thoughts to myself.

21 What a great way to start the night with recognizing
22 Shane. I think I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that
23 both myself and the law director were once life guards and can
24 certainly appreciate the heroism involved in jumping into the
25 water and swimming out after somebody. And to hear that there
26 was a, you know, drowning people can be pretty scary and they
27 can definitely take you down. So that took a lot of courage
28 in open water like that. It is not something to be taken
29 lightly. So I congratulate him on that.

30 And that concludes my report. Thank you.

1 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: All right. Thank you very much.
2 I know. I kind of wanted to ask Shane, you know,
3 What was going through your mind when you saw someone in
4 trouble and you just kind of went out there? I always find it
5 so fascinating that people who do that kind of thing for a
6 living, you know, how they think and just what kind of person,
7 what kind of values that they really have that make them able
8 to do something like that. So it's pretty incredible.

9 So as far as my report, same kind of thing here, not
10 much other than a few emails regarding the rezone from
11 yesterday, which I need to look into more. We just had that
12 yesterday with the Zoning Commission.

13 Again, thank you to Mrs. Dawson and the department
14 heads for Appropriations Workshop. I thought it went very
15 well. And I think it is very important to mention that we
16 place a lot of scrutiny in every single decision. We don't
17 take anything lightly. Fiscal responsibility is very
18 important. So, and, yes, those meetings are open to the
19 public. We're happy to have people listen in on that as well.

20 We had a staff meeting on Friday. We were updated
21 on some of the department things that were going on. It's
22 nice to see some work getting done across the street with the
23 fire station, so that's always wonderful to see.

24 I'm also looking forward to our birthday festivities
25 next week, and I think we have a legislative breakfast this
26 Friday.

27 MR. ROSE: Friday, yes, ma'am.

28 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: To hear some things going on in
29 the state.

30 So with that, we will move on to our Department

1 Reports. So our Administration Department, Andy Rose.

2 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mrs. Lucci. Members of the
3 Board, Mrs. Dawson, members of the audience, good evening.
4 I'd just like to start with one item on the agenda to cover,
5 which is Item C. This is a resolution related to ARPA funds.
6 When the U. S. Treasury Department issued their final rules,
7 they included language that allows political subdivisions,
8 ourselves included, to allocate what's called a "standard
9 allowance," which is not to exceed \$10 million or up to the
10 amount you've received if it's below \$10 million in ARPA
11 funds. This resolution authorizes the township to utilize
12 funds within the final rule guidelines as a standard
13 allowance. That standard allowance gives us some flexibility
14 in how funds can be allocated within the established treasury
15 rules. So I encourage passage of Resolution Number 7 at the
16 appropriate time.

17 I am finishing up the annual TIF and CRA, that is
18 Tax Increment Financing and Community Reinvestment Act,
19 reports. Those are due to the state by March 15th. We will
20 be early.

21 And then a little bit of a sad note. And I am going
22 to change up how I give my report and I am going to ask Chief
23 to come up to the lectern and then I will finish my report.
24 But on February 22nd, I received a resignation letter, and
25 Chief and I talked and we felt it was appropriate to read it
26 on the record. And then I will finish my report when Chief is
27 done.

28 CHIEF SABO: Thank you, Mr. Rose.

29 On February 22, 2022, I received a letter that I
30 will read as follows:

1 "Dear Chief Sabo: Who would have thought that a
2 firefighting career of four decades would go by so quickly? I
3 started with Concord Township Fire Department right after high
4 school in 1982 as a volunteer part-time firefighter, promoted
5 to full-time firefighter in 1988, promoted to shift lieutenant
6 in 1996, promoted to shift captain in 2005, and promoted to
7 Deputy Fire Chief in 2009.

8 "I cannot express enough the amount of gratitude
9 that I have for all of the Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officers,
10 Town Hall Administrative staff, Service Department, Recreation
11 and Zoning staff, previous and current, for the great working
12 relationships we had that gave us the ability to serve the
13 residents of our community with high standards. Most
14 importantly, I have to thank all of the firefighters and fire
15 officers of Concord Township for keeping me safe and secure so
16 I could go home after each shift to my family. Every one of
17 those firefighters passed on to me their brilliant education,
18 words of wisdom, tricks of the trade, lessons learned, and so
19 much more that gave me the strength to grow as a firefighter
20 and fire officer. They were truly the foundation of my
21 career.

22 "My father told me many years ago when I started,
23 'Never go past a fire, and never forget where you came from.'
24 I followed that advice wholeheartedly and I passed that same
25 advice on to all of our firefighters.

26 "The time has come to bring my career with Concord
27 Township Fire Department to a closure. I am officially
28 announcing my retirement effective June 16, 2022. I plan to
29 use all of my skills and knowledge that I have gained from the
30 community of Concord Township with my future plans of

1 employment, such as officer development and promotion,
2 emergency management, and critical preparedness in both the
3 public and private setting.

4 "Thank you, Concord Township, for an amazing
5 career." Signed, Deputy Fire Chief, Ron Terriaco.

6 MR. ROSE: So based on Deputy Chief Terriaco's, it's
7 really not a resignation letter, it's a notification of
8 retirement.

9 MR. DONDORFER: Right.

10 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Yeah.

11 MR. ROSE: But I accept it on behalf of the Township
12 Trustees, his letter, and that's been placed in his personnel
13 file effective for June 16th of 2022. But I thought that
14 letter was fantastic and I wanted it to be captured on the
15 record. So thank you for that.

16 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Thank you.

17 CHIEF SABO: And we will have many opportunities in
18 the coming months and it will be expressed over and over again
19 but we are so grateful. I am personally grateful for the
20 leadership and dedication that he has brought to bear in
21 Concord Township Fire Department, and the legacy left by his
22 dad, Chief Richard Terriaco. And so you think of all the
23 collective years that his family has dedicated to Concord
24 Township, and not just in the Fire Department but in the
25 township in general. So we're eternally grateful and
26 appreciative for the service of Ron and wish him the best on
27 his retirement. But we will have more to come.

28 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Yes, thank you.

29 MR. McINTOSH: Thank you.

30 MR. ROSE: Thanks, Chief.

1 MR. DONDORFER: Thanks, Chief.

2 MR. ROSE: And then, finally, as I've been doing
3 because it's our Bicentennial year, can you put that picture
4 up for me, Rick? Our feature Bicentennial picture for this
5 meeting is a photo of Town Hall, which I thought was
6 appropriate as our 200th birthday is less than a week away. I
7 am unsure of the exact date of the picture but it was
8 certainly taken prior to the 1973 additions. Town Hall was
9 built in 1870. It has been in continuous use as the meeting
10 place for our trustees to conduct business. And it should be
11 noted the floors and the structural beams underneath and in
12 the roof, they're original from 1870. I applaud all the
13 previous boards and administration for doing their very best
14 to maintain this wonderful building that we still meet in
15 today.

16 And I know Deb Esker is going to cover it in greater
17 detail but I am looking forward to all of the birthday
18 festivities coming up next week.

19 And that concludes my report. Thank you, ma'am.

20 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Rose.

21 Fire Department, Chief Sabo, again.

22 CHIEF SABO: Thank you. For the month of February,
23 we responded to 221 events, we had 151 EMS events, with 126
24 transports. We had 70 non-EMS events and 11 fires, 11 fire
25 events. Inside of Concord we had three fires, two
26 residential, one vehicle, and outside of Concord we had a
27 total of eight, including four residential, two residential
28 chimney fires, and two business fires.

29 We gave mutual aid 26 times and received mutual aid
30 nine times. And we had 67 overlapping calls, accounting for

1 30, just over 30 percent of our call volume were overlapping
2 last month.

3 The bureau was out and completed 42 inspections,
4 accounting for about 76 hours. They did four plan reviews,
5 accounting for about 12 hours. And they did a fire
6 investigation in Painesville Township or assisted in a fire
7 investigation in Painesville Township.

8 In the education side of things, they completed four
9 hours for EMS and fire safety training for six staff members
10 of an assisted living center. So we are happy to be back out
11 and providing that valuable training to our businesses in
12 Concord. Anybody should feel free to reach out and ask us if
13 they're looking for additional education.

14 Some construction updates from the fire prevention
15 standpoint: Ordinance Technology Services on Wellness Way may
16 be extending its renovations, working on replacing all the
17 windows and have supply chain issues with other, with other
18 materials. Accurate Landscaping is nearing its completion.
19 And Ranpak renovation, the offices are underway and working on
20 sprinkler system update. So all these construction projects,
21 the fire bureau is out and assisting our businesses in their
22 transitions and in their projects to make sure that they're
23 fire safe and well on their way to being successful.

24 Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the Basic
25 Public Information Officer Class presented by FEMA. It was
26 held at, at the emergency operations center here in Lake
27 County. So I am officially a public information officer.

28 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Wonderful, great job.

29 MR. ROSE: I will keep that in mid. Mr. Felton
30 would like to talk to you after the meeting.

1 CHIEF SABO: Yeah. Well, it's interesting. We did
2 have the opportunity to interact with some media. Channel 19
3 joined us, as well as, I think, Channel 5. So we had those
4 opportunities and so it was a good class, very valuable.

5 Just this afternoon, I returned from the Ohio Fire
6 Chiefs Association Winter Symposium. This symposium is the
7 fire chiefs in Ohio's opportunity to meet with our legislators
8 and discuss topics that are important to us in the fire
9 service. This year we focused on House Bill 545, including
10 peer support; House Bill 304 is in regards to smoke alarms;
11 House Bill 138, EMS law updates, some things to help the EMS
12 personnel out in the field when encountered with a "do not
13 resuscitate" order; and House Bill 225 and Senate Bill 38
14 regarding volunteer firefighter tax credits. So we had the
15 opportunity to sit down with Senator Cirino and have some good
16 dialogue with him and educate him and loop him in on some of
17 the issues that are facing the fire service in Ohio.

18 Our township is not only, has seen not only a surge
19 in commercial construction but residential as well. As March
20 weather improves, we may be out driving or walking through
21 these construction areas. Our safety tip for this month
22 focuses on your safety in these construction areas.

23 So, Rick, please.

24 So, first, we urge you to stay focused. Avoiding a
25 construction site zone altogether is the safest option. Keep
26 your eye out for posted warnings. And we can't stress this
27 enough: Pay attention. Put down that cell phone. Move
28 through the area as quickly and safely as possible. In
29 addition, as a pedestrian, always watch your step for uneven
30 pavement in the muddy, wet and often icy in this time of the

1 year, areas that are slippery. Other vehicles passing through
2 the construction zone put pedestrians at risk.

3 Put me back, Rick. There we go.

4 Protecting workers is also protecting yourself.

5 Make sure equipment operators can see you. Make eye contact
6 with the operator before you move through that work area.

7 There we go. And we urge you to move over early. Lane

8 closures do not only occur with road construction, but

9 construction of new homes within the township, it causes some

10 periodic road blockages. We urge you to be patient and

11 everyone will get through and get to where they're going.

12 Slow down and follow lane closure directions when approaching
13 any type of construction area.

14 So, again, I would like to congratulate Shane on
15 his achievement. It's certainly not an award that you plan
16 for. As a first responder myself, we're trained and prepared
17 for those events. I can only imagine -- I cannot imagine what
18 was going through his mind in a spontaneous situation that he
19 had to make a split-second decision, and that recognition is
20 well deserved. So congratulations to Shane and his family for
21 that. So thank you.

22 MR. ROSE: Thanks, Chief.

23 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Thanks, Chief.

24 Next, we have our Service Department, Mr. Tim Brown.

25 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Good evening.

26 MR. DONDORFER: Good evening.

27 MR. McINTOSH: Good evening.

28 MR. BROWN: Good evening, everyone. Service
29 Department, in the month of February, responded to 17 callouts
30 for snow and ice conditions. Crews applied approximately

1 1,300 tons of salt this past month. The equipment maintenance
2 department handled several minor repairs to the snowplow fleet
3 and kept the equipment in service throughout the snow events.

4 Our other crew activities performed by the
5 department were 42 repairs to mailboxes, snow removal from
6 cul-de-sacs, three burials in the cemetery, pothole patching,
7 and road evaluations for the upcoming repair season. Once the
8 weather breaks, crews will be out making sod damage repairs
9 throughout the township.

10 The Administrator and I met with representatives
11 from the Lake County Stormwater Department to discuss current
12 stormwater projects and update the plans for future stormwater
13 projects within the township. Stormwater Department
14 representatives have agreed to come to the second April
15 trustee meeting to provide information and clarification of
16 maintenance responsibilities to detention ponds, retention
17 ponds, easements and other stormwater features.

18 The Service Department reminds residents that, with
19 any questions or concerns, to contact us at (440) 350-3225 or
20 by email at ConcordTwp.com under Service Department.

21 Thank you very much. That concludes my report.

22 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Thank you, Mr. Brown.

23 MR. DONDORFER: Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Next we have our Zoning
25 Department, Mrs. Freeman.

26 MS. FREEMAN: Good evening.

27 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Good evening.

28 MS. FREEMAN: So during the month of February, the
29 Zoning Department approved 20 zoning permit applications for
30 various projects. Of those permits, seven were for new

1 single-family homes. Additionally, one was for a new business
2 that's going to be located at a Crile Crossing shopping
3 center. I believe their sign is already up, so you might have
4 seen it, Woof Gang Bakery and Grooming, which is a pet store
5 that apparently the owners bake special cookies and treats for
6 dogs. So that will be a nice asset to that shopping center
7 over there.

8 Residents might also be noticing some additional
9 construction happening -- this is the time of year --
10 specifically over on Auburn Road. There are currently a
11 couple of medical office buildings that are underway.
12 Additionally, some trees have been cleared out over on a site
13 located on Discovery Lane for a new manufacturing business,
14 who is going to be submitting to the township for their
15 approvals.

16 And then just a reminder for some of our residents,
17 with spring coming up soon, you're probably going to start
18 thinking about, possibly, some home improvement projects that
19 you might have, renovations or other additions to your home or
20 property. Just a reminder to keep, that a lot of those
21 projects do require a zoning permit, such as an addition to
22 your house or a deck, shed, swimming pool, fence or some other
23 accessory building or structure, and that you should contact
24 the Zoning Department prior to installing those improvements
25 and we can advise you on what the regulations are. Also, some
26 of those projects might also require a separate building
27 permit from the Lake County Building Department. So I
28 encourage residents to reach out to Zoning Department staff
29 or, also, we have a lot of information sheets on our website.
30 If you go to ConcordTwp.com, click on "Zoning" and click on

1 "Zoning Permits," there are several information sheets that
2 give you much of the information that you might need in
3 helping to plan for those projects.

4 And then just, finally, next week's Board of Zoning
5 Appeals meeting has actually been cancelled due to no
6 applications. Thank you.

7 MR. DONDORFER: Thank you.

8 MR. ROSE: Thanks, Heather.

9 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Thank you very much.

10 Our Recreation Department, Mrs. Esker.

11 MS. ESKER: Good evening, everybody, and happy
12 birthday, Concord Township.

13 MR. ROSE: Whoop-whoop.

14 MS. ESKER: March is a very special month for us.
15 Not only is it Trustee Amy Lucci's birthday month, but also
16 March 8, 2022 -- snuck that in there -- is Concord Township's
17 200th birthday. March 8th is our day, 200 years in the
18 making. It will be a day filled with coming together in
19 celebration and honoring our township and its people. We've
20 got a lot of celebrating to do and I am here to tell you about
21 it.

22 Please, Rick, fire up my PowerPoint. Thank you very
23 much.

24 This month's short lesson in Concord Township
25 history honors our Articles of Establishment. Before Concord
26 was created, our land was part of Geauga County. And at a
27 March 8, 1822, Town Hall meeting, ordered by Geauga County
28 Commissioners, Concord Township was officially formed. One
29 paragraph from our Article of Establishment from 1822 states,
30 in the eloquent language of the day, "The petition of sundry

1 inhabitants of the Township of Painesville being presented to
2 the Auditor of the County of Geauga, in the State of Ohio -
3 praying that the South part of said Township be set off, and
4 evicted into a separate Township, by the name of Concord -
5 that the qualified electors meet at the dwelling house of John
6 Carrel on the first Monday of April next for the purpose of
7 electing township Officers for the township of Concord
8 aforesaid." I love reading the actual language and the
9 articles. Those first township officers were Benjamin Blish,
10 Scribner Huntoon and Erastus Merrill. You will recognize
11 those names as roads. And so our story begins.

12 And now a brief message from our 55+ Group.

13 55+ GROUP (on video): Happy birthday, Concord.

14 MS. ESKER: I love that. Founders Day on March 8th
15 is filled with celebrations. On the morning of March 8th,
16 that will be dedicated to a small gathering for proclamations,
17 resolutions, letters of congratulations, but the afternoon is
18 dedicated to Concord residents. We invite residents to drive
19 through the Community Center parking lot between 2:00 and
20 4:00 p.m. to receive their free birthday treat. And then all
21 are invited to stop by the Old Stone School between 5:30 and
22 7:00 p.m. for birthday cake and a personal guided tour of the
23 schoolhouse, which is Concord's only museum and repository of
24 historic archives. So all are invited to get their free
25 birthday cupcake and free birthday cake at the Old Stone
26 School for the birthday party. We hope Concord residents join
27 in our 200th birthday celebration.

28 March 8th is not only our Founders Day but also the
29 next blood drive at the Community Center. Give the gift of
30 life and sign up to donate at www.RedCrossBlood.org. The

1 drive will take place between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the
2 Community Center. The blood shortage continues and your
3 donation can save up to three lives, so please consider
4 donating.

5 We've got a compelling selection of leisure classes
6 offered at the Community Center in March. Classes include
7 Gentle Morning Yoga, Yoga Pilates Fusion, Martial Arts for
8 adults and kids, Tai Chi, stained glass flowers, American Mah
9 Jongg, a mixed media collage class, several make and take
10 classes, including body butter and soaps, Sound Bath and Gong
11 Meditation is back, and we start our Baton for Kids class.
12 There is something for everyone. Residents and guests are
13 welcome to register for classes online or simply call the
14 Recreation Department for personal assistance.

15 Our next Library Tuesday Program is going to be a
16 fun one. Staff from the Morley Library will teach guests how
17 to paint using colorful bubbles, creating note cards, gift
18 tags and more paper crafts. Library Tuesday programs are free
19 and open to the public, and new friends are always welcome.
20 Just call the Recreation Department to reserve your seat.

21 So we are amping our senior socials this year and
22 hosting four socials a month. At the senior social earlier
23 today, Dan Maxson and I did a presentation to our 55+ Group on
24 some history of Concord Township contained in our *Images of*
25 *America* book. But our next senior social is Wednesday,
26 March 9th, when guests will decorate little planter pots with
27 a Bicentennial theme, complete with complimentary zinnia
28 seedlings to take home and nurture and grow. And then on
29 March 16th, we welcome back Cleveland historian Dennis
30 Sutcliffe. He is a fan favorite. He'll present "Hometown

1 Rockers of the '60s and '70s" and talk about the fascinating
2 stories of Rock and Roll stars who are from Ohio and made it
3 to the big time. And our monthly Bingo is back on March 23rd.
4 Are you feeling lucky? Then Lucky Bingo is for you. We'll
5 have snacks and prizes and special recognition for the wearing
6 of the green. Our senior socials take place on Wednesday
7 afternoons and begin at 1:00 p.m. They're free, open to the
8 public, and we always welcome new friends. We just ask that
9 you call us to reserve your seat for planning purposes.

10 And there is a lot to love about Concord Township.
11 We invite everyone to enjoy the stunningly beautiful photos
12 entered in our Love Concord Photo Contest and vote for your
13 favorites, but not until March 4th. So March 4th through
14 March 18, the link to voting will be live on
15 www.ConcordTwp.com. Winners will be announced after
16 March 24th and trophies will be awarded.

17 You know who else loves Concord Township? Our
18 paramedics.

19 PARAMEDICS (on video): Happy birthday, Concord.

20 MS. ESKER: They were at the Community Center for
21 some training and it was lovely to have them in the building.

22 Join local authors Dan Maxson and myself at the Old
23 Stone School on Wednesday, March 9th, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
24 for an informal lecture on Concord history and personal guided
25 tours of the charming Old Stone School. We will have the
26 *Images of America* book available for sale and we will be happy
27 to sign copies on site.

28 Check out all the groups and clubs that meet
29 regularly at the Community Center. From gardening to music to
30 cards to art to sewing and now to trivia, there are a lot of

1 opportunities to meet new friends, and new members are always
2 welcome. Just contact the Recreation office about joining a
3 club and start your new adventure.

4 And speaking of community, there is a great
5 opportunity to support ours. We encourage Concord businesses,
6 as well as residents, to consider donating to fund
7 Bicentennial programs and events or becoming a Bicentennial
8 sponsor. Help us make this year's programming the best it can
9 be by making a donation or contributing to an event. In
10 return, businesses will be recognized in the Grapevine,
11 e-Grapevine, on our website and social media platforms, and
12 individuals and families will be mentioned in the Grapevine,
13 as well as on a banner at Community Day. And we will also
14 have a special banner for in memorandum donations. So thanks
15 in advance for everybody's kind consideration of contributing
16 to help make Bicentennial events really great.

17 And this months Random Acts of Kindness report,
18 let's give a shout out to people like Lana Blacknick Frishkorn
19 who continue to share beloved family photos and memorabilia
20 with us so we can continue to add to Concord's history
21 archives. And we shout out to our 55+ members who come to
22 senior Bingos because they stay and they clean up the room.
23 Kudos. Let's give a shout out to people like Betty Leiby and
24 Karen and Harold Abraham, who have already made personal
25 donations to support Bicentennial programming; and to our
26 Garden Club, whose kind creativity shines through when they
27 volunteer to plant petunias at our cemetery in the shape of a
28 heart. There is no shortage of kindness in Concord Township
29 and that is always worth celebrating.

30 You know who else likes to celebrate? The

1 Recreation staff.

2 RECREATION STAFF (on video): Happy birthday,
3 Concord.

4 MS. ESKER: I love those guys so much, so much. So
5 happy birthday, Trustee Lucci, happy 200th birthday, Concord
6 Township, and thank you, thank you, thank you to our dedicated
7 Trustees and Fiscal Officer for making all of our celebrations
8 possible this year.

9 And I would like to end my report with just one more
10 final happy birthday message.

11 TRUSTEES (on video): Happy birthday, Concord.

12 MR. ROSE: Well done.

13 MS. ESKER: Thank you so much.

14 MR. DONDORFER: Thank you, Deb. Well done, well
15 done.

16 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: I'm looking forward to all this
17 great stuff. And spring is finally coming, so all good. We
18 appreciate it.

19 MR. McINTOSH: There you go. We will be expecting
20 snow on Friday, thanks to that.

21 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Well, we've got to have one more.
22 It's time for our law enforcement report. Sergeant,
23 thank you.

24 MR. ROSE: You've gotta love following Rec, don't
25 you?

26 MR. DONDORFER: It's tough, man.

27 SERGEANT INFALVI: It is tough. It's like taking a
28 downer or something.

29 Good evening. I am going to try to get to Concord
30 the day of the drive-through so I can get some treats for

1 free, you know. We'll see.

2 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: A couple in your pocket, right?

3 SERGEANT INFALVI: For the month of February, the
4 Sheriff's Office responded to 887 calls for service, five of
5 those were injury accidents, 13 were property damage accidents
6 involving a vehicle. We had a female arrested for OVI and a
7 female arrested for felony theft, a juvenile arrested for
8 inducing panic and aggravated menacing at LaMuth, a male
9 arrested for possession of narcotics, another male arrested
10 for domestic violence and assault, a male arrested for
11 receiving stolen property in a stolen vehicle, a female
12 arrested for possession of narcotics and tampering with
13 evidence, an adult male arrested for domestic violence, and a
14 juvenile female arrested for underage consumption, disorderly
15 conduct, resisting arrest and harassment.

16 We responded to 50 alarms of residents and
17 businesses. We issued 13 citations for traffic violations.
18 We issued 108 warnings for said traffic violations as well.
19 Checked 65, did 65 business checks and 45 crime prevention
20 cards. Zero ATV complaints, zero breaking and entering to
21 structures, and zero burglary complaints for Concord for the
22 month of February.

23 Of the 887 calls for service, 29 were suspicious
24 circumstance and vehicles or persons, 15 traffic complaints
25 and 20 welfare checks.

26 During the month, I stopped at, I conducted an
27 informational meeting at Hope Ridge Church with a female
28 community group on female protection and safety out in the
29 public and at home. Also, I am meeting with a community,
30 senior community group at the Concord Community Center coming

1 up here in the next week. And, also, we'll be meeting with
2 the Rockdove homeowners' association early April.

3 If your community or your association or HOA would
4 like to have more information or have me visit you during some
5 of your quarterly meetings, please contact me, Sergeant
6 Jerrold Infalvi, at the Lake County Sheriff's Office. My
7 phone number is (440) 350-5598. And if you look on the
8 website, on our Sheriff's Office website, you will find my
9 email address, too, JInfalvi@LakeCountyOhio.gov.

10 I had the pleasure of Shane, of seeing Shane's award
11 ceremony at the Coast Guard Station, United States Coast Guard
12 Station in Fairport as well. Really impressive, a really
13 impressive young man. I had the chance to talk to him a
14 little bit.

15 Just like the Shane there, our very own Shane at the
16 Lake County Sheriff's Office, Shane Hopp, who is also a
17 Concord resident, like many of our deputies are, received a
18 life-saving award as well and I am going to touch base on
19 that.

20 On Monday, November 9, 2021, while on routine patrol
21 in Concord Township, Deputy Shane Hopp was advised that
22 Concord Township Fire and Rescue was dispatched to Hunting
23 Lake Drive for a male that had been injured by a saw. Since
24 he was immediately, in the immediate area, Deputy Shane Hopp
25 responded to the call within minutes. First on scene, Deputy
26 Hopp observed a male lying on the ground in the front yard of
27 the home with another person attending to him. The injured
28 person had a very large laceration to the upper right thigh
29 caused by the saw. The person assisting him was trying to use
30 a belt to stop the bleeding. Deputy Hopp took his tourniquet

1 off his belt -- every deputy has a tourniquet that they
2 wear -- applied it to the male's leg and stopped the bleeding.

3 Upon arrival, Concord Fire and EMS took over, found
4 that the tourniquet Deputy Hopp applied was key in stopping
5 the extensive bleeding and possibly saved the man's life. The
6 male was flown by Airmed to a trauma center where he was
7 treated and later released.

8 Lieutenant Zachary Ropos wrote in the commendation
9 to Deputy Hopp, "Deputy Hopp, having a high level of training,
10 situational awareness, and calm demeanor, handled the
11 potentially life-threatening situation with care until EMS
12 arrived." Several Concord Township EMS personnel contacted
13 Lieutenant Ropos, as well as stating Deputy Hobbs' actions
14 undoubtedly prevented further injury and saved the man's life.
15 It is also important to note that after applying the
16 tourniquet and EMS arriving on scene, Deputy Hopp simply
17 cleared the call. We would not have been aware of the
18 critical nature of his assistance at the scene if it were not
19 for the Fire Department contacting his superiors to inform
20 them of what he did on scene.

21 So we congratulate Deputy Hopp on that as well.

22 MR. ROSE: Nice.

23 SERGEANT INFALVI: Also, I had the chance to stop
24 through some of the neighborhoods before the meeting today. I
25 saw a lot of people out walking in the neighborhoods, which is
26 nice to see. It's a welcome sight. Spring is just around the
27 corner. So it would be a good time to tell you -- and
28 everybody was, which was great -- walk against traffic,
29 especially at night, and ride your bikes with traffic. And
30 then it's still dark out right now when you're out walking in

1 the nice, cool air, so wear reflective clothing so people can
2 see you.

3 MR. DONDORFER: Sergeant, one question as far as the
4 stats for the month. I know there was, what, was it two or
5 three stolen vehicles from the township, not our township but
6 within other townships in Lake County this month?

7 SERGEANT INFALVI: Oh, yes, so that, it was actually
8 Painesville City in the Heisley Park. So we did assist in
9 those situations. We were able to -- and there were maybe one
10 or two vehicles within the Painesville Township, also.

11 MR. DONDORFER: Painesville Township, also.

12 SERGEANT INFALVI: But we were able to recover those
13 and we were able to take some of the parties into custody. As
14 of right now, Concord has not received any, has not had any
15 issues with that. What we're finding is, and in the past,
16 these particular groups are staying close by to the freeway
17 where there is easy access in and off.

18 MR. DONDORFER: Right.

19 SERGEANT INFALVI: Luckily, 90 is a little bit more
20 rural than Route 2. Route 2, for some reason, they're
21 attracted to Route 2 more. So we're hoping it stays that way.
22 Months and months and months, maybe a couple years past, I
23 think, we had a few, maybe one instance off of 44 and
24 Johnnycake but that was it.

25 MR. DONDORFER: It's my understanding these
26 individuals are from out of the area.

27 SERGEANT INFALVI: They are.

28 MR. DONDORFER: Probably a good time just to remind
29 residents, my understanding is these vehicles are left
30 unlocked, keys in the vehicle in the driveway. It's a good

1 time to sort of tell our residents, you know --

2 SERGEANT INFALVI: Oh, absolutely.

3 MR. DONDORFER: This stuff is going on, you know.
4 It's important to lock your car and take your keys in with you
5 and report any type of suspicious activity. I saw some of the
6 camera footage. It looked like these individuals were
7 canvassing up and down residential streets, walking around.
8 So you've got to be vigilant and report any type of suspicious
9 activity or things to law enforcement immediately.

10 SERGEANT INFALVI: They absolutely do. And follow
11 our social media, our Facebook page. We also have a phone
12 app, Lake County -- or Lake.Co.SheriffsOffice for Apple and
13 Androids. We do post alerts. We post information. We post
14 things that people should be looking out for and in situations
15 that we were finding that are occurring within the townships
16 that we want to resolve. I did put a posting out about that.
17 One of the residents, because we have kind residents around
18 here, actually did pick up a suspect in that and took him to
19 the Get-Go. So he was out in the morning.

20 So if you see people that you don't think belong in
21 your neighborhood or if they're out at a time that is
22 suspicious, call us. That's why we're there. You can just
23 call 911. You don't have to search for a non-emergency
24 number. It goes to all the same place. We would rather be
25 notified than not, even if it is something that doesn't, is
26 not of a criminal nature. And do not, please do not pick up
27 people that you don't know. I know it's nice. Call us.
28 Again, we will get those people to where they need to be or we
29 will make arrangements for them.

30 MR. DONDORFER: Thanks, Sergeant.

1 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Great. Thank you for all that
2 helpful information. And it's nice to hear another story
3 about a heroic individual. And I think it would just, I just
4 would like to say I think our thoughts and prayers are with
5 people of Ukraine. I think we have a lot of heroes in that
6 part of the nation, so I sort of feel inclined to mention that
7 this evening.

8 MR. DONDORFER: Good point, great.

9 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Okay. So we will move on to our
10 Audience portion. Are there any members of the audience that
11 would like to speak with us today?

12 Yes, would you please come to the podium? Just
13 state your name and your address, please, ma'am.

14 MS. FERGUSON: My name is Anita Ferguson. I am at
15 11236 Wood Duck Avenue. And my concern is that we have a lot
16 of noise from the traffic on 44 and on 90, and we would like
17 to know if there is something that Concord can do to put the
18 barriers up or something to alleviate that noise. Where we're
19 located, we're right in the center of the two highways, and up
20 on our ridge is, backs up right against the freeway. And it's
21 quite loud and it goes on all night, of course.

22 MR. DONDORFER: Right.

23 MR. ROSE: Madam Chair, I am having a meeting. Bob
24 Parker, our consulting engineer, is setting it up. I am
25 having a meeting with ODOT in April. I will bring that to the
26 table with the district director of District 12 of ODOT and
27 find out what the procedures are and the criteria to put walls
28 up. I don't know that they will do it but I will certainly
29 find out, but that is an ODOT responsibility but we can
30 certainly advocate for the neighborhood.

1 MS. FERGUSON: Okay, appreciate that.

2 MR. ROSE: Yes, ma'am.

3 MS. FERGUSON: And that's going to be in April, you
4 said?

5 MR. ROSE: I have a meeting. I don't know what day
6 but we're supposed to have a meeting in April.

7 MS. FERGUSON: Okay, thank you.

8 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Thank you, Ms. Ferguson.

9 MR. DONDORFER: Thank you.

10 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Anyone else in the audience that
11 would like to speak?

12 (No response.)

13 And there is no one on the phone, correct?

14 MR. ROSE: No, ma'am, there is no one on the phone.

15 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Okay. So then we will move on to
16 Old Business, and seeing that there is none, we will move to
17 the New Business section.

18 MR. DONDORFER: Okay. Madam Chair, I will make a
19 motion to approve the February financial report.

20 MR. McINTOSH: I will second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: And all in favor?

22 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

23 MR. McINTOSH: I move to approve Resolution 2022-06,
24 the permanent appropriations as driven from our workshop last
25 week.

26 MR. DONDORFER: I will second.

27 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Any discussion?

28 MS. DAWSON: Sure, I would be happy to. So what I
29 have before the Trustees this evening is a \$24,036,550 budget.
30 It's the first such permanent appropriations. They have to be

1 approved by the 1st of April or your temporary appropriations,
2 which are three months worth of appropriations, become what
3 you get for the rest of year until you change it. So what --
4 Our normal budget is between 12 and 13 million dollars.

5 MR. DONDORFER: Right.

6 MS. DAWSON: Clearly, the main reason for this and
7 the main reason for the purchase orders being over \$11 million
8 is because Fire Station 1, we're in the middle of that
9 project, and also the Trustees, at the last meeting, approved
10 the summer road program. So while it appears that we
11 certainly have a lot of money, it is moving fast and we are
12 paying on a monthly basis the contractors and everybody who is
13 involved with the large project that our residents,
14 gratefully, I am grateful for the fact that our residents are
15 supporting us and the Fire Department with this new addition.
16 So it's moving along and that's one of the reasons for such a
17 large amount of appropriations this year.

18 So they will, I will probably approach the Trustees
19 again in another month or two. Once I get all of my permanent
20 revenue figures in, I will revise the revenue, in which case,
21 will also revise the permanent appropriations, which is the
22 spending portion of our budget, at that point in time. But
23 this will get us through the next couple of months.

24 MR. DONDORFER: Thank you.

25 MS. DAWSON: You're welcome.

26 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Anything else?

27 MR. McINTOSH: No.

28 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: I do want to say thank you to you
29 and the department heads for helping us with that whole
30 process. That was wonderful and you're amazing, Mrs. Dawson.

1 Okay. All in favor?

2 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

3 MR. DONDORFER: Madam Chair, I will make a motion to
4 approve Resolution 2022-07 authorizing expenditures from the
5 American Rescue Plan Act funds.

6 MR. McINTOSH: And I will second that.

7 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Any discussion?

8 MR. DONDORFER: No. We covered that.

9 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Just clarify that the, this is a
10 standard allocation allowance.

11 MR. ROSE: It is.

12 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: We have had a couple years to do
13 the actual expenditures.

14 MR. ROSE: Yes, ma'am. When the interim rules came
15 out from Treasury, there was a lot of gnashing of teeth
16 because it was so restrictive and it would be difficult for
17 many political subdivisions, cities, villages, townships, to
18 utilize that money properly to overcome the effects from COVID
19 and going forward. So I think every, the Township
20 Association's CLOUT, which I am on the board of, all the
21 various township associations, municipal leagues got together
22 and worked through our elected officials, and it was
23 nationwide.

24 And so when Treasury issued their final rules, they,
25 for lack of a better term, they loosened the guardrails a
26 little bit and they provided the ability where they recognize
27 that every community was impacted by COVID. So they created
28 what's called a "standard allowance" of \$10 million or up to
29 the amount that you received if it's less than \$10 million.
30 And they opened that up to allow us to use those funds for

1 government services, and they left some restrictions in place,
2 which I frankly agree with. But, you know, we can use that
3 for road and building maintenance, other infrastructure
4 maintenance, health services, general government
5 administration, staff, administrative facilities. You can do
6 environmental remediation. You can do provisions of police,
7 fire and other public safety services, salaries, purchasing of
8 fire trucks, police vehicles. You can do maintenance. You
9 can do modernization of cyber security. We did chase that
10 grant for water, which we were shut out of by the state. So
11 it just opens up and gives us other options to utilize that
12 money. And who better than to allocate the money than the
13 local community because every community's needs are a little
14 bit different.

15 So I applaud the various associations throughout the
16 state. We all worked together and pushed it through our
17 respective senators and congressmen and the change was done in
18 Washington. So that's what this bill is. But you have to
19 pass a resolution, so due to the handy penmanship of
20 Mr. Lucas, we now have this beautiful resolution before us.

21 MR. DONDORFER: Great job.

22 MR. ROSE: There is no need to blush, Mike. It's
23 okay. So I encourage passage of this resolution to give us
24 the flexibility we need.

25 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Okay. All in favor?

26 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

27 MR. ROSE: Thank you.

28 MR. McINTOSH: I move to approve step increase for
29 Service Department administrative assistant Susan Bobnar to
30 \$19.85 effective March 16, 2022.

1 MS. DAWSON: That would be per hour.

2 MR. McINTOSH: Oh, yeah.

3 MR. DONDORFER: I will second.

4 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: All in favor?

5 (Three aye votes, no nay votes.)

6 MR. DONDORFER: I think Item E --

7 MS. DAWSON: Do you want me to read that?

8 MR. DONDORFER: Yeah, that's right, we voted on
9 that.

10 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Thank you.

11 MS. DAWSON: So Item E, voted on at our staff
12 meeting was the disposal of two laptops that are obsolete,
13 unneeded and/or unfit for personal property of Concord
14 Township. If I recall, those laptops were purchased in 2010,
15 so -- and our, the county no longer supports them.
16 Mr. Dondorfer moved to approve the disposal of the two laptops
17 that are obsolete, unneeded and/or unfit personal property of
18 Concord Township. Mrs. Lucci seconded. Vote: Two ayes.

19 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Okay, thank you. And can you
20 please read our Future Meetings and Announcements?

21 MS. DAWSON: Yes, thank you. Future Meetings and
22 announcements:

23 On March 8th, happy birthday, 200th birthday,
24 Concord Township;

25 On the 9th, the previously scheduled Board of Zoning
26 Appeals meeting at Town Hall has been cancelled due to no
27 applications;

28 And on March 16th, Wednesday, March 16th, from 6:30
29 to 7:30 p.m., trustee office hours will be held in the
30 conference room, and at 7:30 p.m., trustee meeting here at

1 Town Hall.

2 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Great.

3 MR. DONDORFER: Thank you.

4 CHAIRWOMAN LUCCI: Thank you. So this concludes our
5 meeting for Concord Township on March 2, 2022. Thank you.

6 MR. DONDORFER: Good evening, everyone. Thanks.

7 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.)

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

CERTIFICATE

I, Melinda A. Melton, Registered Professional Reporter, a notary public within and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that, to the best of my ability from the video recording of the foregoing proceeding was reduced by me to stenotype shorthand, subsequently transcribed into typewritten manuscript; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of said proceedings so taken as aforesaid.

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 17th day of March 2022.

Melinda A. Melton

Melinda A. Melton
Registered Professional Reporter

Notary Public within and for the
State of Ohio

My Commission Expires:
February 4, 2023

