RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Concord Township Board of Trustees Meeting Held on June 15, 2022

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The Concord Township Board of Trustees met for a Regular meeting on June 15, 2022, 7:30 pm, in Town Hall, located at 7229 Ravenna Road. Chairperson Amy L. Lucci called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present were, Carl H. Dondorfer, Morgan R. McIntosh and Amy L. Lucci.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 1, 2022 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes. Mr. Dondorfer moved to approve the June 1, 2022 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes as written. Mr. McIntosh seconded. Vote 3 ayes.

June 1, 2022 Regular Trustees Meeting. Mr. McIntosh moved to approve the June 1, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Mr. Dondorfer seconded. Vote 3 ayes.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

A. FISCAL OFFICER - Amy L. Dawson

Mrs. Dawson was absent.

B. TRUSTEES

Mr. Dondorfer, Mr. McIntosh and Mrs. Lucci discussed Concord Township business since the last meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. ADMINISTRATION DEPT. - Andy Rose, Administrator

Andy Rose, Administrator, covered issues pertaining to the general business of the Township.

B. OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Ryan Naymik

Mr. Naymik gave an update on the Fire Station 1 Project.

AUDIENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RES. 2022-14 INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOUSE BILL 172 AND ESTABLISHING THE BAN ON DISCHARGING, IGNITING OR EXPLODING FIREWORKS IN THE TOWNSHIP. Mr. McIntosh moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14

A RESOLUTION STATING CONCORD TOWNSHIP'S INTENT TO OPT-OUT OF H.B. 172 AND ESTABLISHING THE BAN ON DISCHARGING, IGNITING OR EXPLODING FIREWORKS IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Governor recently signed H.B. 172, amending Ohio Revised Code 3743.45, effective July 1, 2022, allowing any person authorized to possess consumer grade fireworks to discharge, ignite or explode fireworks on their property, or if permitted, on another person's property on certain designated days of the year; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 172 also provides that county, township, or municipal corporation may choose to restrict the days and times that a person may discharge consumer grade fireworks or may impose a complete ban on the discharge, ignition or explosion of consumer grade fireworks; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that a prohibition on the discharge of consumer grade fireworks will best protect the public's right to the quiet enjoyment of their premises; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the unsafe and illegal discharge of fireworks poses a significant danger to the public and may cause serious injuries as well as significant property damage, especially in densely populated residential and business areas; and

WHEREAS, both Fire Chief Sabo and Deputy Chief Terriaco strongly recommend that the Board of Trustees opt-out of H.B. 172 and prohibit the discharging, igniting or exploding of fireworks within the Township; and

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WHEREAS, the Administration and Board of Trustees finds that it is in the best interests of the public to ban the discharge, ignition and explosion of fireworks otherwise permitted by H.B. 172 within Concord Township, Lake County, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Concord Township Board of Trustees, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Board of Trustees expressly opt-out of the provisions set forth in H.B. 172, and bans the discharge, igniting or exploding of fireworks within the Township of Concord pursuant to its limited home rule government authority set forth in Section 504.01(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Concord Township concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board of Trustees of Concord Township and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Dondorfer seconded. The Trustees had a discussion regarding this resolution. Vote 3 ayes.

B. APPROVE UPDATES TO CONCORD TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK SECTION 4.2.2 NEW EMPLOYEES: NEW EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE TRANSFERRED FROM A FULL-TIME POSITION WITH ANOTHER OHIO PUBLIC AGENCY MAY TRANSFER THEIR UNUSED BALANCE OF ACCUMULATED VACATION LEAVE CREDIT UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 24 HOURS TO THE TOWNSHIP (ORC 123:1-32-10). NEW EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE TRANSFERRED FROM A FULL-TIME POSITION WITH ANOTHER OHIO PUBLIC AGENCY SHALL BE GIVEN VACATION CREDIT FOR THEIR PRIOR SERVICE YEARS WITH THAT AGENCY, UPON FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP (ORC 9.44). SUCH TIME SHALL BE GRANTED UPON COMPLETION OF EMPLOYEE'S PROBATION PERIOD, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR. Mr. Dondorfer moved to approve the updates to the Concord Township Employee Handbook Section 4.2.2 New Employees: New employees that have transferred from a full-time position with another Ohio Public Agency may transfer their unused balance of accumulated vacation leave credit up to a maximum of 24 hours to the township (ORC 123:1-32-10). New employees that have transferred from a full-time position with another Ohio Public Agency shall be given vacation credit for their prior service years with that agency, upon full-time employment with the township (ORC 9.44). Such time shall be granted upon completion of employee's probation period, as determined by the department director. Mr. McIntosh seconded.

Mr. Lucas pointed out a scrivener's error on the agenda. It should read (OAC 123:1-32-10). Mr. Lucas stated it was ok to vote.

The Trustees had a brief discussion about the updates. Vote 3 ayes.

- C. FIRE DEPT. PO TO GEO-SCI IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 FOR ADDITIONAL GEOTECHNICAL WORK FOR FIRE STATION 1 PROJECT. Mr. McIntosh moved to approve the Fire Dept. PO to Geo-Sci in the amount not to exceed \$15,000 for additional geotechnical work for Fire Station 1 Project. Mr. Dondorfer seconded. Vote 3 ayes.
- D. SERVICE DEPT. PO TO SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,955 FOR A CASE 580SN MACHINE. Mr. Dondorfer moved to approve the Service Dept. PO to Southeastern Equipment in the amount of \$97,955 for a Case 580SN machine. Mr. McIntosh seconded. Vote 3 ayes.
- E. FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

| 6/20 | CLOSED | JUNETEENTH DAY |
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| 6/30 | 9:00 AM | STAFF MEETING / Town Hall |
| 7/1 | CLOSED | TRUSTEE DESIGNATED HOLIDAY |
| 7/4 | CLOSED | OBSERVANCE OF FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY |
| 7/5 | 7:00 PM | ZONING COMMISSION / Town Hall |
| 7/6 | | TRUSTEE OFFICE HOURS / Conference Room TRUSTEE MEETING / Town Hall |

Upon proper motion the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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Amy L. Lucci, Chairperson

Andy Rose, Administrator