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CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

TRUSTEE MEETING

Concord Town Hall
7229 Ravenna Road
Concord, Ohio 44077

July 3, 2024

7:30 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Board of Trustees members present:

Carl H. Dondorger, Chairman
Amy L. Lucci, Vice-Chairman
Morgan R. McIntosh, Trustee

Also Present:

John Patriarca, Fiscal Officer
Andy Rose, Administrator
Bridey Matheney, Esq., Legal Counsel
Chief Matt Sabo, Fire Department
Lieutenant Samer Musleh, Sheriff's
Office

1 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening. I'd
2 like to call to order the Concord Township Board
3 of Trustees meeting for July 3, 2024. If you
4 would, please stand with me and join me in the
5 Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Roll call, please.

8 MR. PATRIARCA: Mrs. Lucci.

9 MRS. LUCCI: Present.

10 MR. PATRIARCA: Mr. McIntosh.

11 MR. MCINTOSH: Present.

12 MR. PATRIARCA: Mr. Dondorfer.

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Present.

14 Moving into the approval of minutes.

15 MRS. LUCCI: Mr. Chair, I move to
16 approve the June 24, 2024 regular Trustee's
17 meeting minutes.

18 MR. MCINTOSH: I'll second that.

19 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

20 MRS. LUCCI: Aye.

21 MR. MCINTOSH: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. And this
23 evening, moving into our Elected Official
24 Reports. We'll start with our Fiscal Officer,
25 Mr. John Patriarca.

1 MR. PATRIARCA: Thank you

2 Mr. Dondorfer. I'd like to start this evening
3 with a brief financial summary of the Township.

4 As of June 30, 2024, we are 50 percent of
5 the way through the calendar year. The treasury
6 balance for the 21 active funds within the
7 Township treasury is \$6.97 million. The
8 treasury balance includes approximately \$473,000
9 in funds set aside for specific projects. Year
10 to date expenditures are currently at 41 percent
11 of the amount appropriated for 2024, while year
12 to date revenue is at 55 percent of the annual
13 budget. These figures continue to keep Concord
14 Township within the 2024 budget.

15 Additionally, we spoke a little bit about
16 in the public hearing earlier in office hours,
17 but I did want to commend the Board and
18 Administrator Rose on their relentless pursuit
19 of additional revenue streams for the Township,
20 revenue streams that don't burden our residents
21 as far as additional taxes go. The
22 re-allocation of the local government fund,
23 being able to lobby with our State
24 representatives for funding on a particular
25 water line project are a couple that come to

1 mind right away.

2 And at this point, I don't think it's any
3 secret that we are operating with an extremely
4 thin budget, which includes an underfunded and,
5 arguably, an understaffed safety services
6 operation. And I think the citizens of Concord
7 Township should feel proud and impressed of the
8 group that they have working for them and the
9 unwavering attitude that this team has to create
10 the community that we all feel we deserve in
11 Concord Township. So I just want to say keep up
12 the good work and excellent.

13 And other than that, I'd like to wish
14 everyone a Happy 4th of July and encourage
15 everyone to make smart and safe decisions, so
16 hopefully, safety services are nice and calm,
17 nice and calm.

18 And that concludes my report.

19 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you
20 Mr. Patriarca.

21 Moving into the Trustees' comments for this
22 evening, Mrs. Lucci.

23 MRS. LUCCI: Thank you Mr. Chairman.
24 Well, since our last meeting, which was just a
25 week ago, we have received emails and social

1 media posts regarding the proposed RID. And I
2 would like to point out a few things. I know
3 we'll have more discussion later on. But a
4 Residential Improvement District in Ohio is a
5 mechanism that is fully supported by the Ohio
6 Revised Code. It supports the community by
7 funding and implementing enhancements and
8 services that improve our quality of life. It
9 can increase property values and fosters
10 engagement and pride.

11 You know, we hear from our community about
12 the needs for new and improved playground
13 surfaces, equipment, improved areas for
14 recreation, pedestrian walkways for bike riding
15 and walking. We hear concerns about traffic
16 safety and understand the crucial importance of
17 having enough road patrols to keep everyone safe
18 on the roads.

19 We understand also the crucial need for
20 continued investment in our emergency and fire
21 services. We do care about our community, our
22 schools, our children's education, our
23 businesses, and the welfare of every person who
24 lives and visits here.

25 I feel that having additional funding such

1 as a RID when our funding is limited and our
2 costs continue to rise where it is fully
3 supported by the ORC is a balanced and
4 reasonable way to fund these initiatives.

5 Aside from that, I did hear from a few
6 people regarding the Citizens Action Committee
7 on the levy amount recommendations, which I know
8 we will get to as well.

9 And with that, I would like to also wish
10 everybody a Happy 4th of July. It is my
11 favorite holiday. I take great pride not only
12 in our Concord community but in our country and
13 when it's stands for, and everyone be safe and
14 enjoy. That is my report.

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you. Great.
16 Mr. McIntosh.

17 MR. MCINTOSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
18 Yes, we got to do -- well, I got to do a summer
19 concert. I missed the others being on vacation.
20 So it was nice to come back and see we had a
21 beautiful evening last week for the concert. We
22 will not have one tomorrow because it is
23 Independence Day.

24 I also have had to deal with answering
25 questions about the RID and getting into that,

1 and we'll talk more about that in detail. But I
2 would reiterate that I think from my
3 perspective, knowing that we have to come to
4 voters in the fall and ask for support for our
5 understaffed, as Mr. Patriarca has said, safety
6 services, I feel it's our responsibility to do
7 everything we can to pursue, not just sit back
8 and say, well, we'll just hand it off to the
9 voters, so we pursue grants. We look at these
10 creative funding mechanisms. And I know there's
11 a lot of concern about the schools. I don't see
12 these as hugely negative, very small dollars
13 we're talking about, but they're meaningful to
14 Concord Township.

15 Last week, we had our second agenda meeting
16 of the year. We did see Mr. Popley, who we
17 appointed. It was his first agenda Board
18 meeting. It's great to have him. We had a very
19 lively conversation.

20 Treasurer reported that we're ahead of
21 collection about 15 percent. So we're cruising
22 along. We're projecting our number to be a
23 little bit higher than last year, so that's
24 definitely helpful.

25 We discussed at length the report that

1 Silvalo did and talked about the Quail Hollow
2 hotel property, and I believe we're working
3 on -- they did confirm for the 17th of July. So
4 those consultants will be here to make an
5 official report to all of us. I've had a chance
6 to go through that. I did the tour. So I've
7 had some looks, but they will be here for Q and
8 A and a detailed presentation of that
9 information, and I know people in the public are
10 curious to know what's in that report. So look
11 forward to having that conversation.

12 I did have a conversation with the -- one
13 of the owners of the Little Mountain Creamery
14 and Johnny's Auto Spa & Detail. Did I get that
15 right, Mr. Rose? And they're tracking to be
16 open in August and promise to have us there for
17 one of their first events.

18 And we did see the resignation in Madison
19 Township of Mr. Ken Gauntner, who has spent a
20 lot of time -- I forget. He was the County --

21 MR. ROSE: 50, 50 years total in Lake
22 County.

23 MR. MCINTOSH: And I got to know Ken
24 over the last couple years through our LCTA, and
25 wealth of knowledge, great gentleman, really

1 enjoyed working with him, and he'll be missed,
2 you know. But good luck to him after 50 years.
3 He definitely deserves to retire.

4 And with that, I just want to wish everyone
5 a Happy Independence Day. Take some time
6 tomorrow, reflect on greatness of this country
7 and how we got here, and be safe in your
8 celebration. I know that the fire department
9 doesn't want to come to your house. That
10 concludes my report.

11 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All right.
12 Thanks. Yeah, I also had some calls since our
13 last meeting regarding the RIDs or the
14 Residential Improvement Districts, and I know we
15 had a public hearing earlier prior to this
16 meeting. I'd like to thank those that were
17 present, members of our community that spoke
18 here in the open audience portion regarding the
19 RIDs, and we did have some correspondence that
20 was sent into our administrator that was read
21 into the record. So I appreciate everybody's
22 input.

23 You know, I think -- and I mentioned this
24 in the public hearing, but I think it's
25 important to reiterate, you know, how we got

1 here, and, you know, with the failure of our
2 safety levy last year, you know, a lot of what
3 we heard from our constituents and residents
4 within the community was, you need to get a
5 fresh perspective and look outside or think
6 outside the box and look for different funding
7 alternatives to offset, you know, the costs that
8 are rising for the Township. So one of those
9 initiatives was the RID. I think, again, it's a
10 funding mechanism that affects new development
11 within the Township that allows for some of that
12 money to come to the Township and funnel to the
13 Township to offset our increasing costs for
14 infrastructure needs and things of that nature.

15 There's a lot of other financial streams
16 that we've worked on as well as, you know, the
17 new formula for the local government fund that
18 will change, that will benefit Concord Township,
19 securing a State funding for the \$500,000 for
20 the waterline project that we diverted to safety
21 services. We've got that coming for those
22 residents on Girdled Road, as well as some
23 potential funding at the Federal level to offset
24 costs of Fire Station 2.

25 And as Mr. Patriarca indicated, you know,

1 the Board was very busy since last year working
2 on generating new financial streams to offset
3 the costs to our residents when we go in the
4 fall and ask for money to support our safety
5 initiatives.

6 So I think it's important again to
7 reiterate how we got here. I think it is a
8 benefit for Concord Township, and we've done a
9 lot of work since last fall to try to get to
10 this point.

11 I know that I also had some calls regarding
12 the Citizens Action Committee report. We went
13 into that briefly at our last meeting, but we
14 didn't really go into the recommendation. We're
15 going to have some discussion here further on
16 the record in the new business portion of the
17 meeting tonight.

18 I did have a couple calls from some
19 residents regarding some civil issues they're
20 having with the property easement and some
21 shared responsibility from other entities that
22 had some questions for me. And I also had an
23 issue of a call that was given to me regarding a
24 trespassing complaint with the removal of some
25 trees and things of that nature that I forwarded

1 over the Sheriff's Department to look at, which
2 they did, and remedied that for us.

3 Other than that, I'd also like to
4 congratulate Ken Gauntner on his retirement. I
5 worked with him in the County when I was in the
6 Sheriff's Department. He was a County
7 Administrator. Great public servant for a
8 number of years, and a great Township Trustee.
9 So I wish him the best.

10 And I also would like to wish everybody a
11 Happy 4th of July and be safe and celebrate
12 responsibly.

13 With that, that concludes our comments. We
14 will move into department reports for the
15 evening, starting with our administrator, Andy
16 Rose.

17 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. Dondorfer,
18 Members of the Board, Mr. Patriarca, members of
19 the audience, good evening.

20 As usual, I'll start with some items on the
21 agenda. Item B is Resolution 2024-13, which
22 creates the Residential Improvement District,
23 the RID, for the Ivy Ridge Subdivision. It
24 should be noted, I'm requesting that the
25 Trustees table Item A, which is Resolution

1 2024-12, that is the Villas at Canterwood
2 Residential Improvement District, as that public
3 hearing won't happen until a later date.

4 And at the appropriate time, Mr. Dondorfer,
5 I would ask that you set a public hearing for
6 the Villas of Canterwood RID for the first
7 meeting in September, September 4th, at 7:15.
8 Actually, I would make it 7:00, based on the
9 length of the last RID hearing earlier today.

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: On what date?

11 MR. ROSE: September 4th.

12 Item C is resolution 2024-20. That is the
13 resolution which requests the County Auditor to
14 certify the valuation for a tax levy. I know
15 we're going to get into a discussion about this
16 at the appropriate time.

17 Items D through H are all votes regarding
18 fire department personnel.

19 Item I is a vote to approve the final
20 development plan for Canterwood Villas, for
21 Villas at Canterwood.

22 Item J is a vote for a purchase order to
23 Rush Truck Centers of Ohio Incorporated. That
24 is for a new 2024 plow truck chassis in the
25 amount of \$107,789.15. We actually ordered this

1 truck in 2022, and it's now ready. That's how
2 far behind a lot of this equipment is.

3 That concludes the agenda items to touch
4 on.

5 Moving on, while it's not listed on the
6 agenda, I am requesting that the Board of
7 Trustees enter into an executive session at the
8 end of this meeting for the purpose of
9 discussing pending legal matters with our law
10 director pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section
11 121.22(g)(3).

12 A little bit of -- I guess it's great news
13 and it's sad news for Concord Township, but on
14 July 1, 2024, I received a letter from Captain
15 Calhoun from the Fire Department indicating his
16 intent to retire on July 31, 2024. This was an
17 anticipated letter. With great reluctance, I
18 accepted his letter on behalf of the Trustees.
19 Captain Calhoun will be significantly -- he will
20 be missed here in the Township, and I have
21 invited Captain Calhoun to the next Trustees
22 meeting on July 17th. So we look forward to
23 seeing him then.

24 So the Governor signed the Capitol Budget
25 Bill. The \$500,000 was still in it after he

1 signed it. I double checked.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Great news.

3 MR. ROSE: Not that I don't trust the
4 State. Love those guys. So we're set for the
5 500,000 for the waterline extension project.

6 Earlier today, I received the set of papers
7 from the OBM, Ohio Office of Budget &
8 Management, and they've outlined the steps in
9 the paperwork that we need to fill out and
10 submit in order to close that out. So I'll be
11 working on that next week. I've touched bases
12 with Bob Parker, our engineer on the project,
13 and we're also meeting next week to shell out a
14 timeline on the appropriate time to go to bid
15 and the appropriate time that we want the work
16 to be conducted. So all that's starting to fall
17 into place, and that's -- it doesn't sound like
18 it's moving fast, but it's -- now that the money
19 is solidified, it's going to move pretty quick.
20 And we'll probably be digging, installing new
21 water lines end of the year, beginning of the
22 year, in the winter months.

23 One more time, I would like to thank State
24 Senator Jerry Cirino and State Representative
25 Jamie Callender for their work and their support

1 of this project. It is greatly appreciated. So
2 thank them both.

3 For what it's worth, we did receive
4 notification from the management team of the
5 Quail Hollow Hotel property that they have --
6 they have signed a contract and hired a
7 landscaping company, and we anticipate that the
8 grass should be cut soon. So it's not something
9 I'd hold my breath over, but --

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Quail Hollow soon,
11 right?

12 MR. ROSE: I'm sorry?

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Quail Hollow soon.
14 They're on their own clock.

15 MR. ROSE: Right, exactly. But it's
16 better news than we have received in the past,
17 so hopefully, something will happen.

18 The next coffee with the Administrator is
19 scheduled for Thursday, July 25th. That's at
20 9:00 at the Community Center.

21 And a common theme, you know, I hope
22 everyone has an enjoyable and safe Independence
23 Day Holiday. Please take some time to reflect
24 on how we got 248 years old in this great
25 experiment.

1 That concludes my -- and when we get to the
2 RID discussion, if we break into a discussion, I
3 may have some comments to add to that
4 discussion. Thank you, sir.

5 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Going on
6 into our Fire Department. Chief Sabo.

7 CHIEF SABO: Good evening, everyone.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening.

9 CHIEF SABO: So for the month of June,
10 we had a total of 262 incidents, bringing our
11 2024 year-to-date call volume to 1,589. By
12 comparison, this time last year, we were at
13 1,430. So we have already -- we're already on
14 track to exceed our call volume from last year
15 when we set a record. So we are getting busier.

16 In EMS, we had 162 total events with 130
17 transports to local hospitals. We had 99
18 non-EMS events, including eight fires inside of
19 Concord. We had five fires, including four
20 vehicles and one gas grill. And we assisted in
21 three fires outside of Concord, including two
22 possible structure fires and one smoke in the
23 building.

24 I know this didn't happen in June or in
25 July, but -- or in June, but I want to give

1 kudos to A shift and the Lake County Sheriff's
2 Office Communications Division for a job well
3 done. I'm not going to take anything away from
4 mom, because she did all the work, trust me.
5 But this is a rare occurrence for us that we get
6 involved in an active childbirth situation, and
7 certainly, it's even more unusual that the
8 dispatcher had to coach mom through it. The
9 baby was delivered before we arrived.

10 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Wow.

11 CHIEF SABO: So that was all done by
12 guidance over the phone. Fantastic work by
13 Amanda at Central Dispatch. This was her first
14 night on running solo on the fire desk.

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Talk about, wow.

16 CHIEF SABO: And I had to stop out at
17 dispatch center that night, and I took him a
18 birthday cake to celebrate. But no one else in
19 that room at dispatch that night had ever --
20 with all the years of experience, had ever had
21 that opportunity to coach someone through a
22 childbirth over the phone, so a rare occurrence.
23 Mom and baby were transported successfully.
24 They're doing well, from what I hear. But I
25 have to report so much trauma all the time, and

1 this was a breath of fresh air to give some good
2 news and a good -- feel good, feel good story.

3 MR. ROSE: That's great.

4 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yeah, great.

5 MR. ROSE: That's great.

6 CHIEF SABO: So we did give mutual aid
7 25 times. We received mutual aid 10 times, and
8 we had about 81 overlapping calls for about 31
9 percent of our call volume in the month of June.

10 Fire prevention completed 75 inspections,
11 accounting for about 90 hours. Completed 6 plan
12 reviews for new businesses or changes to
13 business, and completed 4 hours of continuing
14 education.

15 Additionally, we were out performing public
16 education in force in the month of June. On
17 June 1st, we had Jammin On Johnnycake at the
18 Painesville Assembly of God Car Show. So we
19 were present at that. We had a community CPR
20 AED Stop the Bleed at Station 1 on June 3rd. On
21 June 11th, we hosted a dinner at the firehouse
22 with the firefighters. So we donated this
23 dinner for six to the Painesville Rotary to
24 raffle off as a fundraiser, and all the
25 firefighters chipped in and bought dinner and

1 cooked it for them. And the family came up and
2 celebrated. They got a station tour and got to
3 learn a little bit more about the fire service
4 and Concord Fire Department. So that was pretty
5 cool. We have a couple more of those out to
6 different raffles throughout the County right
7 now.

8 On June 18th, we were at Touch A Truck
9 Program at the Goddard School. On June 25th, we
10 were out again doing CPR AED and Stop the Bleed
11 training for Dworkin & Bernstein Law Firm.

12 On June 27th, we got invited by UH Tripoint
13 to perform a squad demonstration to the Hondros
14 College of Nursing. They have an association
15 with UH for these high school kids that are
16 possibly looking in the medical field for a
17 career. So they had a chance. We took a
18 mannequin out there, and they got a chance to
19 practice innovations and IVs and all kinds of
20 different things. So that was pretty cool. And
21 there was probably about 60 or 70 kids involved
22 in that. So that was pretty neat.

23 And then on June 28th, we were at Quail
24 Hollow Country Club for their fireworks show, as
25 we are every year. Fire prevention's out making

1 sure it's safe, and then the duty crew comes up
2 and just gives tours of the fire trucks and
3 ambulances. So it's a pretty good, pretty good
4 event. I guess the rain held out for them, so
5 that was good.

6 In regards to the agenda, Items F and H are
7 all referencing -- are both referencing, these
8 are both voluntary demotions of firefighters
9 that are formerly Firefighter 1. So Firefighter
10 1 is a rank that part-timers can get that
11 dedicates them to a certain number of hours per
12 month. It guarantees them 120 hours a month, so
13 they're working 24 hour -- every other 24 hour
14 shift. But unfortunately, two of our
15 Firefighter 1 part-timers have been hired full
16 time elsewhere, one by Richmond Heights Fire
17 Department, one by Mentor Fire Department. So
18 their hours are going to reduce at Concord. So
19 this is a perfect example of the flux that
20 public safety staffing is in right now. You
21 know, there's still a possibility that they
22 continue working for us and maybe have an
23 opportunity to work for us full time, but the
24 fact of the matter is, they did get hired
25 somewhere else, and they're moving on.

1 Items D and E, as Administrator Rose
2 mentioned, with Captain Calhoun's retirement, I
3 hope you look favorably on those items, D and E,
4 in support of Lieutenant Yoder and Firefighter
5 White as promotions up to officer ranks. Yoder
6 to Captain and White to Lieutenant. They went
7 through a pretty rigorous testing process,
8 written, oral interviews, assessment centers.
9 And so they worked very hard, as did all the
10 candidates. And it's never an easy decision,
11 because, as you've mentioned in the past, when
12 you do interviews, we have a stellar group of
13 officers and firefighters. Stay tuned.

14 So on July 22nd, we'll be having an event
15 for Captain Calhoun at the fire station at 11:00
16 to kind of congratulate him, and we'll be giving
17 him his last ride home to help him start his
18 retirement with him and his wife Stacy.

19 And unless you have questions, that's all I
20 got.

21 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thanks, Chief.
22 Appreciate it. Have a good holiday.

23 CHIEF SABO: You too.

24 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Service
25 Department, Mr. Rose.

1 MR. ROSE: Thank you. Mr. Brown has
2 got some well-deserved time off.

3 Service Department, in the month of June,
4 performed road repairs around the Township and
5 maintenance operations. Over 200 yards of
6 concrete were poured in the Hunt Club to replace
7 some road slabs, crack ceiling on several
8 asphalt roadways, and Durapatch repairs over on
9 Cascade.

10 In addition, they're doing ditch
11 maintenance, some culvert replacements, and
12 grounds maintenance continues by the Service
13 Department.

14 The week of June 17th, Viewmount and Page
15 Drive received their asphalt resurfacing, and
16 they look great. I've snuck out myself.
17 Viewmount still has to be crack sealed along the
18 concrete curb, and then there's a treatment of
19 reclamite that seals the new asphalt.

20 Winchell Road, the resurfacing and culvert
21 replacements on Winchell Road are scheduled to
22 begin the second week in July. Once that job
23 starts, Winchell will be closed to through
24 traffic once construction begins for about 60
25 days. I'm going to repeat that for our

1 residents. Winchell Road, once this
2 construction project begins the second week in
3 July, Winchell Road will be closed to through
4 traffic for about 60 days. Residents,
5 obviously, will be able to access their homes.

6 The Lake County Stormwater Department will
7 be overseeing a pretty good sized drainage
8 improvement project on Grandridge Pointe Drive.
9 That project will begin the week of August 12th.
10 There's some significant erosion from a failed
11 storm sewer outlet, and that will be repaired
12 and the storm sewer reconnected to a new outlet.
13 And that project is funded with stormwater
14 dollars.

15 And the Service Department reminds
16 residents, if you have any questions or
17 concerns, to contact them at 440-350-3225, or
18 you can email them through the Township website
19 under the Service Department tab.

20 That concludes the Service Department
21 report.

22 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: And I believe
23 you're giving the Zoning Department report also.

24 MR. ROSE: I am. Mrs. Freeman is also
25 enjoying some well-deserved time off.

1 The Zoning Department, during the month of
2 June, the Zoning Department staff processed 45
3 zoning permit applications, bringing the year-
4 to-date total up to 217. For this month, we had
5 12 fences, 9 accessory buildings, 6 swimming
6 pools, 6 single-family dwellings, 5 decks, 2
7 accessory structures, and 2 residential
8 additions. We did approve a couple of new
9 business permits, Quality Imaging Solutions.
10 They're a business that sells and repairs office
11 equipment, and they're located at 7757 Auburn
12 Road. And then Hockman Design Studio, they're a
13 general building contractor, and they're also at
14 7757 Auburn Road. And we appreciate their
15 investment in our community.

16 Additionally, zoning staff was busy
17 performing and completed 77 property inspections
18 with open zoning permits, issued 43 zoning
19 certificate of compliance for projects that were
20 completed. The staff also began 29 new
21 investigations about potential zoning
22 violations.

23 And finally, next week's regular Board of
24 Zoning and Appeals meeting was canceled as no
25 applications were filed.

1 That concludes the zoning report for today.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you,
3 Mr. Rose.

4 Moving on to recreation, we have with us
5 Susie Cobb this evening. Welcome, Susie.

6 MS. COBB: Thank you.

7 MR. ROSE: Appreciate you coming so I
8 don't have to give this report.

9 MS. COBB: Yes, because Mr. Supler is
10 also enjoying some time off.

11 MR. ROSE: Good.

12 MS. COBB: Well deserved, also. The
13 Recreation Department has been hard at work and
14 excited for a very busy July and August. Our
15 summer concert series are halfway done. June
16 has been a huge success, lots of people coming,
17 and food trucks, and it's fun. Attendance has
18 been excellent. The bands have been fun. And
19 we look forward to our July schedule. Reminder
20 that there is none tomorrow due to the 4th. We
21 do have, our next concert will be July 11th
22 featuring Hickory Rockers. The only food truck
23 that will be there is East Coast Custard, just a
24 side note. And the full concert schedule, plus
25 food trucks are available online on our website

1 too.

2 We had our June tennis camp that was for 6-
3 to 8-year-olds held in June from the 19th to the
4 21st. We had five kids sign up for that. And
5 we have another session in July starting on the
6 17th, and we still have some openings for the 6
7 to 8 and the 9 to 12 year olds. So if you're
8 interested in that.

9 And then rookie sports baseball is
10 currently going on. It's Tuesday evenings here
11 at the ball field. There are over 20 or -- I'm
12 sorry. There's 45 kids and over 35 of them are
13 Concord residents.

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Great.

15 MS. COBB: And every time I do the
16 registrations, I'm just amazed that the need is
17 here. And I'm so grateful that we are able to
18 give that.

19 June 12th, we had our Father's Day cookout
20 for the 55 plus group. And thank you to --
21 well, he's gone. But thank you to Chief Sabo
22 and Fidel for coming and helping cooking for
23 burgers and grilling, along with all the
24 delicious food sides that were available to
25 celebrate our wonderful fathers out there.

1 Upcoming events for our seniors, July 10th
2 is Stories of the Frontier. Tanya will be
3 talking about the early settlers here in Lake
4 County. The 17th is National Hot Dog Day. So
5 of course, Rachel, I'm sure, is going to be
6 serving some hot dogs that day. All are
7 welcome.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: We're going to
9 limit that.

10 MS. COBB: I'll do the ordering so I'll
11 make, so I'll make sure we have enough.

12 And then the 24th of July is the Summer
13 Olympics Bingo, and Bingo is a very huge hit, so
14 make sure you register for them.

15 Our Old Stone School, I'm very excited
16 about, is going to be hosting a storybook walk
17 reveal on July 20th at 12:00. I'm currently in
18 the process of getting these together for Dan.
19 There's going to be around the -- yep, the
20 Gardens, the Concord Gardens, over at the
21 schoolhouse, there will be a story walk, where
22 the people can go along the edges of the garden
23 and read a story. Eventually, we're hoping to
24 bring one to the Community Center, too, to the
25 walkway over there. And then, of course, Dan

1 will have tours on August 10th at Community Day
2 for the schoolhouse from 4 to 6.

3 Speaking of Community Day, it is coming.
4 We're very excited. We have a full schedule of
5 events. You can definitely look at the website
6 and see what is going on. There will also be a
7 postcard that will go through Valpack that will
8 be sent out to residents and then part of the
9 surrounding communities. And a few of the main
10 programs, though, that are on for that day is
11 Fire Station Pancake, free pancake breakfast.
12 Open house will be also held for the new fire
13 station from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. that
14 morning. And yes, this is a free event, so
15 please come and join us.

16 There'll be free yoga class at the Gazebo
17 from 8:30 to 9:15, run by Lake Yoga. Thank you
18 for participating with us.

19 The parade, which we're very excited to
20 have for our second year in a row, will be at
21 11:15. We are definitely looking for more
22 people to participate. We have many that are
23 already, but we could take any groups,
24 businesses, HOAs, residents who want to
25 participate in that. Actually, I was just

1 driving down our road at home and there was a
2 lady making a float and I had to stop and ask.
3 I asked her, and she was so excited to be able
4 to come to our parade. So if you see someone
5 making a float, ask them. We can fit them in
6 for sure. And what else was I going to say
7 about that? Oh, and you can just reach out to
8 us at the rec office and we can certainly send
9 you an application for participation. The main
10 event will begin at 4:00 p.m. and go till 10,
11 which follow is followed by the fireworks. The
12 kids world will include Jungle Terry,
13 Dr. Awesome and his Amazing Bubble show, Concord
14 Alliance Carnival Games, face painters, balloon
15 twisters, inflatables, and the famous Frog Jump.
16 So lots to do for kiddos. And then we will also
17 have our beer and wine sales along with plenty
18 of food trucks. The bands are Disco Express and
19 Four Kings and a Queen. And everything will be
20 capped off with the amazing fireworks show. So
21 please come and join us on Saturday, August
22 10th. A lot of love and hard work goes into
23 this event, so we love to be able to participate
24 with people.

25 The other thing is if you are not signed up

1 for the eGrapevine, I am on a mission,
2 personally, to make sure everyone has signed up
3 for the eGrapevine. So please go to our
4 website, and you'll see it right in the center
5 of the screen to be able to sign up for our
6 newsletters. And you can do that on
7 Concordtownship.com, or you can call us, and we
8 will certainly do it, too. A reminder that
9 there is no summer printed Grapevine this year.
10 We have gone to the two per year, so the next
11 one will be in late August. We are currently
12 right in the mix of planning or figuring that
13 out along with the Community Day, but it will go
14 all the way through February. So that is a
15 change that is new this year, but I think it's a
16 great change. Please feel free to call out to
17 us if you need anything.

18 But I have to personally congratulate Kenny
19 Gauntner. I grew up with his daughter. His
20 daughter is my sister's -- one of her dearest
21 friends, and he lived right around the corner
22 from us. So I've known him his entire journey
23 almost. So congratulations Kenny.

24 And everyone have a Happy 4th of July. And
25 if you have any questions, give us a call at

1 440-639-4650. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thanks Susie. And
3 our Law Enforcement report, Lake County
4 Sheriff's Office. Lieutenant Musleh, welcome.

5 LIEUTENANT MUSLEH: Hello. Good
6 evening.

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Good evening.

8 LIEUTENANT MUSLEH: So for the month of
9 June, we had 875 calls for service altogether.
10 For accidents, we had 8 injury accidents and 6
11 property damage accidents. For traffic
12 enforcement, we had 15 citations with 127
13 warnings. Total arrests were 10 in Concord, 2
14 of those were felonies. The arrests were
15 misdemeanors. Three of those were OVIs,
16 operating under the influence. For other calls
17 and investigations, we had 53 alarms that we
18 responded to, 30 suspicious calls, whether it's
19 suspicious vehicles, persons, or circumstances.
20 We had one burglary which involved a firearm on
21 Morley Road. Can't give too much info about it.
22 It's still under investigation. There's two
23 juveniles, two juvenile males that are under
24 investigation for the burglary. Two sex
25 offenses, 4 domestic violence investigations.

1 We have 21 disturbances, a drug investigation
2 which came from a traffic stop in Concord, and
3 then one motor vehicle theft, and then one
4 weapons call.

5 In reference to the speed trailer we have
6 for Concord, it's been in six different
7 locations last month. Currently, it's on
8 Timberlane. Before that, it was on Prouty.

9 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Great.

10 LIEUTENANT MUSLEH: That concludes my
11 report.

12 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thanks.

13 MRS. LUCCI: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Be safe. That
15 concludes our departmental reports for this
16 evening. And moving into the audience portion
17 of the meeting, if there's anybody that would
18 like to come forward to the podium, if you could
19 state your name and your address and speak on
20 the record.

21 Okay. Seeing that we have no one, we'll
22 move into old business. We have no old
23 business, so we will move into the new business.
24 And we have several votes for this evening.

25 MR. MCINTOSH: I believe, according to

1 Mr. Rose, we were going to table Item A.

2 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes. Item No. A
3 we are going to table.

4 MR. MCINTOSH: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: And we'll address
6 that at the next --

7 MR. MCINTOSH: We'll set that -- I
8 think we were looking to set that public hearing
9 for 7:00 on the 4th of September, which is our
10 first meeting in September.

11 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: We can do that.

12 MR. MCINTOSH: We're all good with
13 that?

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes.

15 MRS. LUCCI: Yes.

16 MR. ROSE: Okay. I'll get the
17 appropriate notices out and the new letter.
18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. So we'll
20 move on Item B.

21 MR. MCINTOSH: Mr. Chair, I move to
22 approve Resolution 2024-13, creating the Ivy
23 Ridge Incentive District, and declaring
24 improvements and parcels within the district to
25 be a public purpose and exempt from taxation as

1 provided in Section 5709.73 of the Ohio Revised
2 Code and related authorizations.

3 MRS. LUCCI: And I'll second.

4 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Any discussion?

5 MR. MCINTOSH: Yeah, I mean, we had the
6 public hearing. We talked about that.
7 Certainly, the Township budget is in a state of
8 necessity, and, you know, I'll reiterate my
9 point that I feel it's a responsibility of us to
10 do as much as we can to adequately fund Township
11 Government, especially at a time when you have
12 to ask taxpayers to come into their pocket and
13 have to contribute more. I know we have
14 residents who are concerned about cost taxes.
15 At the same time, we have to balance the cost of
16 running the government. And so I think doing
17 all the things we've been doing this year, this
18 being one of them, is a responsible step. I
19 know you guys have some comments and more.

20 MRS. LUCCI: Yeah, I think if we didn't
21 take advantage of this opportunity, that
22 wouldn't do a favor for anybody.

23 MR. MCINTOSH: No.

24 MRS. LUCCI: I sort of mentioned in my
25 report all of the needs that we hear in our

1 community, and this will allow some of those
2 improvements that we probably would not be able
3 to afford if we didn't have it. So I, you
4 know -- again, we support our schools. We
5 support children's education. But because this
6 is something that we are legally able to do, I
7 feel that it is -- it's a great opportunity.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: I agree. You
9 know, I think it's an opportunity for us to
10 offset the increasing costs in the Township. We
11 heard our voters after the failed safety levy
12 last fall. We're doing everything that we can
13 to generate new financial streams for the
14 Township's costs, and I think this is a good
15 opportunity for us to do some of that. There
16 was some feedback that we received that, you
17 know, this is something that should be put to
18 the voters. And, you know, my response to that
19 is, we've all been elected to make some
20 challenging and difficult decisions at times,
21 and this decision is not something that
22 realistically would go to the voters. It's
23 something that we have an opportunity to do to
24 benefit the community, and we're tasked to be
25 good stewards of the Township. And this is an

1 avenue I think we need to pursue. So I'm in
2 support of it.

3 It does not diminish significantly to the
4 schools' budgets, and they will still, I
5 believe, receive 25 percent of the dollars
6 generated by the RID --

7 MR. ROSE: Of the improvement.

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Of the
9 improvement.

10 MR. ROSE: Correct.

11 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right. So I'm in
12 favor of that.

13 MR. MCINTOSH: I know there's a lot of
14 concern about the schools. And I think to put
15 it in contrast, I mean, Administer Rose and I
16 have talked about. We were talking about these
17 particular RIDs being less than half a percent
18 of the annual budgets at their full tilt, and
19 it's going to take a period of 10 years. And we
20 have the option for 30 to go and say, hey, we
21 want this to be, but I feel it's balanced.

22 And Ohio Revised Code allows entities to do
23 this. They also do the TIFs, which the
24 Townships are doing for, again, I think between
25 15 and 20 years, same thing. And when these

1 things come into our community, we have an
2 increase of cost. And we only collect 17
3 percent of the tax dollars, so it's not like --
4 and I know residents are looking at and saying,
5 well, your budgets are growing. They're don't.
6 They're capped. Levies stay the same. So this
7 is something that helps. It doesn't solve all
8 of our problems, but, I think, again, it's a
9 good faith gesture on our part to say, we're not
10 just looking at the residents, say, well, come
11 out of pocket, we need this, you know. We're
12 going to do what we can.

13 And right, it does impact the schools, but
14 we're not slashing their budget by millions.
15 This is tiny, and I just think it's responsible
16 governance on our part.

17 Happy to continue having conversations with
18 the schools. I've noticed they haven't come and
19 reached out to us or spoken with us about this.
20 So we're here to be cooperative as much as
21 possible. We're realizing ORC, and I think it's
22 responsible.

23 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

24 MRS. LUCCI: Aye.

25 MR. ROSE: I will roll call vote.

1 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Roll call vote.

2 MR. PATRIARCA: I'm sorry. Mrs. Lucci?

3 MRS. LUCCI: Yes.

4 MR. PATRIARCA: Mr. McIntosh?

5 MR. MCINTOSH: Yes.

6 MR. PATRIARCA: Mr. Dondorfer?

7 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes.

8 MRS. LUCCI: All right, moving on.

9 Mr. Chair, I move to approve Resolution
10 2024-20, Resolution requesting the County
11 Auditor to certify to the taxing authority the
12 total tax valuation of the subdivision and the
13 dollar amount of revenue that would be generated
14 by a specified number of mills.

15 MR. MCINTOSH: And I will second that
16 one.

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Before we
18 vote on that, I'd like to start out by saying
19 that we did touch initially on some of the
20 results of the Citizens Action Committee at the
21 last meeting. I know that there are some
22 questions we all want to entertain about what
23 that recommendation was going to be. The
24 recommendation by the Citizens Action Committee
25 was to, in the fall, they recommended running a

1 3.9 mils straight fire levy. Mr. Rose?

2 MR. ROSE: For five years.

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: For five years.

4 MR. ROSE: Correct.

5 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Right, five year
6 levy. And, you know, we haven't entertained
7 questions on that. There's a lot involved in
8 that. We thought outside the box and had this
9 committee do a lot of work. It was very
10 insightful, but it took a lot of time to digest.
11 I read it several times. It's a report that's a
12 public record that anybody can get. I urge you
13 to read it. And, you know, once you digest it,
14 some of the things I liked about it, it's sort
15 of -- we had that permanent safety levy that was
16 commingled to fund both fire and police.

17 If we do decide to run a straight fire levy
18 in the fall to sustain what we need as far as a
19 level of service here for both fire and police,
20 what that allows us to do with the permanent
21 safety levy would allow us to generate and fund
22 the sheriff directly out of that levy and
23 return -- or to get the 10 deputies with the
24 Sheriff's Department, which would give us two
25 deputies 24/7, because we all understand that

1 you need five full-time deputies to fund one,
2 24/7, 365 days a year. So I sort of like that
3 part of it.

4 I also like the fact that if that is
5 successful and we do fund the sheriff out of the
6 permanent safety levy, officers that are there
7 now or new ones that will be coming in won't be
8 exposed or have to worry about maybe another
9 five year levy down the road, and is my job
10 going to be secure, or am I going to have to
11 count on the voters five years down the road to
12 keep my job here, because I know, I've been in
13 the business 32 years, it's imperative that we
14 keep the cadre of firefighters and the cadre of
15 law enforcement officers that we have in the
16 Township right now to service the needs of a
17 growing community. One deputy 24 hours a day
18 does not do that.

19 And if we're able to keep that cadre of
20 officers, and they're not looking to, you know,
21 laterally transfer to other agencies because of
22 better incentives, and they know they have
23 security here, then I think we're doing a good
24 thing for the Township.

25 So, you know, as well as the other things

1 that we've done to offset the ask, as far as
2 generating other financial revenue, with some of
3 the other things that we've talked about, the
4 RIDs, different grants, things of that nature,
5 you know, we're trying to do what we can, but
6 we're in a dire position right now, and we're
7 going to need everybody to help out on this.
8 And, you know, we plan on, you know, trying to
9 reach out and connect and communicate with as
10 many people that we can to explain this ask
11 through different venues, and I think it's
12 important. It's an important time for our
13 community. We all understand that safety is
14 imperative to the health and wellness of any
15 community, and we have an obligation to make
16 sure our residents are safe.

17 MRS. LUCCI: Yeah, so I feel that this
18 is a very balanced, very reasonable approach.
19 The Committee did look at higher levy amounts
20 and had good reason for that. But I think kind
21 of meeting somewhere in the middle, and I think
22 Mr. Patriarca, you could also attest that, will
23 help us meet those five year goals.

24 MR. PATRIARCA: Yeah, absolutely.
25 Yeah, absolutely. So with the millage proposed

1 by the CAC, it allows the safety services
2 cohesive unit to operate within the budget for
3 the next five years, allowing 10 sheriffs, which
4 allows 24/7, two sheriffs always on patrol,
5 which was one of the -- it was one of the
6 benchmarks that, you know, when the group was
7 together and they were discussing, again, there
8 were a lot of options on the table, and, you
9 know, that was one of the options that they were
10 steadfast on. And that was one of the
11 benchmarks that, you know, when we came to brass
12 tacks, it was -- I don't want to say
13 non-negotiable, but it was something that a lot
14 of people in that room felt very sternly about,
15 and I think those feelings echoed that of the
16 residents throughout the Township.

17 And so with that in mind, that level of
18 service, the millage that they recommended was
19 appropriate, and it was appropriate for a term
20 of, you know, a number of years, which is
21 realistic and that allows the Township to plan
22 adequately as opposed to, hey, you know, this,
23 this gets us through the next 24 months, or this
24 gets us through the next 36 months, where, you
25 know, we really -- the people, and I agree,

1 really felt that having to go back constantly
2 and ask and ask and ask was just something that,
3 you know, they weren't comfortable doing and
4 leaving the Board and the community in a state
5 of flux to where, if we don't pass this next
6 levy in 24 months, we're back in the same
7 position where we're losing personnel, we're
8 having to cut back on hours, whatever the case
9 may be. And Carl kind of spoke to the
10 challenges of retaining that talent.

11 And so this particular package was
12 something that everyone felt comfortable with.
13 Granted, there were people in the room that
14 wanted more, certainly. But I think at the end
15 of the day, we had to find that middle ground,
16 or they had to find that middle ground, rather,
17 to have a recommendation that was responsible
18 for the taxpayers, every citizen in Concord,
19 that they were going to have the safety services
20 they needed, you know, that they would be
21 comfortable with. I don't want to say -- it's
22 not a bare minimum situation, but certainly, you
23 know, there was entertainment of more, for sure,
24 and the need was there, potentially. And so I
25 think that they did a great job of balancing the

1 needs of the community and the realistic costs
2 associated for each taxpayer, and the number
3 that they came up with reflects that. And from
4 a fiscal perspective, I'm comfortable with that
5 over the next five year period.

6 MRS. LUCCI: I mean, I think it was
7 kind of a no-brainer that we already had this
8 permanent safety levy, that why touch it? You
9 know, it can fund deputies that we need to
10 patrol. And so asking for a straight fire levy
11 seems to make a lot more sense. I mean, Chief
12 told us today that you had a -- the calls that
13 we have so far this year exceed what we had last
14 year, which was already a record. You know, we
15 get around the same number of calls, around
16 1,000 a month from law enforcement. Nothing's
17 getting better. Things are going up. Things
18 are costing more money. We have to retain the
19 talent. You know, I hate to see anybody go for
20 full-time jobs somewhere else. So I feel that
21 it's a good ask that it -- you know, they looked
22 at the type of people that live in our community
23 and the ability to be able to afford these types
24 of services. I think that's very important.
25 And they really educated me a lot on why the 3.9

1 makes sense and why it is an investment that we
2 all need to be a part of.

3 MR. MCINTOSH: Yeah, I want to take a
4 minute and just thank the Committee once again.
5 You know, one of my favorite phrases in
6 leadership is being in the fog of war, and I
7 definitely feel they helped us see through that
8 clarity, you know. We have dealt with safety
9 funding for a lot. We agreed to hire additional
10 deputies. We put the levy on the ballot last
11 time. We talked about the construction project
12 for fire stations and that desperate need for
13 facilities. And when the levy failed, I think
14 there was definitely, which option? Not that we
15 didn't know what to do, and they didn't tell us
16 things we didn't know, but it was seeing its way
17 through. What is the path? What is the best
18 path here?

19 What I like about the recommendation is the
20 clarity that it provides. Mr. Dondorfer spoke
21 about it. We are able to sort of separate
22 something that was commingled in a budgetary
23 thing. That helps the safety service budgets.
24 That the directors of the fire department, the
25 contracts we do at the Sheriff's Department. It

1 allows for clarity, so we now know what we're
2 talking. When we talk to our residents, fire
3 levies fund the fire, safety fires the police.
4 That's a clear, clean explanation to our
5 residents, so they understand, millage, what
6 they're voting for, where the money's going.
7 I'm also thinking the fiscal office probably
8 likes that tidiness maybe.

9 And it was nice that we had members come in
10 from the community to help validate our need. I
11 mean, I did some conversations with Chief and
12 Deputy Chief, and I'm rounding numbers here, but
13 I think the increase of things that we need to
14 buy, radios, heart rate monitors, replacing our
15 equipment, the increase over the next five years
16 is like a million and a half dollars. So the
17 capital expenditure number has just swollen. I
18 mean, the cost of equipment's gone up because of
19 the pandemic, the cost of paying safety
20 services. You know, we had two firefighters
21 leave. I cringe. I said it -- I said it during
22 office hours to our guests tonight, that the
23 thing that keeps me up is losing the
24 firefighters.

25 And talking about that, it's the same in

1 law enforcement. Last fall I went on a ride-
2 along with the Sheriff's Department, and I got
3 to straddle to the end of one shift, the start
4 of the next. And I saw, and I remember some of
5 my younger days when I was in law enforcement.
6 And they got some great, young, energetic,
7 enthusiastic guys. They come to work, and
8 they're excited to be cops and go out there and
9 do the right thing for our community. We don't
10 want to see them.

11 I had been on the Grand Jury, got a
12 testimony from a Painesville City Officer who
13 came to the county. He started talking about
14 why he wanted to work for the County and be in
15 the Townships. And we don't want to see that
16 guy go back to the City of Painesville. He's
17 awesome, and they're all great. I mean, I saw a
18 bunch of new guys that were like brand new
19 officers. This is our first job, and they were
20 loving it. And having been out there at one
21 point, you want that enthusiasm out there to go
22 do the traffic stop, to get the investigation,
23 to get the drug arrest. I mean, Concord has the
24 benefit of great safety services between the
25 Sheriff's Department and the fire department,

1 want to keep those people here. And the bottom
2 line is it costs what it costs. And we have
3 done everything we can to control spending and
4 management. We've done a phenomenal job, and
5 frankly, the bucket is just empty, and we need
6 to do this. I really appreciate that.

7 And I think this process brings a level of
8 accountability and transparency to our budgets.
9 We can communicate with our residents. They can
10 see what we're doing. Five years, we need more
11 money, we add another levy, we do something,
12 it's very straightforward. And I'm proud of the
13 work that we've got. We've got a lot of work to
14 get it done, but I think this is the right path.

15 MR. PATRIARCA: Yeah, and to kind of
16 expand on Mr. McIntosh's comments about the cost
17 of just a lot of the equipment. We had the
18 privilege of having a few residents in at office
19 hours, and we were discussing some of the
20 details. And it was the same faces I saw when
21 the committee was meeting. When they hear the
22 numbers of what the equipment cost is at right
23 now and what the need is, and not just like we'd
24 like to have this, no, no, we need this, it's
25 the same look. It's the same jaw drop. Oh,

1 okay. I didn't realize that at first. And then
2 at that point, you know, we really start to
3 understand that, okay, you were at this budget
4 eight years ago, it's a fixed amount, and here
5 we are in 2024, it's simply not -- not only is
6 it not sufficient, we're lacking in our -- what
7 should have been a scheduled savings for capital
8 purchases that is just not there. And so it's
9 the same facial expressions that we saw tonight
10 during office hours was the same facial
11 expressions we saw initially in the committee.

12 And, you know, obviously, I welcome any of
13 the other residents to, you know, reach out to
14 the fiscal office or the Chief, and they'll be
15 happy to share that information, and hopefully,
16 it'll be an eye opener for everyone to
17 understand, you know, what the current need is.
18 And the current ask, you know, the recommended
19 ask falls right in line with it.

20 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Mr. Rose, any
21 comments?

22 MR. ROSE: Just real quick, for the
23 benefit of our residents in the audience
24 listening, this Resolution 2024-20, this is
25 asking the County Auditor to certify an amount

1 for a 3.9 mil, five year fire levy. Should this
2 pass, when you vote, it will then be, I will
3 send it to the County Auditor on Monday morning
4 after the 4th of July long weekend, and then
5 they will send back a certification. And then
6 once we get that certification, I'll review it
7 with John Patriarca, our fiscal officer. I will
8 then coordinate with our law director to create
9 the second step, which is the actual levy ballot
10 language and passing a resolution to place it on
11 the ballot.

12 And as a reminder, the filing deadline to
13 the Lake County Board of Elections is August 7th
14 at 4:00, which is three and a half hours prior
15 to our August meeting. So I anticipate looking
16 at this on July 17th. So I just want to outline
17 the steps --

18 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Thank you.

19 MR. ROSE: -- that are going to go
20 forward. Those are the steps. And I, like
21 everyone else, I was in that Citizens Advisory
22 Committee, and I strongly encourage passage of
23 this one to get the certification back. Thank
24 you.

25 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. Roll call

1 vote.

2 MR. ROSE: Yes, sir.

3 MR. PATRIARCA: Mrs. Lucci?

4 MRS. LUCCI: Yes.

5 MR. PATRIARCA: Mr. McIntosh?

6 MR. MCINTOSH: Yes.

7 MR. PATRIARCA: Mr. Dondorfer?

8 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes.

9 Okay. Moving on, Item D.

10 MR. MCINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, vote to
11 approve the promotion of Lieutenant Troy Yoder
12 to the position of Captain, effective August
13 1st, 2024.

14 MRS. LUCCI: I second.

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

16 MR. MCINTOSH: Aye.

17 MRS. LUCCI: Aye. I just want to say,
18 just stellar. You know, we use that word all
19 the time, stellar, a bunch of --

20 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Agreed, guys.

21 MR. ROSE: Yeah, these are all great to
22 see.

23 MRS. LUCCI: Mr. Chair, I moved to
24 approve the fire department promotion of
25 Firefighter Adam White to the position of

1 Lieutenant, effective August 1st, 2024.

2 MR. MCINTOSH: I second.

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor.

4 MRS. LUCCI: Aye.

5 MR. MCINTOSH: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yeah, I'd just
7 like to say, you know, again, promoting Adam
8 White, you know, I had him as a TEMS medic on
9 the SWAT team when I was a commander. We're
10 very fortunate to have these guys. They're
11 great, Troy, Adam, both, all of them. I'm glad
12 they're promoted, and I'm glad there were two.

13 MR. MCINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to
14 approve the voluntary demotion of Firefighter 1,
15 Alexander Kensinger, to the position of part-
16 time firefighter/paramedic, effective July 1st,
17 2024.

18 MRS. LUCCI: I'll second.

19 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

20 MRS. LUCCI: Aye.

21 MR. MCINTOSH: Aye.

22 MRS. LUCCI: Mr. Chair, I move to
23 approve the promotion of part-time
24 firefighter/EMT Basic Gabriel Kovats to the
25 position part-time Firefighter 1, effective June

1 19th, 2024.

2 MR. MCINTOSH: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

4 MRS. LUCCI: Aye.

5 MR. MCINTOSH: Aye.

6 Mr. Chairman, I move to approve the
7 reassignment of Firefighter 1, Grant
8 Egensperger, to the rank of part-time regular
9 firefighter/paramedic, effective July 3rd, 2024.

10 MRS. LUCCI: And I'll second.

11 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

12 MR. MCINTOSH: Aye.

13 MRS. LUCCI: Aye. And Mr. Chair, I --
14 well, we're not doing I.

15 MR. MCINTOSH: No, no, we are.

16 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yeah, I is the
17 final plan.

18 MRS. LUCCI: Oh, sorry. Thank you.
19 It's been a long -- it's been a long day.

20 MR. MCINTOSH: For the record, for the
21 record, I slid over and asked Bridey, I was
22 like, "This isn't right." She's like, "It's
23 not" --

24 MRS. LUCCI: No, I knew that. I did.
25 Okay.

1 Mr. Chair, I move to approve the final
2 development plan for the Villas at Canterwood
3 Farms, Phase 3, Residential Conservation
4 Development.

5 MR. MCINTOSH: I second.

6 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

7 MR. MCINTOSH: Aye.

8 MRS. LUCCI: Aye.

9 MR. MCINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I love to
10 approve the PO in the amount of \$107,789.15 to
11 Rush Truck Centers of Ohio Inc. for a 2024 plow
12 truck chassis.

13 MRS. LUCCI: I'll second.

14 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: All in favor?

15 MR. MCINTOSH: Aye.

16 MRS. LUCCI:

17 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: And moving into
18 future meetings and announcements.

19 MR. PATRIARCA: The rest of the week,
20 Town Hall will be closed in observance of the
21 4th of July Holiday, so that will be July 4th
22 and July 5th. July 8th, we'll have a staff
23 meeting from 3 to 4:00 p.m. here at Town Hall.
24 4:00 p.m., we'll have the public hearing, the
25 2025 tax budget Town Hall. 4:10, we will have a

1 special meeting at Town Hall. July 10th, the
2 BZA meeting will be canceled. And July 17, from
3 6:30 to 7:30, Trustee office hours in the
4 conference room, immediately followed by the
5 Trustee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

6 MR. MCINTOSH: Mr. Chairman, I move to
7 enter executive session to discuss pending
8 litigation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code
9 121.22(g)(3), and to have Ms. Matheney and
10 Mr. Patriarca and Mr. Rose join the executive
11 session.

12 MRS. LUCCI: I'll second.

13 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Roll call vote.

14 MR. PATRIARCA: Mr. Dondorfer?

15 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Yes.

16 MR. PATRIARCA: Mrs. Lucci?

17 MRS. LUCCI: Yes.

18 MR. PATRIARCA: Mr. McIntosh?

19 MR. MCINTOSH: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN DONDORFER: Okay. And after
21 we exit executive session, there will be no
22 further business this evening. So thank you,
23 Concord Township. Good night.

24 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
25 8:30 p.m.)

1 The State of Ohio,)
 2) SS: CERTIFICATE
 3 County of Cuyahoga.)
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5 I, Kimberly M. Smoot, Court
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 7 is a true and correct transcript of my stenotype
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