

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of New Russia Township Trustee Regular Meeting

HELD

March 2, 2021

Chairman, Andrew Gulish called the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees: Andrew Gulish, Jack Hoyt, Patricia Brubaker were present as well as Fiscal Officer, Lisa Akers. Staff and Public: Kris Waechter, Desi Justin, John & Kathy Rokasy, Bryan Plemons

Motion to Approve February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-03-01**

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The Financial and Investment Reports were reviewed and found in order.

Motion to Approve Liability and Property Insurance

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve yearly Liability and Property Insurance with OTARMA at a cost of \$27,247.00, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2021-03-02**

Motion to Approve Warrants

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve warrants totaling \$48,460.37, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2021-03-03**

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS—n/a

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STAFF REPORTS**Deputy Plemons: Calls for Service**

- Feb 7th, A report came in reference a vehicle turfing yards along Rt. 58 South of Drug Mart. Deputies located a vehicle in a front yard which obviously was involved in the above complaint. The male was arrested for DUI and his vehicle was towed.
- Feb. 7th, 10000 block of Pyle Rd., reference a call from a homeowner reporting a burglary with a female in his house with a gun. Upon arrival, deputies determined there was NO burglary and the homeowner was having issues with a new medication which caused him to hallucinate.
- Feb. 8th, 47000 block of RT. 511, reference a death investigation.
- Feb. 9th, RT 58/ Butternut Ridge Rd., reference a concerned citizen complaining of a reckless bicycle operator. This bicyclist was not located.
- Feb. 11th, 13000 block of Quarry Rd., reference a fraud complaint involving a person claiming to be from the IRS saying they had a warrant for her arrest and needed her SSN#.
- Feb. 12th, 48000 block of Garfield Rd., to check on the welfare of the homeowner after receiving a call from the customers bank. The home owner check ok.
- Feb. 13th, a New Russia Twp. resident met with deputies at Oberlin Police Dept to speak with us about yet another IRS scam.
- Feb. 14th, 45000 block of E. Hamilton St., reference a domestic violence/ assault complaint. A male was arrested and taken to jail.
- Feb. 17th, Assistance was rendered to an elderly resident on Russia Rd., who left his vehicle in the road due to snow. Deputies shoveled out a path so he could pull his vehicle into his driveway.
- Feb. 18th, Assistance was rendered to an elderly resident on Oberlin Rd., who needed to go to the doctor and his yard was covered in snow. Deputies helped clear a path in the snow so he could get to his doctors appointment.

Desi Justin: -Rental reservations are picking-up, have been receiving several inquires since the Governor is lifting restrictions. Schools have been calling regarding proms/ senior breakfast etc. Additional guidelines are needed for attendance and distancing.

Trustees suggested contacting Dave Covell at Lorain County General Health for further assistance.

-Desperados 4H Club is requesting a discounted rate for Meeting Room rental this weekend to hold meeting. Also, requested rate discount for pavilion use two (2) times per month on Thursdays. ***Trustees agreed to allow 1/2 off Rental Rate for Meeting Room this weekend. Further, they can use any pavilion at no cost on Thursdays if not rented.***

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Kris Waechter: -Awaiting mulch prices from Smith Bros and Alvarado Landscaping, Kurtz priced at \$6,266.00 for 240 yards.
 -Requesting Pesticide Budget for Season at \$16,000.00
 -Requesting upgrade of larger Spray Tank on Z Sprayer from Site One at a cost of \$1,889.00
 -Would like to bring George Fayer and Austin Kucerik back as Seasonal Employees

Motion to Approve Purchase of Spray Tank

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve purchase of a Spray Tank from Site One at a cost of \$1,889.00, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-03-04**

Motion to Approve Seasonal Employment

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve hiring Seasonal Employees as follows:
 George Fayer Step 2/Seasonal Pay Scale \$10.23/hour
 Austin Kucerik Step 2/Seasonal Pay Scale \$10.23/hour
 effective May 30, 2021, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-03-05**

Motion to Approve Pesticide Budget for Spraying Season

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the Seasonal Pesticide Spraying Budget at a cost of \$16,000.00 to Site One, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-03-06**

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

The Correspondence were reviewed and found in order.

-Reviewed and discussed email from Robert Klaiber from Lorain County Engineer's Office regarding SWAC funding for Tim Abraham's Project on Pyle-South Amherst Road. Chairman Gulish will call Mr. Klaiber with a few questions before Trustees considering signing application.

Motion to Approve Monthly Pond Maintenance

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve Monthly Pond Maintenance from The Lake Doctor's Inc. from April-October 2021 at \$608.00 per month, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-03-07**

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Motion to Approve VitaStim Application for Ponds

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve the VitaStim Application to Ponds from The Lake Doctor's Inc. at a cost of \$1,950.00, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-03-08**

Motion to Approve Triploid Grass Carp Purchase for Ponds

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve Triploid Grass Carp Purchase for Ponds from The Lake Doctor's Inc. at a cost of \$1,050.00, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2021-03-09**

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 pm for employment discussion, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2021-03-10**

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to adjourn Executive Session at 8:47 pm, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Andrew Gulish —aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2021-03-11**

Motion to Approve Special Meeting

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve Special Meeting for March 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm for Zoning Board Interviews, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2021-03-12**

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to adjourn meeting at 8:48 pm, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2021-03-13**

AFFIRMED by Andrew Gulish at March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting