

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of New Russia Township Trustee Regular Meeting**

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**HELD**

**April 20, 2021**

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Chairman, Andrew Gulish called the April 20, 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: Edie Taylor, Bryan Plemons, John & Kathy Rokasy, Desi Justin, Kris Waechter, Bryan Gill, Ryan Baisden, Rosana Marchese, Tim Abraham

**Motion to Approve April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2021-04-12**

***FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT***

*The Financial/Investment and Appropriation Reports were reviewed and found in order.*

**Motion to Approve Additional Mulch Cost**

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve additional cost of mulch to Kurtz Bros in the amount of \$3,351.00, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2021-04-13**

**Motion to Approve Warrants**

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve warrants totaling \$21,668.18, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2021-04-14**

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***PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS***

**Rosana Marchese—Republic Services, General Manager:** -Introduction as new General Manager of Republic Services, 39 years with company last 5 years in corporate. Republic Services is working diligently to be a good neighbor. Changes have been made and implemented to help control mud on road. Speed bumps have been installed, staging area has been reconstructed with new stone, fixed a broken pipe that was causing excessive water. New Wheel Wash Station has been budgeted for 2022. Drivers have been asked to stop and check trucks for loose debris before leaving site. Trash is still a concern and the higher the hill gets the more wind there is and trash gets blown. Republic is in the process of hiring six (6) employees to help with clean-up.

**Bryan Gill—Lorain County Landfill:** -Dawn Wright is no longer with company and has been replaced with Ryan Baisden. The Adopt-a-Highway was suspended over the past year due to Covid, but has recently been reinstated. Hopefully, soon Republic will be able to clean trash along Route 20.

*Deputy Plemons stated road conditions has improved along Oberlin-Elyria Road, Butternut Ridge Road Crossing remains same. Deputy Plemons stated he can coordinate with Bryan Gill and Environmental Deputies to assist workers when picking-up trash to ensure safety.*

**Tim Abraham:** -Explained drainage issue on rented farmland on Pyle Road and the need to install new drain tile which will help prevent flooding. Funding is being provided by Lorain County Storm Water Grant. Mr. Abraham stated New Russia Township only needs to acknowledge project to Mr. Don Romancek at Storm Water in order for him to secure funding. *Lisa Akers, Fiscal Officer stated as long as NRT does not have to sign anything and no payments from Storm Water will be made on behalf of New Russia Township, then no issues should arise. Chairman Gulish will contact Mr. Romancek acknowledging awareness of project.*

**David Pleasnick:** -Per email requesting ditch cleaned near his property on Butternut Ridge Road. *Trustee Hoyt and Kris Waechter will look at ditch and decide course of action.*

**Melissa Vale:** -Per email request to use parking area in Park for wedding in October to shuttle people to and from her property on Route 58. *Trustee Hoyt spoke with Melissa and stated Township could offer overflow parking at Service Complex instead of Park if other Trustees agreed. Trustees are in agreement and Trustee Hoyt will contact Melissa in near future.*

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**STAFF REPORTS**

**Eddie Taylor:** -Zoning Board of Commission needs new transcribing machine.  
*Trustees approve.*  
 -Pride Day planning is in progress.

**Deputy Plemons:           Calls for Service**

- March 23<sup>rd</sup>, The New Russia Twp. cemetery for a report a sexual activity in a motor vehicle. Deputies spoke with two subjects who were on their lunch break. The subjects were simply talking upon my arrival and decided to finish the lunch break elsewhere.
- March 24<sup>th</sup>, 13000 block of Quarry Rd., reference a house alarm. The home checked ok and the owners asked for extra patrol while they were out of town.
- March 24<sup>th</sup>, A report of a reckless driver who lost control in a field near the Drug Mart on Rt. 58. Deputies were unable to locate this vehicle and there were no signs that an accident had occurred.
- March 25<sup>th</sup>, 12000 block of Quarry Rd., to assist the Nord Center with a patient outreach. Deputies stood by while they spoke with this subject without incident.
- March 27<sup>th</sup>, A shooting complaint where a bullet, (allegedly), could be seen hitting into a neighbor's field. Deputies spoke with the home owners who had a proper back stop and were advised on the complaint.
- March 27<sup>th</sup>, 44000 block of Oberlin Elyria Rd., reference a disturbance at a local business. A subject was arrested for an outstanding warrant for their arrest.
- March 29<sup>th</sup>, 14000 block of RT. 58, reference a theft from a local business. The subject was later located in Wellington and issued a summons for theft.
- March 31<sup>st</sup>, SR. 511 at Quarry Rd., to check on the welfare of a female who was walking with a limp. Deputies located her and transported her to Vermilion where her family picked her up.
- April 1<sup>st</sup>, 12000 block of Oberlin Rd., reference a barking dog complaint. A dog was located unattended in the front yard and the home owner was cited for the noise resolution due to repeated issues with same.
- April 1<sup>st</sup>, A report came over of a suicidal female driving in a car in the New Russia Twp/ Oberlin area wanted to harm herself in a cemetery. As this deputy checked the twp. cemetery, another deputy had located her in the parking lot of the Oberlin Splash Zone. That deputy that started to yell that this female was fighting him and requested assistance. I responded to the Splash Zone and assisted in taking this female into custody. This female was transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

**Desi Justin:** -Reservations picking-up especially in Meeting Room and Shelters.  
 -Friends of LC Junior Fair has requested use of parking lot for food drive-thru, Trustee Brubaker stated Junior Fair has changed drive-thru to Keystone so parking lot is no longer needed.  
 -Covid Shot Clinics thru LC Public Health are slowing down.  
 -Would like to get pricing for canopies that cover playground equipment which protects from UV rays and keep area cooler. *Trustees agree to get prices.*

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**Kris Waechter:** -Dumpster Days was a success with 95 cars participating  
 -Cemetery is being mulched  
 -Crew is prepared for snow tonight  
 -Park seeding will start once we have more consistent weather

***TRUSTESS BUSINESS***

*Correspondence were reviewed and found in order.*

*-Trustees are not interested in Lorain County Community Alliance Membership*

*-Chairman Gulish asked if Board's opinion about allowing individuals to operate remote control boats in Cemetery Pond. Trustee Hoyt does not mind, Fiscal Officer stated she would prefer allowing in Park since people do go to Cemetery to grieve and reflect.*

**Motion to Enter into Executive Session**

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 pm for legal discussion, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-04-15**

**Motion to Adjourn Executive Session**

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to adjourn Executive Session at 8:40 pm, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-04-16**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to adjourn meeting at 8:40 pm, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-04-17**

**AFFIRMED by Andrew Gulish at May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting**

**ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting**