

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of New Russia Township Trustee Regular Meeting

HELD

May 18, 2021

Chairman, Andrew Gulish called the May 18, 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, Jack Bennett II, Desi Justin, Colin Kelly, Gabe Smith, Steven Hesler, Edith Taylor, Jim Eastin, Deputy Plemons

Motion to Approve May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve the May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2021-05-07**

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Motion to Approve Warrants

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve warrants totaling \$34,820.63, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2021-05-08**

Motion to Approve Budget Public Hearing

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve the 2022 Budget Public Hearing for June 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2021-05-09**

Fiscal Officer explained process with ServeLine in order to file a claim for recent water line break in which they would cover \$672.00 water bill received from Rural Lorain County Water Authority. Fiscal Officer requested Kris to get quotes for repair in order for Trustees to approve and get on contractors schedule as soon as rental reservation permits.

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PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

Colin Kelly—EDL Energy: -Company he represents operates a power plant at Lorain County Landfill. They are planning on building a Bio-methane Plant where they would take Landfill gas, clean then eject bio-methane into a pipeline. His company is in the process of purchasing property from City of Oberlin in the Industrial Park off Oberlin Road and would like to run a small 8" pipeline, 5 miles in length to the Columbia Gas Pipeline. He is requesting that part of the pipeline run thru the Cemetery and Park which would require an easement. *Chairman Gulish asked where in these locations were they interested.* Mr. Kelly suggested along road in Cemetery or follow edge of property thru Park. Pipeline would be 4 ft in ground which would be open for discussion or could be deeper if warranted. EDI which currently operates in the Landfill will be shutting down. *Trustee Hoyt would be interested in "Plan B" and using other surrounding properties and also inquired reason for move to Oberlin.* Mr. Kelly said due to the shortened length of pipeline is the reason for move. *Trustee Hoyt thought for a few hundred feet that is a weak argument. Trustee Hoyt also stated that this new plant would require a lot of electricity.* Mr. Kelly stated City of Oberlin has the ability to provide. *Trustee Hoyt stated even though First Energy runs thru the Landfill, you would rather build a new plant in Oberlin instead of just staying at their current location in The Landfill. Trustee Hoyt stated it doesn't make sense why Oberlin would be okay with this pipeline but opposed NEXXUS pipeline, obviously Oberlin is benefitting somehow and would like to know Plan B or even C if this does not work out.* Mr. Kelly stated this pipeline would operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and would produce the equivalent to 43,000 gallons of gasoline daily. *Fiscal Officer inquired why New Russia Township was not considered or even discussed before going to the City of Oberlin.* Mr. Kelly would like to email term proposals and have additional discussion. Trustees stated that would be fine and can return to the June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Jack Bennett—Ohio811.org: -Trustees thanked Mr. Bennett for participating in Pride Day. Mr. Bennett stated he would be available for any future presentations if needed. Trustees invited him back next year for 2022 Pride Day.

Jim Eastin: -44894 East Hamilton Street Resident, requesting cleaning of ditch. When more than average rain falls his neighbor's yard floods which in turn causes his property to flood. (Showed pictures to Trustees of flooding). Stated ditches have not been attended to in several years and he is very upset of what he and neighbors have to endure and feels problem could be solved if ditches were cleaned. *Trustee Hoyt stated he and Kris Waechter will take a look and evaluate.*

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STAFF REPORTS

Eddie Taylor: -Pride Day exceed expectations and came in under budget.

Deputy Plemons: -Requested additional security cameras in Park near pond for better visibility. *Trustees asked Deputy to work with Safe Harbor to determine best location.*

Calls for Service

- Apr. 20th, deputies were dispatched to a vacant home on Garfield Rd., near Quarry Rd., after a passerby reports seeing a Fed Ex driver parked and may need medical assistance. I responded and confirmed the driver was fine and was on his lunch break and eating his lunch.
- Apr. 20th, deputies responded to the Republic Waste recycle center, after several discarded guns were found on a conveyor belt. These items were transported to the sheriff's office for safekeeping.
- Apr. 22nd, a report of a suspicious vehicle on Albrecht Rd., driving slow past houses. Deputies checked and were unable to locate same.
- Apr. 25th, 47000 block of SR 511, reference a full arrest/ drug overdose. A subject on scene and administered Narcan and was revived. This subject was transported to the hospital.
- Apr. 29th, 44000 block of Oberlin Elyria Rd., reference a domestic violence complaint. Warrants were issued for the offender who fled the scene prior to deputies arrival.
- Apr. 29th, 44000 block of Oberlin Elyria Rd., reference a lost and found item. A customer had left a loaded firearm in a rented room after they had checked out. This deputy seized same and will attempt to locate the owner.
- Apr. 30th, deputies responded to the Republic Waste recycle center, after a report of human hands were found on the conveyor belt. More suspicious hands and/ or parts were found elsewhere inside the facility. Several hours later, with the help of the county coroner and the use of xrays at a local hospital, we determined this was a bear carcass and NOT human. It is suspected this bear was pouched in the Michigan area and disposed of in Toledo. The recycle center accepts trash from N.E and N.W Ohio.
- May 6th, 10000 block of Quarry Rd., reference a theft of credit cards and a gun. This deputy assisted in tracking down leads and pulling video footage from stores in both Greenwich, Ohio and Mansfield. The suspect vehicle was later stopped near Vermilion by deputies and additional leads established a suspect who will eventually be prosecuted for his crimes in New Russia.

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- Desi Justin:**
- Health Dept officially done using facility for Covid Shots. Thanked Trustees for use.
 - Reservations increasing
 - New Health Orders issued meaning we can go back to full capacity effective 6/2/2021. Any other social distancing options will left to renter.
 - Mobile Bars are a new trend, where alcohol would be served from parking lot. *Trustee Hoyt thinks it would a liability, along with air conditioning issues when doors are open or left open continually. **TRUSTEES stated "NO" mobile bars allowed.***
 - Carol Klinger from A Dementia Friendly Life is requesting free use of facility for Annual Meeting in October as in years passed. **Trustees Agree**
 - Items for Improvement:
 - Bees bad by doors at "The Lodge"
 - Grass clippings in mulch, landscape mound needs refreshed
 - Picnic table near pond in Park, weeds are taller than bench
 - Parents are concerned with the rocks and dirt from recent tiling
- Kris Waechter:**
- 5/7 motorist damaged guardrail on Hamilton in hit/skip accident. County no longer installs guardrails and subs out to Cuyahoga Fence. Requesting repair from Cuyahoga Fence at a cost of \$4,853.00
 - Trying to catch-up at Park
 - Will be top dressing and planting grass where new drainage tile was installed
 - Add'l Pickle Ball lines were striped
 - Drainage at Cemetery went well, Reliable Plumbing removed majority of roots, Mr. Webber is very happy with results
 - Would like to start a maintenance schedule for catch basins in near future
 - Wheel excavator requested for Cemetery at a cost estimated between \$80-100,000.00
 - Chipping Day went well—30 houses
 - 6/2/2021 next Chipping Day
 - Dumpster Days went well—recorded 75 loads, 5 dumpsters total

Motion to Approve Guard Rail Repair

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve repair of Parsons Road guardrail at a cost of \$4,853.00 from Cuyahoga Fence, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-05-10**

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TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Correspondence were reviewed and found in order.

Trustees would like to move forward with wetland discussion, contact Enviroscience.

Trustee Hoyt: -Kris and Trustee Hoyt attended hearing with Commissioners regarding Albrecht Road property drainage issues. Next Hearing will be in June and a NRT representative needs to attend. Hopefully, something will result from hearings that will benefit residents.

-Thanked employees for a successful Pride Day

Trustee Brubaker: -Resident requested Shred Truck for future Pride Days

Chairman Gulish: -Members of Oberlin City Council would like to meet with Trustees on June 26, 2021 at 9:30 am., which would include Council Members, City Manager, Trustees and Fiscal Officer.

Motion to Approve Special Meeting

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to approve Special Meeting on June 26, 2021 at 9:30 am in Picnic Shelter, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2021-05-11

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to enter into Executive Session at 8:50 pm for employee discussion, with business to follow, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2021-05-12

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to adjourn Executive Session at 9:30 pm, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2021-05-13

Motion to Approve Revised Salary Rates

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to approve the revised Salary Rates as presented retroactive to May 9, 2021, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2021-05-14

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Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to adjourn meeting at 9:31 pm, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2021-05-15

AFFIRMED by Andrew Gulish at June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting

ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting