

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of New Russia Township Trustee Regular Meeting

HELD

June 15, 2021

Chairman, Andrew Gulish called the June 15, 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, Edie Taylor, John & Kathy Rokasy, Gabe Smith, Colin Kelly

Motion to Approve 2022 Budget

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve the 2022 Budget as presented at Budget Hearing, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-06-12B**

Motion to Approve June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve the June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-06-13**

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Motion to Approve Warrants

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve Warrants totaling \$120,072.33, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-06-14**

Motion to Approve NOPEC Resolution

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant Program (NEC Grant(s)) Resolution, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-06-15**

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PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

- Colin Kelly (EDL Energy):** -Reviewed EDL Energy Proposal of easement request on Cemetery and Park Properties for 6-10" diameter renewable gas pipeline as discussed at previous meeting.
- Trustee Hoyt:* *How are you making money from this deal when natural gas is inexpensive?*
- Colin Kelly: Renewable fuel—carbon credits will be of value.
- Trustee Hoyt:* *How much gas will be produced in a 24 hour period?*
- Colin Kelly: Equivalent to 43,000 gallons of gas per day or 8,000 SCFM (Standard Cubic Feet per Minute)
- Trustee Hoyt:* *If pipe is paid upfront, then company goes out of business, what happens?*
- Colin Kelly: Pipe will be a minimum of 4' in ground in which it would stay and be depressurized or could be sold to someone else.
- Chairman Gulish:* *Where exactly is the pipeline's destination?*
- Colin Kelly: Will start from land purchased from City of Oberlin off Oberlin Road and ending at Columbia Gas on Garfield Road.
- Trustee Hoyt:* *Is land purchase from Oberlin complete? Believes all permits have not been issued.*
- Colin Kelly: Land purchase is complete, still waiting for some permits. Plant size will be on 4.79 acres of land and will be similar in size to their Indianapolis, IN plant.
- Trustee Hoyt:* *Majority of pipeline is located in New Russia Township but it will be the City of Oberlin who is benefiting the most from this deal. Also, it **won't** be the City of Oberlin who will field complaints from residents, it will be New Russia Township Trustees.*
- Colin Kelly: EDL could help field complaint calls as well.
- Trustee Hoyt:* *Would EDL provide a bond if pipeline were to close if needed?*
- Colin Kelly: Possibly
- Trustee Hoyt:* *Would like to see Township compensated as long as gas is flowing, long-term commitment desired as well as protection.*
- Chairman Gulish:* *Does not like idea of pipeline going thru Cemetery.*
- Colin Kelly: Other routes have been mapped but this route keeps away from most residents.
- Trustee Hoyt:* *Will listen to revised proposal if it includes compensation to Township as long as gas is flowing and decommissioning bond provided if needed.*
- Colin Kelly: Possibly could provide a fixed price but cannot do a market price.
- Chairman Gulish:* *Would there be any annual maintenance to pipeline included?*
- Colin Kelly: Class 4 specification with limited physical maintenance will only be intrusive if there is an issue.
- Trustee Hoyt:* Specification won't mean anything in 100 years when specs change.

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Chairman Gulish: Concerned about hardship of pipes in ground and feels some sort of perpetual maintenance is needed.

Colin Kelly: Willing to talk further, they wouldn't be building if they didn't think it would be long term and they may be able to provide a long-term fixed annual payment.

Trustees will listen to additional proposals in future. Tim Abraham explained issue to Colin Kelly when NEXUS pipeline was installed, advised to have line inspected everyday during install if going thru farmland due to tile issues.

Colin Kelly: Will work to try to resolve any unforeseen issues before construction begins.

Chairman Gulish: How long will construction last and why did they go to City of Oberlin before NRT?

Colin Kelly: Construction will take 4-6 months. Someone from EDL had a relationship with City of Oberlin and they offered land.

Chairman Gulish: Oberlin benefits and NRT get the headaches!

Mr. Kelly will return with new proposal on the July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Tim Abraham: -County now needs New Russia Township's signature on Storm Water application for a project Mr. Abraham is requesting funding for on a tiling project he is installing on a field he farms on Pyle Road.. Previously, Mr. Abraham stated all NRT had to do was acknowledge project was being considered. Now application is showing NRT as applicant. Trustees are not comfortable signing since technically NRT is not requesting funding. Mr. Abraham agreed and will contact County. Chairman Gulish will contact County as well.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to enter into Executive Session at 8:29 pm for legal discussion, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-06-16**

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to adjourn Executive Session at 9:00 pm, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-06-17**

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STAFF REPORTS

Eddie Taylor: -Landfill still closed on Saturdays

Desi Justin: -EnviroWash started cleaning at Park, should finish tomorrow
 -Sound System repair on schedule, 3-4 weeks to complete
 -After 6/5/2021 wedding, Sound System doesn't work at all, GMS Automation will try to accommodate renters till new system is installed.
 -Excessive cleaning charge will be needed for 6/5/2021 renters
 -Cloverbud Camp at "The Lodge" next week, requesting they be allowed to bring in a Petting Zoo for the last day. **Trustees DENIED request**

Kristopher Waechter: -Requesting new solar stop sign, Hamilton/Parsons sign not working again after several repairs.
 -Making progress on fence in Park
 -Rodent issue in restroom in Park, baited
 -Turnbull Plumbing installing in-line vent fan in Park restroom
 -Still need to contact John from Safe Harbor regarding camera @ Park
 -Reliable Drain to start Cemetery project on 7/19/2021
 -Lake Doctors will be cleaning fountains in ponds
 -Oberlin Road resident requesting re-stripe of road. Lorain County Engineer will stripe from East College Street to Parsons Road:
 \$378.28 Center Line Only
 \$756.18 Center Line and Edge
 Portion is City of Oberlin's responsibility. Chairman Gulish will call City Manager to see if Oberlin will pay their portion.
 -Getting pricing on Lodge sign repair

Motion to Approve Solar Stop Sign Purchase

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve the purchase of a solar stop sign from Kleem Inc in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000.00, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-06-18**

Motion to Approve Line Stripe of Oberlin Road

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve center line and edge stripe of Oberlin Road from East College Street to Parsons Road from Lorain County Engineer at a cost of \$756.18, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2021-06-19**

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TRUSTESS BUSINESS

The Correspondence were reviewed and found in order.

Fiscal Officer read Deputy Calls for Service Log.

Fiscal Officer reviewed drywall issue with window sills in "The Lodge" and how they needed repaired. Also, stated the window sills in the Meeting Room and Office will eventually need repaired as well.

Motion to Approve Window Sill Repair

Motion was made by Jack Hoyt to approve window sill repair from Oberlin Cabinet Company at a cost not-to-exceed \$6,000.00, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Jack Hoyt—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2021-06-20

Trustee Hoyt attended Commissioner's Meeting and it looks like residents on Albrecht Road will finally be getting something done regarding flooding issue. Also, Commissioner's discussed Dudley Ditch flooding.

Chairman Gulish stated Linda Slocum from City of Oberlin is excited about our joint meeting on June 26, 2021.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to adjourn meeting at 9:38 pm, seconded by Jack Hoyt. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Jack Hoyt—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2021-06-21

AFFIRMED by Andrew Gulish at July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting

ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting

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