

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of New Russia Township Trustee Regular Meeting

HELD

September 20, 2022

Chairman, Andrew Gulish called the September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees: Patricia Brubaker, Andrew Gulish and Scott Justin were present as well as Fiscal Officer, Lisa Akers. Staff and Public: James Griner, Gary Szuch, Don Romancek, Edie Taylor, John Honoshofsky, Kelly Grosaitch, Bryan Plemons, Wayne Simms, Dan Polen, Steve Jackson, Richard Polen, Rick & Pat Justin, Marita George

Motion to Approve September 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve the September 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Andrew Gulish. Scott Justin—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—abstain.

MOTION CARRIED

2022-09-13

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Motion to Approve Warrant

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve Warrant #34736 to MTC Horticultural in the amount of \$5,500.00, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2022-09-14

Motion to Approve Warrants

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve Warrants in the amount of \$26,060.83, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2022-09-15

Trustees and FO reviewed email from Rafter A Ltd. pertaining to engineering and inspector cost regarding Park Pavement Improvements.

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PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

Wayne Simms: -Wants to know what is going on at airport and the need to rezone. **Chairman Gulish stated the County and the State are trying to create jobs, the County owns the airport and sees an opportunity to create jobs. Don Romancek and Matt Lundy came to Trustees and asked to rezone airport to industrial. Many individuals are communicating rumors and the site will not be used as a landfill. Our current Land Use Plan has already planned to make that area light industrial. If the County decommissions airport it will revert to residential which will allow for annexation. Chairman Gulish introduced Don Romancek, Christin Brandon, Kelly Grosaitch from County. Mr. Romancek reiterated that for decades the County had plans for industrial development in that area and current zoning make no sense, zoning code does not match residential. The zoning code needs to be up-to-date with current Land Use Plan and will also avoid conflict with developers and potential lawsuits. Developers will be able to do as they please since zoning doesn't match. The goal for the County and NRT is to create a tax base. Proper zoning needs to be in place before developing, if not, the developers will take over. One advantage to zoning change will be to avoid annexation from City of Elyria. Also, a JEDD could not be created with land zoned residential. Residential property has a greater risk of annexation.**

Richard Polen: -Request to find out more information regarding developer. **Christin Brandon stated they cannot give details as to who/what/when due to confidentiality agreements, but stated the County would not just sale to anyone.**

Steve Jackson: -If a developer purchased land soon, will company work under current zoning and be grandfathered or will it go by new zoning? **No response.**

Trustees stated surrounding residents will be notified of Board of Trustees Public Hearing once Zoning Board of Commission submits zoning change to Board for review/approval.

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STAFF REPORTS

Eddie Taylor: -Low distribution of mosquito dunks

James Griner: -ZBC has 30 days to vote on airport rezoning and will be meeting next Tuesday.

Deputy Plemons: Calls for Service

- Aug 18th, 12000 block of RT. 58 , deputies assisted ambulance at a local business.
- Aug. 20th, SR 511, deputies assisted the State Patrol with a single car accident.
- Aug. 20th, 47000 block of W. Hamilton St., reference a found bicycle.
- Aug. 20th, Oberlin Rd/ Russia Rd., reference a snapping turtle in the road. Deputies were unable to locate the turtle.
- Aug. 22nd, 43000 block of Oberlin Elyria Rd., reference a 911 hang up call. Deputies spoke with the home owner who has disconnected his home phone years earlier, but somehow the phone line at the telephone pole still randomly calls 911 on its own.
- Aug. 25th, 44000 block of Butternut Ridge Rd., reference a domestic between a father and his adult son. The son was transported to the hospital for evaluation.
- Aug. 26th, The Republic Waste Recycle Center, reference a military mortar found in the trash. The mortar turned out to be a trainer and was harmless. It was disposed of by the bomb squad.
- Aug. 27th, 45000 block of Butternut Ridge Rd., reference a disturbance at a local group home. One of the residents was transported to the hospital for evaluation.
- Aug. 30th, Pyle Rd/Garfield Rd., deputies handled a single car accident.
- Aug. 31st, East Hamilton St., reference pigs on the loose in the road. A local farm had workers gathering up same.
- Sept. 1st, Hallauer Rd.,/ Parsons Rd., deputies assisted the State Patrol with an accident at this location.

John Honoshofsky: -Park fence picked-up yesterday

- Several funerals
- Mowing continues
- Dumpster Days Report....6 dumpsters, 78 residents participated
- Ditch on Parsons Road cleaned and 2 culverts installed
- Erie Blacktop started Parsons Road, has been grinded and paving starts Friday weather permitting

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John Honoshofsky: -Would like to purchase and store 100 bales of straw from Jim Simms at a cost of \$5.50/bale. **Trustees agree**

-Geese complaints continue.... **Trustee Brubaker stated the dogs are the only thing that has worked after many years of trying different methods. Price quotes were reviewed.**

-Rafter A Ltd estimates holding tank for Service Complex should be around \$30,000.00, how many quotes would Trustees like? **Trustees stated three (3) quotes**

-Requesting purchase of traffic lights for roadwork, needs to follow ODOT rules on safety. Cost would be \$49,281.70 for 4 sets of lights and trailer (state purchase pricing) and an additional \$2,660.00 to Judco for signage. **Trustee Justin stated he feels we need to rent lights and see how renting goes. Trustee Brubaker is worried about availability of lights when needed if we rent. Chairman Gulish stated to rent lights in the short-term and see how it goes and revisit purchase in the new year if needed. Service Supervisor would still like to purchase signs which are needed regardless if we rent or purchase lights.**

Motion to Approve Ohio Geese Control Proposal

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve Ohio Geese Control Yearly Proposal at a cost of \$15,480.00, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—nay. **MOTION CARRIED** **2022-09-16**

Motion to Approve Signage Purchase

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve signage purchase from Judco Inc., in the amount of \$2,660.00, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2022-09-17**

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

-Correspondence were reviewed and found in order.

Reminders:	-September 22, 2022	6 pm	Park Paving Bid Opening
	-September 22, 2022	6:30 pm	RFQ Reviews

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-Trustee Justin...request letter sent to South Oberlin Road resident regarding culvert issue since calls are not being returned.

-Trustee Brubaker...Ethics Training here tomorrow night at 6 pm

-Timing of postcard mailing once ZBC brings zoning change to Board.

Fiscal Officer requested clarification of which residents Trustees would like postcards mailed. Trustees stated Oberlin, Albrecht, Russia Road residents that surround airport only.

-Chairman Gulish...Zoning Inspector and Chairman met with Chase Ritenour from Republic Services at Lorain County Landfill. Landfill has shown vast improvements. Not using borrow pit at current time but has a new pit on south side of BNR. No Styrofoam is being used only dirt to cover. Chairman stated stop sign will remain in case Republic resumes use of borrow pit on north side of BNR. Mr. Ritenour stated the Landfill has 17 years remaining and didn't have acreage being used at the moment.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to adjourn meeting at 7:27 pm, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2022-09-18

AFFIRMED by Andrew Gulish at October 4, 2022 Regular Meeting

ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at October 4, 2022 Regular Meeting

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