

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

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**HELD**

**March 21, 2023**

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Chairman Scott Justin called the March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 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: Dan Jarven, Edie Taylor, John Honoshofsky, John & Kathy Rokasy, James Griner, John Knipper, Cole Jones, Ross & Juliane Mateer, Rick & Pat Justin

**Motion to Approve March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-03-12**

***FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT***

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

**Motion to Approve Warrants**

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to approve Warrants totaling \$31,176.41, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-03-13**

**Motion to Approve Additional Warrant**

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve additional Warrant #35248 to North-coast Wireless in the amount of \$54.90, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-03-14**

**Motion to Approve WatchGuard IT Protection**

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve WatchGuard IT Protection from ES Consultants in the amount of \$44.00/month, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-03-15**

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**PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS**

**John Knipper:** -Inquired when Park will be opening, also, back when he worked here, there was discussion regarding a walkway for Kendal residents, is that being considered currently? ***Trustees stated the Park will open April 1st and the Service Supervisor stated he was going to speak about walkway during Staff Reports later in meeting.***

**John Rokasy:** -Stated he had issues with Fiscal Officer's Minutes dated February 21, 2023, specifically, Public Concerns recap regarding his comments about the Lorain County Landfill Contract. Mr. Rokasy felt the Minutes did not represent discussion accurately. Mr. Rokasy read from a prepared statement in totality lasting 4-5 minutes. Mr. Rokasy would like to make clear that he stands behind his statement that the Landfill is "ruthless" but does not feel they are criminal. Mr. Rokasy also discussed several other issues in the contract that he does not agree, again, reading from a prepared statement. ***Fiscal Officer requested a copy of Mr. Rokasy's prepared statement in order to quote verbatim in Minutes, Mr. Rokasy declined.***

**Rick Justin:** -Inquired about February 6, 2023 email he sent to Township regarding health concerns living near Lorain County Landfill. Mr. Justin stated he has had no response from Township. ***Trustee Gulish read several emails in which he corresponded with Jana Gannon from Ohio EPA regarding health concerns. Trustee Gulish feels he did not get a straight answer and was guided to various websites offering information. Trustee Gulish will continue to seek information in the future.*** Mr. Justin requested copy of email correspondence between Trustee Gulish and Jana Gannon and copies were made and given. Mr. Justin would like to know what he is breathing and what should residents do regarding health concerns, Trustees should give answers.

Mr. Justin also feels that the Lorain County Landfill contract that was signed by two (2) Trustees is illegal due to expansion clause. He feels Trustees turned-over all rights and there is no control of Landfill. ***Trustee Gulish stated his reasoning for signing and agreeing to contract terms.***

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Ross Mateer:** -BZA Meeting will be next Tuesday  
 -Annual Meeting will be 4/25/2023, emailed Clay Hicks, Operational Manager at Landfill to arrange a tour  
 -Received request from Zoning Inspector for permit extension for Motorhome use while home is being remodeled.  
 -Will meet with Jacob Barnes in near future for Zoning Resolution Draft discussion

**Eddie Taylor:** -No report

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**Dan Jarven:** -Received call that John Piwinski's mother has passed away  
 -86 Cemetery Letters were mailed regarding artificial decoration removal, received a few calls regarding removal.

**Jim Griner:** -Had Zoom Meeting with Jacob Barnes on 3/8/2023. PDF of text to date was sent to Planning Commission. Will review draft text with ZBC next week. April 11, 2023 is tentative in-person meeting with Jacob Barnes for detailed discussion. When view of Draft is complete then possibly set Public Hearing.

**Chairman Justin read Deputy Plemons Calls for Service in his absence:**

- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 48000 block of Garfield Rd., reference an intoxicated male who accidentally cut himself. This male was transported to the hospital.
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 44000 block of Oberlin Elyria Rd., deputies checked on the welfare of a person at a local hotel.
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 44000 block of Oberlin Elyria Rd., reference a full arrest involving a 20 yr. old female. This subject was transported to the hospital.
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 45000 block of Parsons Rd., deputies assisted the fire department after they located a fully engulfed motorcycle on fire at the end of a driveway.
- Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 43000 block of Parsons Rd., deputies spoke with a concerned resident over possible drug activity in a nearby property.
- Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 44000 block of Russia Rd., reference a sex offense investigation.
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 12000 block of RT. 58, reference a theft complaint.
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 12000 Pyle Rd., reference a harassment complaint.
- March 1<sup>st</sup>, 45000 block of E. Hamilton St., reference a complaint of screaming animals. Deputies checked this farm and spoke with the property owner.

**John Honoshofsky:** -One (1) funeral since last meeting  
 -Speed limit signs installed at Park  
 -Hamilton Street, south side of road, spoke with Don Romancek, he is putting together easement and will have conversation with Peter Zwick as to whom is responsible for cleaning.  
 -Would Trustees be interested in knocking area of mound down between Park and Kendal, allowing Kendal residents easier access to Park? This could be completed fairly inexpensive.  
***Chairman Justin stated to speak with Kendal first before deciding. John Knipper stated it would be nice to have a sidewalk down Route 58 to Drug Mart.***  
 -Tool Cat is back in service with no oil leaks to date  
 -Request purchase of various stone from J&D Farms Transportation at a cost of \$4,080.00

**Motion to Approve Stone Purchase**

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the purchase of various stone from J & D Farms Transportation at a cost of \$4,080.00, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-03-16**

***TRUSTEE BUSINESS***

*Correspondence were reviewed and found in order.*

**Motion to Approve Disposition of Property Resolution**

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the Disposition of Property Resolution for 18 Ballast Light/Bulbs, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-03-17**

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**Motion to Approve Resolution to Protect and Preserve to Public Uses for Park Purposes**

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve Resolution to Protect and Preserve to Public Uses for Park Purposes as according to Ohio Revised Code 511.32, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2023-03-18**

**Motion to Approve Rules and Regulations for Park Pursuant ORC 511.32**

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to approve Rules and Regulation for Park Pursuant ORC 511.32, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2023-03-19**

**Motion to Approve Minor Misdemeanor Fine for Park Violations**

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve a \$100.00 Minor Misdemeanor Fine for Park Violations, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2023-03-20**

*-Trustee Brubaker discussed the L3Harrison Resolution that Wellington Fire Department distributed and asked for support, which will be returned to Mike Wetherbee, Wellington Fire Chief then to Lorain County Commissioners.*

**Motion to Approve L3 Harris System Support Resolution**

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve the L3 Harris System Support Resolution, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2023-03-21**

*-Trustee Brubaker stated Mr. Piwinski requested use of "The Lodge" for two days during his Mother's viewing and luncheon. Since Mrs. Piwinski was a long time resident of Township and Mr. Piwinski a previous Trustees, it would be a nice gesture to allow use for viewing at no cost. Luncheon use at no charge which is customary for a resident. **Trustees agree***

*-Trustee Brubaker requested Dan to reply to email that was received regarding Cemetery decoration disposal.*

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to adjourn meeting at 6:56 pm, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2023-03-22**

**AFFIRMED by Scott Justin at April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting**

**ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting**