

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of New Russia Township Trustee Regular Meeting

HELD

August 1, 2023

Chairman Scott Justin called the August 1, 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: John Honoshofsky, Jim Griner, Dan Jarven, Ray Smega, Bryan Plemons, Edie Taylor

Motion to Approve July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to approve the July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-08-01**

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Motion to Approve Warrants

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve Warrants totaling \$29,721.66, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-08-02**

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

Ray Smega: -For greater transparency requested Zoning Meeting Minutes be available on-line as well as Trustee Meeting Agendas

STAFF REPORTS

Jim Griner: -Public Hearing for Proposed Zoning Resolution went well, ZBC and majority of ZBA and estimated 20 residents attended. Went thru all changes from Planning Commission and suggestions from previous Zoning meeting. Two comments were voiced from residents. The newest version is on the website. August 9, 2023 will be next ZBC Regular Meeting, which final version of Resolution should be available and voted. Jacob Barnes will not attend ZBC 8/9/2023 Meeting but will attend Trustees Public Hearing when date is determined.

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Dan Jarven: -High vegetation continues to be issue with resident on Hamilton Street. Sent letter and resident still has not complied. ***Trustees request another letter be sent or stop and speak with resident before taking next step.***

- Numerous visits have been made to Mr. Neal with no success. Lorain County Prosecutor's Office has tried contacted multiple times as well with no response.
- Visited Earl's property on Parsons Road, resident may not be in compliance by court-ordered date in September.
- Any suggestions or comments on updated Cemetery Rules and Regulations? Reviewed Penfield Township Rules and Regs regarding when seeding of graves will be completed. ***Trustees requested something similar to NRT's Rules/Regs to be added.***
- FYI...Anticipating a Variance request from Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club for new shooting range.

Deputy Plemons: Calls for Service

- June 15th, Butternut Ridge Rd./ Oberlin Rd., deputies checked for a rabid fox reported in the area.
- June 17th, 13000 block of Hale Rd., reference a unsafe shooting complaint involving a neighbor.
- June 17th, 11000 block of Pyle Rd., reference damage to her garage door.
- June 19th, 44000 block of Russia Rd., reference a complaint of a male driving a vehicle in fields. This subject eventually got his vehicle stuck and was charged with criminal damaging and OVI, (DUI).
- June 20th, 46000 block of Butternut Ridge Rd., reference a fraud complaint.
- June 22nd, 13000 block of Quarry Rd., reference a domestic dispute.
- June 25th, 45000 block of Butternut Ridge Rd., reference a mentally ill individual. This male was transported to the hospital for evaluation.
- June 27th, 45000 block of Butternut Ridge Rd., reference a theft complaint.
- June 30th, 13000 block of Quarry Rd., reference a domestic dispute.

John Honoshofsky: -One funeral since last meeting

- Mowing continues
- Edwards Tree Service removed trees and stumps
- "The Lodge" is being stained
- Power washed tables for "The Lodge"
- Lake Doctors sprayed around ponds today
- Request four new tires and alignment from Harrison Ford for red pick-up truck at a cost of \$1,618.06...Harrison Ford wouldn't rotate tires during oil change since tires were bad
- Reviewed Satelight Electric estimate to replace can lights in "The Lodge" with LED at a cost of \$45,073.19. ***Trustees requested additional estimates***
- Met with Lorain County Engineer to inspect East Hamilton with potential to repave, LCE stated we cannot apply for OPWC loan since road was paved less than 10 years ago. Flooding section still needs fixed. ***Trustees requested LCE to give estimate to repair flooded area and not paving of entire road.***

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John Honoshofsky: -Pond at Park fountain is having issues and may need replaced, Lake Doctors estimated cost for just equipment for of fountain and aeration system would be \$25,000.00. ***Trustees requested additional estimates.***

Motion to Approve New Tires

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to approve the purchase of four (4) new tires and alignment from Harrison Ford for red pick-up truck at a cost of \$1,618.06, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2023-08-03**

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

The Correspondence were reviewed and found in order.

-Trustees agreed not to participate and pay NOACA dues again this year.

Motion to Approve Advertisement

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the advertisement in Lorain County Magazine at a cost of \$1,195.00 to Image Builders, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2023-08-04**

-Trustee Brubaker spoke briefly regarding Mastermind, company that provides a complete sign inventory service to township roads and offers recommendation for improvement. ***Trustees would like a salesman to present but also have Service Supervisor contact Lorain County Engineer's Office to see if they offer this service.***

Motion to Accept Andrew Goss Resignation

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to accept the resignation of Andrew Goss as full-time Service Employee effective August 11, 2023, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2023-08-05**

Trustee Gulish: -Met with Chase Ritenour from Republic Services, contract was signed and returned to NRT. Republic Services was recently fined by the EPA. Complaints are down and the issue over the weekend where the trash was not covered has been addressed and Republic takes full responsibility for oversight. Staff was informed of issue and has been corrected and will not happen again. Chase stated they overpaid the Township by approximately \$16,000 in December 2022, January 2023 since they added dirt tonnage to trash totals, will be corrected in near future. Stop sign at BNR crossing will remain active since they are starting to cross road again. 16.2 years remain at Landfill. New methane plant is starting, you may see flames during start-up. Republic is working with Commissioners regarding waivers. Volume is expected to increase due to construction. November 14, 2023 is next scheduled meeting, Trustee Brubaker should be in attendance.

-South Amherst Fire Assistant Fire Chief is now the new Fire Chief

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-Chairman Justin: -Would like to consider cutting back on Dumpster Days for next year, Trustee Gulish stated possibly no Sundays as well.

-Service Supervisor inquired if Andrew Goss will be replaced? *Trustees stated an advertisement will be placed.*

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to enter into Executive Session at 6:50 pm for employment discussion, with no business to follow, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2023-08-06

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to adjourn Executive Session at 7:23 pm, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2023-08-07

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to adjourn meeting at 7:23 pm, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2023-08-08

AFFIRMED by Scott Justin at August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting