

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of New Russia Township Trustee Regular Meeting

HELD

October 17, 2023

Chairman Scott Justin called the October 17, 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: James Griner, Dan Jarven, Edie Taylor, Bryan Plemons, John Honoshofsky, Andrew Parsons, Marc Davidson, Michelle Tyner, Pat Justin, Jeff Riddell

Motion to Approve October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to approve the October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-10-11**

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 \$95,018.51, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-10-12**

**Fiscal Officer is requesting an amendment to Motion #2023-09-15 dated September 19, 2023, due to the fact at the time when actual Certificate of Deposit was up for renewal, Northwest Bank was offering a higher interest rate for an additional two (2) months. Therefore, FO purchased CD at higher rate of return.*

Motion to Amend Motion #2023-09-15 dated September 19, 2023

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to amend Motion #2023-09-15 dated September 19, 2023 to reflect change in Certificate of Deposit from 8 months @ 4.50% to 10 months @ 5.1%, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-10-13**

Fiscal Officer discussed the Faithful Performance Bond option OTA offers versus surety bond, Faithful Performance would be more cost effective for Township and more wide-spread coverage of employees. Fiscal Officer stated OTA requires a resolution to be passed, which can be done at this time or in near future if Trustees wanted time to review. **Chairman Justin stated he would like more time to review.*

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PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

Pat Justin: -In regards to Republic Services requesting permission from Ohio EPA to use contaminated soil as cover at Landfill, shouldn't NRT be notified of this request? How can dirt be considered contaminated but non-hazardous? ***Chairman Justin stated he sent the other Trustees a copy of a letter obtained in which Republic Services is requesting permission from the Ohio EPA to be granted approval to use contaminated dirt as cover at the Landfill. Currently, Republic is receiving the contaminated dirt and mixing in with trash. Trustee Gulish stated he spoke with EPA today and no word was mentioned regarding this letter.*** Mrs. Justin continued after looking over current contract NRT has with Republic Services, how could Trustee Brubaker and Trustee Gulish agree to contract terms that state the Trustees will not oppose development? Also, quarterly meetings that are held with Republic Services, why can't they be open to the public? ***Trustee Gulish stated the development opposition was in the previous contract and while negotiating he tried to get removed but Republic Services would not budge on that item. The quarterly meetings are meant for Republic Services to communicate with a Trustee on operations and new updates not to become a complaint session with residents. Trustee Gulish stated he has to think about the greater good of the Township not a select few. Trustee Brubaker stated the Trustees did the best they could during the negotiations.***

Michelle Tyner: -Does not like that contaminated dirt is being used for cover at Landfill. Dust has been an issue in the past , if dirt is used for cover it could become airborne when driven on. The last air quality test determined that benzene was present. Ms. Tyner feels there are constant landfill problems and Republic has an issue holding up their end. Residents are being burden with issues and it would be nice if Trustees would help. The Board should stand-up for the residents against large corporations and hold their ground. Residents should be heard asking for help in resolving some of these issues, not always trying to get resolution on their own.

Marc Davidson: -Chief Hanmer from Oberlin Fire Department is hiring an independent lab for air quality testing regarding EDL. Asked if EDL has been written up by Ohio EPA and fined? ***Trustee Gulish stated he couldn't say for sure but thought EDL was written up by EPA regarding flame.***

Jeff Riddell: -Lorain County Commissioner speaking on behalf of Issue 20 which will be on the ballot November 7, 2023. This issue allows for an alternative form of government allowing more commissioners and dividing county into seven (7) districts. He feels its not a take over of government but will provide more stability and allow for better representation of each district. There are several open positions within the County and by not filling these positions, he thinks the cost to employ essentially four (4) new commissioners would be paid by positions that are currently open.

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STAFF REPORTS**Jim Griner:** -New Zoning books have been printed

-New version is on website

-Cindy Breda is on a leave-of-absence from ZBC till March 2024, Dawn Essex is assuming the role of secretary in her absence. **Trustee agree**-Will have a Zoom Meeting with Jacob Barnes tomorrow regarding map updates. Waiting for a BZA rep to join Committee. **Trustee Gulish stated Ross Mateer would like to serve on Committee.****Eddie Taylor:** -Will put a note in Community Guide that Trick or Treat will be in conjunction with City of Oberlin date and time. **Trustees agree****Dan Jarven:** -Weaver-Duff monument is leaning again in Cemetery. Ohio Monument will deconstruct and reset for \$873.00. **Chairman Justin inquired if there is a warranty.** Dan will contact and ask.-Briefly reviewed updated Cemetery Rules and Regulations as previously discussed, requesting approval if Trustees are satisfied with changes. **Trustee Brubaker stated she drove thru Cemetery and a great deal of attention is needed.** John Honoshofsky stated areas are being worked on. Dan Jarven stated whole rows of landscape is dying in certain areas. Assistance is needed in determining why.

-With the approval of new Zoning Resolution, new Zoning Fee Schedule also needs approval.

-Requesting Driveway Application be added to website for residents convenience. **Chairman Justin requested the removal of corrugated metal before adding to website. Trustees agreed to add application to website.****Motion to Approve Adoption of Cemetery Rules and Regulations**

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the Adoption of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations as presented, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2023-10-14**

Motion to Approve Adoption of Zoning Fee Schedule

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the Adoption of the Zoning Fee Schedule effective immediately, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

MOTION CARRIED**2023-10-15**

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Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Motion was made by Scott Justin to enter into Executive Session at 7:14 pm for confidential matters with no business to follow, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2023-10-18

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to adjourn Executive Session at 7:30 pm, seconded by Andrew Gulish. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Andrew Gulish—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2023-10-19

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to adjourn meeting at 7:31 pm, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2023-10-20

AFFIRMED by Scott Justin at November 7, 2023 Regular Meeting

ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at November 7, 2023 Regular Meeting

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