

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of New Russia Township Trustee Regular Meeting

HELD

September 3, 2024

Chairman, Scott Justin called the September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees: Patricia Brubaker, Scott Justin, Michelle Tyner were present, as well as, Fiscal Officer, Lisa Akers. Staff and Public: Jim Griner, John Honoshofsky, Dan Jarven, Edie Taylor, Matt Tesmer, Margaret Barbee, Tom Shurr

Motion to Approve July 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve the July 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—abstain

MOTION CARRIED **2024-09-01**

Motion to Approve July 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the July 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—abstain.

MOTION CARRIED **2024-09-02**

Motion to Approve August 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the August 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Scott Justin—abstain.

MOTION CARRIED **2024-09-03**

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 \$26,044.44, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2024-09-04**

Motion to Approve Cintas Cooperative Acceptance Agreement

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the 60 month Cintas Cooperative Acceptance Agreement providing uniforms for full-time employees, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2024-09-05**

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PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

Matt Tesmer: -25 year resident on East Hamilton, water drainage issues continue and are getting worse. Basement has flooded numerous times and has caused the floor to crack. John Honoshofsky, Rafter A. Ltd., Don Romancak, Peter Zwick from County met with Mr. Tesmer several weeks ago at his property to discuss possible solutions. Every suggestion Mr. Tesmer made was shot-down and the tile that is on his property doesn't exist on any County map. He's tired of nothing getting done and he has to protect his home. Would like to know if anything is going to get done? He feels the road water is dumped on his property. He has been waiting for answers for eight (8) years with no solution. He is continually replacing sump pump motors.

Service Supervisor stated Mr. Tesmer would not sign the letter which would allow the Township and County to enter property allowing them to troubleshoot and clean the tile. Mr. Tesmer feels that solution will not work and feels he needs to solve on his own.

Tom Shurr: -Wondering if there is any new news on Squire's Ditch cleaning. **Chairman Justin stated they are waiting on easement approval.** Mr. Shurr requested Republic Services to clean their side of ditch and that may possibly help. **Chairman Justin stated he will look at a map and contact Republic Services if feasible.**

STAFF REPORTS

Edie Taylor: -FYI....many people came to Office when the Auditor's Office was holding Property Value meetings in "The Lodge" last week. Eventually, locked Office door to prohibit entrance.

Jim Griner: -ZBC starting to work on rules and procedures.

Dan Jarven: -Emailed August 2024 Call Log
 -Three (3) new home permits issued, seven (7) for year
 -Family very emotional over gravesite condition of loved one. Maintenance has tried different grass seed with no success. Family decided to plant own, then family seen NRT mower tracks on portion of planted grass and was very upset. Not much NRT can do in this situation. Hoping grass will recover.

Deputy Plemons: **Chairman Justin read report in Deputy's absence**

- JULY 22ND, 43000 BLOCK OF ALBRECHT RD, DEPUTIES RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF 2 VICIOUS PIT BULLS ON THE LOOSE WHICH ALREADY HAD BITTEN THE CALLER. DEPUTIES WERE ATTACKED BY ONE OF THE TWO PIT BULLS WHICH UNFORTUNATELY HAD TO BE PUT DOWN.
- JULY 25TH, 46000 BLOCK OF RUSSIA RD, REFERENCE AN UNWANTED GUEST AT A RESIDENCE.
- JULY 25TH, 13000 BLOCK OF WEST RD., REFERENCE A DISTURBANCE INVOLVING A PROPERTY LINE IN THE WOODS.
- JULY 26TH, 47000 BLOCK OF RT 511, REFERENCE A FRAUD COMPLAINT.
- JULY 28TH, 11000 BLOCK OF RT 58, REFERENCE A DISTURBANCE AT A LOCAL CAMPGROUND.
- JULY 28TH, 10000 BLOCK OF QUARRY RD., REFERENCE A DOMESTIC DISPUTE.
- JULY 30TH, 43000 BLOCK OF PARSONS RD., REFERENCE A THEFT COMPLAINT.
- AUG 1ST, 500 BLOCK OF W. LORAIN ST., REFERENCE A MENACING COMPLAINT.
- AUG 3RD, 45000 BLOCK OF BUTTERNUT RIDGE RD., DEPUTIES EMS W/ A COMBATIVE PATIENT.
- AUG 3RD, DEPUTIES WERE DISPATCHED TO THE AREA OF BUTTERNUT RIDGE RD., AND PYLE, REFERENCE A MALE CARRYING A RIFLE. THIS MALE WAS LATER IDENTIFIED AS CARRYING AN UMBREALLA .

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John Honoshofsky: -2 funerals since last meeting
 -Fountains are not working, Cemetery fountain is obsolete and Park needs repaired. ***Trustees stated decision will be made in near future since fountains will be going into winter storage soon.***
 -BNR resident would like ditch cleaned near property where trees have fallen. This property is just east of Park and ditch connects with Cemetery ditch. Does trustees want a price from Edward's Tree Service to clear big trees then staff can use new mower for small brush? Would like to get permission from property owner as well next door neighbor where ditch runs along their property as well. ***Trustees agree.***
 -Would Trustees like the Cemetery drive sealed. ***Trustees agreed to wait till spring for discussion.***
 -Reviewed three quotes for repair of New Holland Tractor: (1) Kelling Equipment, \$6,350.95 (2) Wellington Implement, \$11,075.00 (3) Fabritech, \$8500.00. ***Chairman Justin is in favor of Fabritech, he knows their quality of work. Trustee Brubaker would like to see ditches mowed one more time this season. Check to see if Polen Implement will rent a mower while New Holland is getting repaired.***

Motion to Approve Repair of New Holland Tractor

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve repair of the New Holland Tractor from Fabritech at a cost not-to-exceed \$8,500.00, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2024-09-06

Motion to Approve Tractor Rental

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve tractor rental for ditch mowing from Polen Implement at a cost not-to-exceed \$2,000.00, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2024-09-07

TRUSTEE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence were reviewed and found in order.

Reminder: Lorain County Prosecutor's Meeting regarding Ohio Sunshine Laws/Open Meetings Issues Pertaining to Zoning will be held Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at NRT Lodge from 5:30 pm—8 pm.

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Motion to Approve Non-Participation in NOACA

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker not to participate in NOACA and not pay annual dues, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2024-09-08

-Chairman Justin inquired if Lorain County Engineer's Office started painting road lines yet. Service Supervisor stated they started BNR today.

-Trustee Tyner reminded that Dan Petticord from Lorain County Prosecutor's Office will be attending next meeting.

-Trustee Brubaker stated she will be out-of-state and unavailable from September 7—14, 2024.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Motion was made by Scott Justin to enter into Executive Session at 6:35 pm for confidential matters regarding real estate with no business to follow, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2024-09-09

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to adjourn Executive Session at 6:45 pm, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2024-09-10

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to adjourn meeting at 6:45 pm, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2024-09-11

AFFIRMED by Scott Justin at September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting