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Minutes of New Russia Township Regular Trustee Meeting

HELD **August 5, 2025**

Chairperson, Patricia Brubaker called the August 5, 2025 Regular Trustee Meeting to order @ 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: John Knipper, Pat Justin, David Moore, Karen Perkins, Steve and Diane Jackson, Dan Polen, Jonathan Frazier, Jenna Frazier, Christine Lawrie, Deputy Plemons, Ron Baumann, Kim Polen, Rick Polen, Stephen Burrer, Joel Polen, Luis Berdecia, Cynthia Breda, Rob Duncan, Jim Simms, Tony Nici, Jake Simms, Leslie Budy, Dan Breda, Bethany Baker, Gene Lawrie, Richard Polen, Ed & Ellen Gonas, Alan Margocs, Bill Doane, Chris Tyner, Tom Wilkinson, John Honoshofsky, Beverly Salerno, Jim Salerno, Ron Gillis, Jeanne Maschari, Michelle Henike, Dan Jarven, Brittany Castillo Morales, James Griner, James Roman, Justin Mason, Erin Mason, Laurie Beran, Ken Maynard, James Reichle, Joel Jacovetti, Corey Timko, Jeff Lawrie, Cheryl Lawrie, Kim Guelker

Motion to Approve July 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve the July 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2025-08-142**

Motion to Approve July 23, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve the July 23, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2025-08-143**

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Motion to Approve Warrants

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve Warrants totaling $78,334.36, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.
MOTION CARRIED **2025-08-144**

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

David Moore-*Lorain County Commissioner,* **Jeff Armbruster-***Lorain County Administrator,* **Karen Perkins–** *Asst. Lorain County Administrator,* **Corey Timko-***French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent,* discussed grant from State of Ohio to build a new wastewater treatment plant and the development of a MegaSite planned near LC Airport property. Summary of discussion follows on next page.

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- David Moore gave brief description of sales tax that will going on ballot regarding Sheriff Office operations. Stated the Commissioners are cutting spending with the new budget.
- Lorain County was awarded the largest grant in County history from State of Ohio in the amount of 67 million dollars to help build a Wastewater Treatment Plant which in turn will help spur growth in western Lorain County.
- New 6119 Sewer District will be formed to oversee operations
- Everyone will pay same price to connect to sewers, any political subdivision can utilize if growth is wanted.
- Sewer line will run from Airport down Russia Road (force line) to Baumhart Road then gravity fed line to Treatment Plant which will be tentatively located near Baumhart/Route 6 area. Homeowners on Russia Road will not be required to connect since it's a force line.
- After sewers are constructed, Health Department will be notified that sewers are available, Health Department will then contact homeowners regarding faulty systems.
- County has requested 315 acres of airport property north of runway to be decommissioned so it can be used as an industrial base. Waiting for answer from FFA, should know within 30 days if permissible. 1500 acres west of airport is available to develop for "Mega Site".
- Mega Site may include Chip Factory, Data Center, Battery Plant, no one knows at this time. These types of plants need large amounts of water to operate, current 12 inch water lines will be replaced with 24 inch lines to accommodate. Corey Timko explained the water treatment process.
- State of Ohio approached County 3 years ago about possible development of area, but resources were not available and Micron Industries chose another site. At that time the State gave the County a checklist of what would be needed for a mega site and from that point on the County has been making changes to accommodate a mega site and to promote business and industry.
- Additional $100 million to complete treatment plant is needed, confident funding will not be an issue.
- Residents will benefit from job growth and future opportunities.
- Home developments will mainly be in Brownhelm Township in the beginning but County is only looking for "smart" growth.
- Encouraged Public Officials to complete forms for Land Use Plans so leaders know what townships are interested in so developers don't control communities.
- Design/Build of Treatment Plant to begin in 2026 with completion sometime in 2031/32.
- Airport runway may expand to Northeast, there will only be one (1) runway. Masterplan will possibly be completed by year end for viewing.
- Township Officials are concerned on how to handle any future JEDD when they are not aware of what will be built.
- County offered to work with NRT to create JEDD's with neighboring communities, you can jump one (1) community in planning.
- No "tap-in" fees for residents, only connection fees, which will be negotiated in a new agreement, existing homes vs. new construction will have different costs.
- Lorain County will be running new Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Preliminary findings indicate no need to widen any roads in area. But recognize we need to see big picture not just here and now.

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STAFF REPORTS

Dan Jarven: -Oberlin Lakeside property sold, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins purchased and will be adding on to rental building in near future.
-Quarry Road Property Zoning Violation—court time confusion and had to be continued.
-Received official complaint regarding noxious weeds, how do Trustees want to handle? Not a zoning issue per ORC, property owner can destroy weeds, if not compliant Trustees can have staff mow or hire contractor. ***Chairperson Brubaker requested ZI to send property owner a letter giving them so many days to comply. Will handle all future noxious weeds complaints case by case.***
-Regarding Landfill Quarterly Meetings, were meant to be informal per approved contract, if an attorney attends with Trustee, is it no longer "informal" and all Trustees should attend? *Barb Tamas, Lorain County Prosecutor's Office, stated if one party brings legal representation, typically the other party will as well. Trustee Tyner stated she was told by former Prosecuting attorney, Dan Petticord, she should bring legal counsel due to her formal complaints filed previously against Landfill. Barb Tamas stated her understanding is the Trustees rotate the quarterly Landfill Meetings and she will attend the 8/11/2025 meeting with Trustee Tyner.*

Brittany Castillo Morales: -Reviewed quote for revised Cemetery Sign with Rules/Regulations and QR Code from Direct Image at a cost of $914.00
-Provided pictures of Columbarium vases as examples, Ohio Headstone will provide pricing in near future.
-Reviewed estimates for corner sign, Cedar East/West digital signs, discussed location and quality of picture and remote programming.

Motion to Approve Cemetery Sign

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve updated Cemetery Sign with Rules and Regulations/QR Code from Direct Image at a cost of $914.00, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2025-08-145**

John Honoshofsky: -Daily road checks continue, 3 funerals since last meeting, completed Safety Meeting, mowing grass and ditches continue as well.
-Received second mower head for Mantis, Quick hitches will arrive in one (1) month estimated.
-Quarry Road resident discussed water issue on property north of ditch line. Ditch runs along property owned by NRT, someone else maintained 2 years ago and when maintenance stopped, flooding began. Resident would appreciate any help the Trustees could provide. Resident thinks County may have maintained ditch previously, ***Chairperson Brubaker requested Service Supervisor to contact County and State to help resolve, since Quarry Road is a County Road and Route 511 is a State Route.***
-Reviewed quotes for Cemetery foundations install, ***Trustee Justin thought Service Supervisor was getting pricing on material to do foundations in-house, will revisit next meeting.***

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Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to enter into Executive Session under ORC 121.22 for the purpose of matters to be kept confidential, with business to follow at 7:34 pm, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2025-08-146**

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

Motion was made by Scott Justin to adjourn Executive Session at 8:11 pm, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2025-08-147**

Deputy Plemons: Calls for Service

-June 4th . 12000 block of Pyle Rd., deputies assisted the fire department with an open burning complaint.
-June 7th, RT. 20/ Hale Rd., deputies assisted the fire department with wood debris that caught on fire from a trailer.
-June 7th, 46000 block of Russia Rd., reference a harassment complaint.
-June 8th, 11000 block of Pyle Rd., reference a mentally ill person. This subject was transported to the hospital.
-June 10th, 45000 block of E. Hamilton St., deputies assisted EMS on a medical call.
-June 11th, 45000 block of Butternut Ridge Rd., deputies assisted EMS on a medical call.
-June 16th, 12000 block of RT. 58, deputies assisted EMS on a medical call.
-June 18th, Oberlin Rd., deputies assisted in closing the road after a power pole started to lean over, leaving the power lines dangerously close to passing cars.
-June 20th, Quarry Rd., deputies responded to a domestic in a car, where a subject got out and was later transported to the hospital for an evaluation.
-June 21st , deputies responded to the intersection of RT. 58 at Butternut Ridge Rd., to remove a turtle from the roadway.
-June 23rd, 13000 block of Hale Rd., reference a report of a missing male, who was found later in a field by neighbors. The coroner was notified and is pending an investigation.

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Correspondence were reviewed and found in order.

-Trustees discussed rate increase and number of deputies required for security @ "The Lodge" provided by Lorain County Sheriff's Office. Fiscal Officer reported the Hall Coordinator was not made aware of this in a timely manner and has issues with the # of deputies now required for duty, a lot of times deputies do not show up for coverage. ***Trustee Justin stated he will get pricing from private security firms and requested Deputy Pluta attend next meeting for discussion.***

-Brittany—Administrative Assistant has requested Tuesday, 8/19 and Wednesday, 8/20 off of work but agreed to work Monday, 8/18 if Trustees agree. ***Trustees agree to open Office on Monday, 8/18 and Close 8/19-20/2025. Post revised office hours on website, FB, and office door.***

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Motion to Approve Laptop Purchase

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve purchase of a laptop from ES Consulting for Adm Assistant/Cemetery Records Clerk in the amount of $2,394.71, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.
MOTION CARRIED **2025-08-148**

-Fiscal Officer stated Cynthia Breda, Zoning Board of Commission Member requested to attend the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC's) Economic Development Academy...***Trustee Tyner stated she thought it would be a good idea to attend, Chair-person Brubaker stated "no", and Trustee Justin stated he would like more information before deciding.***

Motion to Approve Non-Participation in NOACA

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve non-participation in NOACA, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye.
MOTION CARRIED **2025-08-149**

Motion to Approve Removal of Land Use Plan Board Members

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to approve the removal of Land Use Plan Board Members, Thomas Cadenhead and Jake Dovin due to non-compliance of hiring require-ments, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2025-08-150**

-Trustees agreed not to advertise in Lorain County Magazine for the upcoming year.

-Service Supervisor stated there is an issue with G&K Polish and work completed in "The Lodge" kitchens, getting a second opinion and will report at next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Scott Justin to adjourn meeting at 8:28 pm, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.
MOTION CARRIED **2025-08-151**

AFFIRMED by Patricia Brubaker at September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting

ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting

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