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Minutes of New Russia Township Regular Trustee Meeting

HELD **October 21, 2025**

Chairperson, Patricia Brubaker called the October 21, 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 Honoshofsky, Bryan Plemons, Timothy Jaskolka, Rob & Tara (Mary) Henes, Patricia Cindric, Sonia Collander, Charlie McKinley II, Roger Waleri, George Laner, Brittany Castillo Morales, Gretchen Dutko, John & Sandra Olecki, Kaitlin Pratt, Shannon LaRosa, Kim Polen, Richard Polen, Nick Kerecz, Garrett Looker, James Cahlik, Brian Lauer, Bill Burgdorf, Dan Polen, Geoffrey Kudlo, Karen & Weldon Hawk, Steve & Diane Jackson, Cynthia Breda, Karla & Dennis Hubbard, Deanna & Kaitlyn King, Anthony S., David Sliman Jr., Sally Sliman, David Sliman Sr.

Motion to Approve October 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve the October 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, with noted change requested by Michelle Tyner regarding page 4651 her report under Trustee Business, she stated she did not take Mr. Zimmerman by Landfill, he drove past when driving to her home, (FO will note change in minutes), seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.
MOTION CARRIED **2025-10-187**

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 $15,199.91, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.
MOTION CARRIED **2025-10-188**

Motion to Approve Resolution Regarding Cyber Security Policy

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve Resolution regarding Cyber Security Policy, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2025-10-189**

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

Richard Polen: -Any further discussion regarding weeds on airport property? *Trustee Justin stated he spoke with John Piwinski and he stated he had concerns about weeds spreading onto Mr. Polen's property, that is why they did three passes with mower to help prevent. Trustee Justin will further discuss with Mr. Piwinski in the future.* Mr. Polen also would like to know what Commissioners are planning on doing about flooding on parcels owed on Russia Road near Oberlin Road.

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-Resident @ 44123 Albrecht Road: -Has flooding concerns on his property as well.
Trustee Tyner stated she will speak with Don Romancak regarding issue.

-Several residents voiced concern and opposition regarding the potential of a MegaSite being built in New Russia Township. Resident inquired what the Trustees know about project. *Trustee Tyner stated right now only 315 acres of airport property is zoned Industrial Park, no additional acreage at this time is zoned Industrial Park. The State of Ohio awarded Lorain County $67.4 million for infrastructure improvements. Wisdom Tree purchased land from Ceres Partners. New Russia Township has hired a Cleveland law firm to help with this matter, at this time they are gathering information, Trustees have not been briefed or updated as of yet. Chairperson Brubaker stated there are way too many rumors and nothing factual to date. Trustee Tyner stated she spoke with Team NEO and ideas were being discussed regarding 1,000 acre site, then shortly after news stated they wanted 2,000 acres for site, so Trustee Tyner questioned what is the point of meeting if told different things. Everything is rumor to this point and Trustees are trying to sort everything out. Legal suggested public meetings will be held in future.*

One resident polled Board if members were for or against the Megasite. *Trustee Tyner stated "against", Trustee Justin "against", Chairperson Brubaker "for", Fiscal Officer Akers "for".* Residents continued voicing opposition and asked Chairperson Brubaker why she was for the project. *Chairperson Brubaker stated she feels it would be a source of revenue for the Township in the future. Chairperson Brubaker also stated there would be no additional public comments and to continue with agenda and the Board has no answers regarding Megasite.* Residents continued to voice opposition and concerns and stated they should be allowed to comment. Key points made by residents after that point include:
-One resident feels it will destroy three (3) townships.
-One resident inquired what's the plan for when the Landfill closes, Township should live within their means. *Trustee Tyner stated cuts will need to be made. In the meantime, she is trying to get more information from Team NEO and other sources.*
-One resident stated someone from the County is coming to speak at South Amherst Council Meeting on Monday at their Fire Station and urged attendance.
-One resident said that on the September 16, 2025 Minutes, it was stated that Team NEO would not market area if majority of residents were against, so voice your opinion.
-No Data Centers are wanted, they can damage the environment.
-Asked Board of Trustees to fight for the community.
-Mass mailings were requested instead of using website to reach residents with information.
-Kim Polen stated she is trying to keep community informed on "Save New Russia Township" Facebook page. She stated Commissioner Riddell stated there is 3500 acres that County would like to develop, not just Megasite but other areas too. Citizens need to be kept informed and stopped being lied to.
-Trustee Tyner stated she will get information to residents as Board is made aware.
-Keep writing senators, Team NEO, stakeholders, etc.

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STAFF REPORTS

Deputy Plemons: **Calls for Service**

-Sept. 18th, 44000 block of E. Hamilton St., reference an unauthorized use of a m/v complaint.
-Sept. 20th, 48000 block of RT. 511, deputies had to dispatch a sick raccoon.
-Sept. 21st, 45000 block of E. Hamilton St., reference a domestic dispute.
-Sept. 23rd, 10000 block of RT. 58, reference an unwanted guest complaint.
-Sept. 28th, 10000 block of Pyle Rd., reference a disturbance.
-Sept. 28th, 44000 block of RT. 511, assist the home owner with locating who owned (4) goats that wandered onto her property.
-Sept 30th, 10000 block of Pyle Rd., reference a disturbance with unwanted guests.
-Oct. 1st, 44000 block of RT. 511, assist homeowner with locating medications,
-Oct. 2nd, 12000 block of Pyle Rd., assist Cleveland Police with locating stolen Dodge Charger that was pinged in the area from one of the local cell towers. Deputies checked but were unable to locate.
-Oct. 3rd, 44000 block of Albrecht Rd., reference a property damage complaint.
-Oct. 3rd, 48000 block of RT. 113, reference a suspicious vehicle on the property. Deputies determined it was the owner.

Brittany Castillo Morales: -Outline packet of Cemetery issues. Flower bed dimension need corrected before addressing foundation issues.
-Spoke with several cemeteries that use precast footers for foundations, reviewed Elyria Concrete Step pricing, waiting on additional quotes.
-Made list of leaning headstones, 10 highlighted
-Reviewed quotes to correct foundations.
-Columbarium faceplates need re-etched due to fading, Eck Monument cost $500.00
-Request Special Meeting to discuss issues/solutions
-Trustee Justin stated precast footers may work for small monuments but larger over sized monuments should be installed by monument company.

Motion to Approve Special Meeting

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve Special Meeting on November 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm for Cemetery discussion, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2025-10-190**

John Honoshofsky: -Daily road checks continue, working in Cemetery, mowing grass.
-Waiting for Sandstone Excavating quote for LSM foundations without rebar
-Request Great Lakes Towing and Repair to work on plow trucks to prepare for winter season
-Request Polen Implement to repair compact tractor
-Reviewed Generator System 3 year Maintenance Program for generator
-Reviewed quote from Joe Simone Patch and Paint for staining of exterior of Lodge and bars
-Trustee Tyner stated she spoke with Don Romancak and John should have easement list regarding ditch cleaning, NRT may lose grant money if hold-out continues.

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Motion to Approve Plow Truck Repairs

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve repairs to plow trucks from Great Lakes Towing and Repair at a cost not-to-exceed $2,500.00, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2025-10-191**

Motion to Approve Compact Tractor Repairs

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve repairs to the compact tractor from Polen Implement at a cost of $2,500.00, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2025-10-192**

Motion to Approve General Maintenance Program

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve a three (3) year Maintenance Program for generator from Generator Systems at a cost of $7,493.60 expiring 4/2028, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2025-10-193**

Motion to Approve Staining of "The Lodge"

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve staining of exterior wood and re-finish two (2) bar fronts in "The Lodge" from Joe Simone Patch and Paint at a cost of $2,500.00, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2025-10-194**

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Correspondence were reviewed and found in order.

Motion to Accept Resignation of Employment

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to accept the verbal resignation of David Stief, effective October 9, 2025, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2025-10-195**

Motion to Accept Resignation of Employment

Motion was made by Patricia Brubaker to accept the written resignation of David Lent, effective October 23, 2025, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Patricia Brubaker—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2025-10-196**

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Motion to Approve Public Hearing Date

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve a Public Hearing for November 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm to review Zoning Resolution Text Amendments initiated by the Zoning Board of Commission, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2025-10-197**

-Trustee Tyner spoke with West Creek Conservancy regarding pollinator habitats, feels they are a good contact to have if megasite gets closer. Acreage on Pyle Road is under wetland mitigation. Trustee Tyner stated the attorneys suggested a single-point of contact for discussions with the Board, meetings need to start soon regarding megasite. Chairperson Brubaker stated she believes a resolution is needed for that action. Assistant County Prosecutor Barbara Tamas stated each Trustee is 1/3 of a body and should be aware in case someone is sued for breaching.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Motion was made by Scott Justin to enter into Executive Session at 7:17 pm for confidential matters with no business to follow, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye.
MOTION CARRIED **2025-10-198**

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 **2025-10-199**

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Scott Justin to adjourn meeting at 8:11 pm, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye.
MOTION CARRIED **2025-10-200**

AFFIRMED by Patricia Brubaker at November 4, 2025 Regular Meeting

ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at November 4, 2025 Regular Meeting

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