RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of New Russia Township Regular Meeting

HELD **May 19, 2026**

Chairman, Scott Justin, called the May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting to order @ 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees: Cynthia Breda, Scott Justin, Michelle Tyner were present, as well as Fiscal Officer, Lisa Akers. Staff and Public: Bryan Plemons, Justin Mott, Sharon Mickelson, Diane Jackson, Kim Polen, Judy Walker, Don Case, Brittany Castillo Morales, Andrea Barlow

Motion to Approve May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Michelle Tyner to approve the May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Cynthia Breda. RCV: Michelle Tyner—aye; Cynthia Breda—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2026-05-405**

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Motion to Approve Warrants

Motion was made by Michelle Tyner to approve Warrants totaling $34,500.33, seconded by Cynthia Breda. RCV: Michelle Tyner—aye; Cynthia Breda—aye; Scott Justin—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2026-05-406**

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

Kim Polen: -Would like follow-up on past discussions:
-Moratorium on Data Centers?
-Land Use Plan?
-Can ZBC handle zoning changes that are needed?

Trustee Breda inquired if ZBC can handle change requests? Also, wondered if the Trustees can give suggestions to ZBC for change? FO stated that yes, the Board of Trustees can make suggestions to the ZBC for revisions. Kim Polen suggested to have each ZBC member submit in writing thoughts on how they feel the ZBC is functioning to the Board of Trustees. *Trustee Tyner stated things are unclear as to what can be done in zoning and we need to know what is legally defendable before moving forward and suggests having Benesch Law Firm give guidance. Trustee Tyner stated she is a member of Rural Water Board and the mega site developer has not requested the kind of water needed for a data center. Data centers normally would follow a pipeline, which in this case would be the NEXUS Pipeline. Trustee Tyner stated the developer is not requesting data centers.* Diane Jackson stated suppliers for chip factories need a lot of water as well, not just data centers. Diane also inquired about procedure for removal of ZBC Chair. *Trustees stated there is a procedure in the ORC for removal.* Kim Polen stated the ZBC needs to step-up and that residents would like to see the Board moving forward for resident protection. She also feels that members who do

not attend ZBC meetings regularly should be removed. Kim Polen also reached out to someone at the FAA wanting to know why adjacent landowners of the airport were not notified that the land north of the runway was released. The FAA responded that they only are required to put in the Federal Register.

STAFF REPORTS

Bryan Plemons: Calls for Service

-April 15th, 11000 block of Pyle Rd., reference a welfare check of an elderly homeowner, who later checked ok.
-April 17th, 13000 block of Quarry Rd., deputies assisted EMS and Adult Protective Service with an elderly homeowner who needed to be transported to the hospital.
-April 18th, deputies handled a motor vehicle accident on Oberlin Elyria Rd.
-April 23rd, deputies handled another motor vehicle accident on Butternut Ridge Rd.
-April 23rd, deputies checked on a house alarm in the 11000 block of Pyle Rd.
-April 24th, deputies responded to a disturbance 45000 block of Russia Rd., where a person's windshield was broken out of a vehicle.
-April 25th, reports of explosion sounds in the area of RT. 58/ Butternut Ridge, with persons asking if it was from Oberlin's gas plant off Oberlin Rd. Deputies, along with Oberlin Police, were unable to locate the source which had since stopped.
-April 26th, 12000 block of RT. 58, reference a petty theft complaint.
-April 26th, 13000 block of Quarry Rd., reference suspicions of a GPS tracker placed on a vehicle, that occurred in another jurisdiction.
-April 27th, E. Hamilton St., at Parsons Rd., deputies handed another motor vehicle accident.

Justin Mott: -Installed several foundations at Cemetery, feels it's a better process and looks better.
-Mowing continues
-Tool Cat has steering arm issues, would like to send to LEPPO for repair? *Trustees agree.*
-The Administrative Complex is on Turf Health's schedule for trimming/grooming of landscape beds.

Chairman Justin thanked Mel Akers for volunteering his time and skill to make wooden templates used for Cemetery foundations.

Brittany Castillo Morales: -Requesting additional concrete footers to be purchased from Norwalk Concrete for future foundation installs.

Motion to Purchase Concrete Footers

Motion was made by Scott Justin to purchase additional concrete footers from Norwalk Concrete, at a cost not-to-exceed $2,800.00, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Cynthia Breda—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2026-05-407**

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Motion to Approve Headstone Repair

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve repair to various headstones in the Cemetery from Milano Monuments at a cost not-to-exceed $2,500.00, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Cynthia Breda—aye.
MOTION CARRIED **2026-05-408**

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Correspondence were reviewed and found in order.

Motion to Approve One-Time (1X) Adjusted Rental Fee

Motion was made by Scott Justin to approve a one-time (1X) adjusted rental fee of $300.00, due to a software issue, for Eldra Herold, Cedar East Rental on May 25, 2026, seconded by Cynthia Breda. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Cynthia Breda—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye. **MOTION CARRIED** **2026-05-409**

Trustee Breda has a request from a Scout Troop to help clean Park, Troop would like NRT to purchase a sign to acknowledge. Trustees requested additional information to be considered at next meeting. Trustee Breda will contact advisor for detail. Trustee Breda inquired how the flower planting went. Service Supervisor stated his Department planted but plants died within a week of planting, not sure of issue. *Chairman Justin stated he would contact Green Circle Growers for a donation, similar to City of Oberlin.*

Trustee Tyner requested Brittany to send Cobb Ditch Easement letters via certified mail with return envelope to Don Romancak. Will get information to Brittany in coming days. Also, would like to approve Bid Opening date for RFP for Land Use Plan.

Motion to Approve Bid Opening Date for Land Use Plan

Motion was made by Michelle Tyner to approve bid opening date for Land Use Plan on September 2, 2026 at 6:00 pm, seconded by Scott Justin. RCV: Michelle Tyner—aye; Scott Justin—aye; Cynthia Breda—aye.
MOTION CARRIED **2026-05-410**

Trustee Tyner stated a correction is needed in the 2013 Land Use Plan and she is trying to get verification of the correct procedure for a clerical correction. Trustee Tyner spoke with LC Prosecutor's Office and was told it would need to go thru the ZBC first. Trustee Tyner is contacting a consultant from Ohio State for additional verification.

Trustee Tyner stated she met with the mega site developer and data centers are off the table. They are trying to reset and she would like them to produce a rendering of what is wanted to see if residents would agree. Developer stated mega site would be similar to what was built near Turnpike on Route 44 in Shalersville, Ohio. Trustee Tyner stated companies are not interested in leasing they want to own property.

Kim Polen inquired if Trustee Tyner spoke about marketing our land and misrepresenting NRT. *Trustee Tyner stated it was not discussed but they are aware of misrepresentation.*

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Brittany Castillo Morales requested a Special Meeting for further discussion on Cemetery repairs needed as well as pricing/landscaping etc. *Chairman Justin requested Brittany to email questions to Trustees and possibly set a Special Meeting at the June 2, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Scott Justin to adjourn meeting at 7:31 pm, seconded by Michelle Tyner. RCV: Scott Justin—aye; Michelle Tyner—aye; Cynthia Breda—aye.

MOTION CARRIED **2026-05-411**

AFFIRMED by Scott Justin at June 2, 2026 Regular Meeting

ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at June 2, 2026 Regular Meeting