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Russell F. Mazzola, Vice-Chair

Paul G. Buescher, Trustee

REGULAR MEETING APRIL 5, 2021 7:00 P.M.

The public was notified of this Webex meeting by Facebook, Twitter, Community Focus, an e-mail Sunshine Law Notice to the Meeting Notification List , information placed on the Township's website, and the electronic sign.

THE CHAIR CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher aye; Russell F. Mazzola aye; Richard H. Reville aye.

PRESENTATION- Infinity Construction Stakeholders Meeting:

Eric Pros reviewed the work that's been done in the last few weeks on plans for the new safety building, highlighting some of the changes, including single phase electric. Parking was also reviewed. Eric discussed the inter and exterior areas and sections to show the size scale.

Trustee Buescher asked how the deputies would get into the storm shelter area.

Eric said that they would use a door through the lobby.

Trustee Buescher then asked Eric to define secure access for the town hall.

Eric said the window enables the staff to see the front door and the door can be locked and only opened as needed.

Trustee Buescher asked if the door can be electronic to buzz people in.

Eric said yes.

Jeff Meyer said that they are only about halfway through the 2nd step of the architectural process.

Trustee Buescher asked about the rating of the main service panel.

Eric said there are options, 3 phases, 400 amp or single phase 600 amp.

Trustee Mazzola asked for an update on prep around the area.

Jeff Meyers said that the Thrasher Group hired someone to do test pits. No need for additional analysis at this time.

Trustee Mazzola also asked about the access drive widening.

Eric said the civil engineers are getting info back from the surveyors. Engineers can start working on how widening can be done.

Jeff Meyers said that now is the time to ask for everything NCT wants so things can be budgeted.

Chief Ripley said the access drive must be widened.

Trustee Mazzola wanted to start thinking about signage for the building at the road entrance.

Trustee Reville wanted to confirm that plans include a preemptive system to change the lights for the emergency vehicles to exit onto the roadway.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Sheriff-Capt. Joseph reported 6 traffic citations, 1 criminal arrest, 1 burglary call, 12 fraud calls, 3 domestic violence calls and 608 total calls for service for March, 2021. Deputies have been instructed to get into the neighborhoods.

Trustee Mazzola asked about the recent gunfire off Twinsburg Rd; why is it permitted on private property? Capt. Joseph said the residents were shooting into a backstop, more than 100 yards from dwellings. They stopped when they were told about bullet ricochets. All regulations were met for shooting in the township.

Fire Dept.-Chief Ripley thanked the group for all their work on the new building. There were 3185 calls for March, 2021, 47 EMS runs in NCT and 7 fires. There was also a major vehicle collision in Sagamore Hills.

Service Department-Frank Buehner reviewed March 2021 with a Power Point presentation including all heaving duty equipment checked and running. Leaf vac was ready to go for Fall. FD equipment (pumper truck) was inspected and the leak in the tire was fixed. Mirror fixed on squad. Gutter drains at town hall fixed and little picked up on the property. Cold patching done, branches from windstorm picked up, stop sign at Oviatt & Shady Lane fixed. Continued work on Beacon Hills Park. Frank also reviewed goals for April and May.

Trustee Mazzola asked about the status of the Bayberry grant.

Frank hasn't heard anything, will check on it.

County Engineer-Trustee Reville reported that the Rt. 82 widening plans were supposed to be done in March. June-July is the timeframe for the light at Olde Eight.

Township Administrator- Helen Humphrys reported that for the small MS4 general permit, NCT falls under the County Engineer. NOPEC gives a \$700.00 Community Grant; Arbor Day would be a good time to plant some trees at Beacon Hills Park, in memory of Sam Ciocco and Rick Youel. Summit Soil & Water has a tree giveaway, she requested 2 different types of trees for residents. Transient vendors regulations are on tonight's agenda. Trustee Mazzola asked when in-person meetings can start.

Helen said social distancing is required, 10 in a room maximum and masks.

Trustee Mazzola felt NCT should look into in-person meetings; he would like Covid info on the NCT website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications-Trustee Reville said that he and Helen met with Chris regarding a township newsletter. Follow up meeting is needed.

Parks and Recreation-Rick Patz met with playground supplier; in process of trying to resolve the equipment temperature problem. He also received a request and offer of help for a dog park.

Safety Services-not present.

Stormwater Management-Rick Patz and Trustee Reville and Helen Humphrys had a meeting with Kaitlin from Tinker's Creek Watershed regarding the acres at the end of Crestwood and the old foundation of the pumping station. If it moves forward, it will not disrupt the daily operations of the Service Dept.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda

Organizational Items:

The Chair requests a Motion to approve/or dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Trustees Regular Meeting of March 1, 2021, the Trustees Special 6:15 p.m. Meeting on March 15, 2021, and the Trustees Special 6:30 p.m. Meeting of March 29, 2021.

The Chair requests a Motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to draw current warrants/vouchers totaling \$ 136,456.41 to meet current expenditures.

The Chair requests a Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Bank Reconciliations for the month of March 2021, received April 5, 2021.

The Chair requests a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Trustee Mazzola moves; Trustee Buescher seconds. No discussion.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher aye; Russell F. Mazzola aye; Richard H. Reville aye.

The Chair requests Resolution 21/04-05 A to: Amend the Certificate of Estimated Resources with \$0 net increase/decrease: Decrease Coronavirus Relief Fund (-\$571,254.00) Increase General Fund- \$5,446.70, Increase Police District-\$64,239.70, and Increase Fire District -\$501,567.60.

Trustee Buescher moves; Trustee Mazzola seconds. Discussion: Andy said he needed to redistribute the funds because most was going to fire and very little to police. Trustee Mazzola asked if there was anything to share about Covid relief funds. Trustee Reville said NCT and any other townships are not receiving funds right now.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher aye; Russell F. Mazzola aye; Richard H. Reville aye.

The Chair requests Resolution 21/04-05 B to: Approve a Natural Gas Sales Agreement for Northfield Center Township with NextEra Energy Services Ohio, LLC through NOPEC's Municipal Pricing Program @ \$2.72 PER MCF.

Trustee Mazzola moves; Trustee Buescher seconds. No discussion.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher aye; Russell F. Mazzola aye; Richard H. Reville aye.

The Chair requests Resolution 21/04-05 C to: Adopt a Resolution Regulating Transient Vendors in Northfield Center Township and Imposing a \$50 Fee Per Solicitor Not to Exceed \$150 per vendor. (Pre-approved by Assisting Prosecuting Attorney Ray Hartsough)

Trustee Buescher moves; Trustee Mazzola seconds. No discussion.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher aye; Russell F. Mazzola aye; Richard H. Reville aye.

The Chair requests Resolution 21/04-05 ___ to: Adopt Rules for Beacon Hills Park and for Pavilion Use. MOTION TABLED.

Discussion: Trustee Buescher wanted to clarify if they were voting on sign regulations or regulations in the agenda packet. Helen said NCT will use the sign regulation version. Trustee Buescher questioned the wording on the use/discharge of firearms. At this time, there was discussion about rules/regulations and what is on the sign at the park.

_____ moves; _____ seconds.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher _____; Russell F. Mazzola _____; Richard H. Reville _____.

The Chair requests Resolution 21/04-05 D to: Adopt a Job Description for Township Service Director.

Trustee Mazzola moves; Trustee Buescher seconds. Discussion: Trustee Buescher asked if there was a legal basis for posting the job instead of promoting from within. Trustee Reville said that both opinions that NCT requested recommended posting the job, but anyone internally can also apply.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher aye ; Russell F. Mazzola aye; Richard H. Reville aye.

The Chair requests Resolution 21/04-05 E to: Amend the Job Description for Township Road Foreman and to change the name to Township Maintenance Foreman.

Trustee Buescher moves; Trustee Mazzola seconds. No discussion.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher aye; Russell F. Mazzola aye; Richard H. Reville aye.

The Chair requests Resolution 21/04-05 F to: Amend the Job Description for Township Road Worker and to change the name to Township Maintenance Worker.

Trustee Mazzola moves; Trustee Buescher seconds. No discussion.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher aye; Russell F. Mazzola aye; Richard H. Reville aye.

The Chair requests Resolution 21/04-05 G to: Adopt a Job Description for Township Zoning Inspector.

Trustee Buescher moves; Trustee Mazzola seconds. No discussion.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher aye; Russell F. Mazzola aye; Richard H. Reville aye.

The Chair requests Resolution 21/04-05 H to: Amend the Job Description for Township Secretary.

Trustee Mazzola moves; Trustee Buescher seconds. No discussion.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher aye; Russell F. Mazzola aye; Richard H. Reville aye.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Andy LaGuardia had no report. Helen Humphrys is working on bringing UAN ready for the Township.

TRUSTEES REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Mazzola asked about the utility pole lawsuit; he wanted all Trustees to be aware that a pole was hit, and the Township is responsible for the cost. Pole was in the Rolling Brooke Development. Trustee Reville would like the insurance company to review it first. He also questioned whose responsibility is it to pay, NCT or the HOA for Rolling Brooke.

Trustee Mazzola met with Macedonia Mayor Molar and their recreation director a few weeks ago about a possible Nordonia Field House for Nordonia residents to use, including indoor soccer, volleyball, basketball, etc. The NCT Parks and Rec committee also liked the idea. Discussions will be ongoing.

Rick Patz said he was pleasantly surprised at the positive feedback.

Trustee Reville and Helen Humphrys met with Jason about the TIF project. It does not take anything away from the school board. NCT can start funding to look at stormwater projects. Property on Rt 82 is for sale, lot of interest generated. New fire agreement needs to be reviewed.

THE CHAIR REQUESTS A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Buescher moves; Trustee Mazzola seconds. No discussion.

Roll Call: Paul G. Buescher aye; Russell F. Mazzola aye; Richard H. Reville aye.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.