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NOTICE & AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

REGULAR MEETING

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

THE CHAIR CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Reville asked for a moment of silence for the victims of 9/11.

B. PUBLIC HEARING – to Add to Section 130, Definitions, Chickens and Chicken Coop/Henhouse. Add to Section 310.09 Personal

Backyard Hen Flocks in a Platted Subdivision, and 2) Add to Section 130, Definitions, Food Establishments and Mobile Food

Vehicles; Add to Section 310.12 Residential District Regarding Mobile Food Vehicles Regulations.

The Chair Requests a Motion to Open Public Hearing

Motion by: Trustee Buescher Second: Trustee Mazzola

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

Dan Schade explained that at the request of the Zoning Inspector, the Zoning Commission would like to add the proposed text 130 Definitions, "chickens", "chicken coop/hen house" and to Chapter 310 regarding personal backyard hen flocks in a platted development. These proposed changes were sent to Summit County Planning Commission.

Trustee Buescher asked if roosters were allowed and was free-range allowed.

Mr. Schade said no to both.

Trustee Reville explained that non-platted developments are in areas like Olde Eight Rd.

Trustee Mazzola verified that no current definitions were being modified, just adding new definitions.

Mr. Schade said HOA regulations would supersede any zoning regulations.

Trustee Buescher asked if an existing shed could be converted to a coop.

Mr. Schade said yes.

Trustee Buescher asked who would inspect.

Mr. Schade said the Zoning Inspector would do the inspecting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lisa Clark, 365 Skylane said that chickens need an enclosure, also an enclosed aviary. 1 square foot per chicken in a coop. Would like regulations to allow up to 20 chickens, and the coops to be 10 feet from the property line.

John Campbell said that a lot of research was done, most other communities regulations allow 3 chickens.

Ed Boing, 8077 Olde Eight Rd. asked who would regulate the number of chickens, and what is the storage/processing regulations for waste. He felt this is a good community, he's just cautions against allowing chickens.

Mr. Schade said that waste disposal is included in the proposed regulations.

Wendy ___ (not on sign in sheet) 161 Beechwood said the minimum number of chickens allowed to be purchased in the state of Ohio is 6.

Linda Lackney, 355 Skylane said her neighbor's chickens have not been a problem.

Maggy Boeing, 8077 Olde Eight Rd. is part of Charter Lakes, and does not want chickens in her area.

S. Jackson, 186 Kenwick said he has chickens, they can live up to 10 years. He called the township 10 years ago before he got them and was told just to make sure his neighbors didn't mind. Asked if anyone had talked to the Dept. of Agriculture.

Samantha Solomon, 373 Skylane said 22 cities do not limit chickens. People shouldn't be hindered to use their property; disagreed with the 3-chicken limit. NCT has other issues that the Zoning Inspector should be spending time on, not chickens.

Trustee Reville said that Inspector Saunders tried to find a compromise.

Ms. Solomon asked how this can be regulated if the Zoning Inspector can't go on private property. Also asked about citation process for roosters.

Trustee Buescher said that most violations are usually complaint driven.

Wendy Wysocki, 7501 Dorwick, has chickens. A responsible pet owner take care, there are many that are not responsible. People want to raise/eat their own eggs. She composts her chicken waste.

Mr. Schade told the Trustees that the Zoning Commission, at the request of the Zoning Inspector also submitted proposed text regulations regarding mobile food vehicles to the Summit County Planning Commission, adding definitions of "food establishment" and "mobile food vehicle" to Chapter 130 "Definitions" and proposed changes to Chapter 310 "Residential District Regulations" of the Northfield Center Township Zoning Resolution.

The Chair Requests a Motion to Close the Public Hearing.

Motion by: Trustee Buescher Second: Trustee Mazzola

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

Public Hearing Closes at 7:07 PM

Deliberation from the Board of Trustees

- C. The Chair Requests Resolution 21/09-07-A to APPROVE ADDING TO SECTION 130, DEFINITIONS, CHICKENS AND CHICKEN COOP/HENHOUSE; TO ADD TO SECTION 310.09 PERSONAL BACKYARD HEN FLOCKS IN A PLATTED SUBDIVISION; AND TO ADD TO SECTION 130, DEFINITIONS, FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES; AND TO ADD TO SECTION 310.12 RESIDENTAL DISTRICT, MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES REGULATIONS. TABLED.**

Motion by: Trustee Mazzola moved to table; Second: Trustee Buescher

Trustee Reville recommended tabling this discussion to allow for more research.

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

D. REGULAR MEETING:

- E. Summit County Sheriff Kandi Fatheree:** Sheriff's office offers such services as bomb squad, SWAT Team, crime analysis, traffic reconstruction, crisis negotiators, part of Northeast Violent Fugitive Task Force, services are at no cost. Working on increasing professionalism, amount of training, reaching out to minority communities, and inmate mental health needs. Added a CCW location at the title bureau in Akron. Creating a Sheriff application for phones.

Trustee Mazzola asked about the towing of repeated vehicle violations; looking for help in the streamlining process.

Sheriff Fatheree said she's working with the matter with her officers and the Zoning Inspector.

Trustee Buescher said that when vehicles are towed, the owners are bringing them right back.

Sheriff Fatheree said she'll talk to the deputies about stopping the cycle of repeat offenders.

Trustee Reville said NCT has been told cars couldn't be towed, not the deputies can tow cars. Would like the Sheriff department's help.

Trustee Buescher asked about how you can get around fingerprinting and a passport photo for a CCW license application.

Sheriff Fatheree explained that people ;will be able to upload their photo. They would still have to go to a location to be fingerprinted if it's a brand-new applicant.

- F. Presentation to Fire Lt. Chip Davis (Ret' d.)** NCT Trustees presented Lt. Davis with a proclamation read by Trustee Buescher and expressed the township's gratitude for his service.

G. Congratulations to Macedonia Fire Department on its 100th Anniversary

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff-no report.

Fire Chief-Chief Ripley reported 49 squad runs, 6 fire calls, 17 mutual aid calls for August. He would like to hire up to 25 part-timers. Asked residents to please stay on marked trails when using the park system.

Service Department: Frank Buehner reported:
3 driveway apron culverts replaced

14 ditches re-ditched

Health Dept. cited four properties on Shoepf for bad septic systems. Ditch that I need to cleanout is 15 times acceptable e coli levels.

Working on disposal of Fire Dept. equipment approved for disposal. Generated 242.00 on Gov.deals for 8 sold items. 4 additional items did not sell and will be scrapped. More items to be auctioned on Gov.deals site. We got the Pirsh fire truck to start but the brakes do not hold pressure and its an old unfamiliar braking system.

Report made with Sum. Co. Sheriffs - Report #2021-51266 Stolen NO OUTLET at N. Oakmont and Skyhaven - Slow Children, No Parking Hyd. Side, and No Parking Snow Emergency signs in entrance to the Oakmont's.

September 4th around 4pm a Silver 4 door sedan was driving at high rates of speed and and fish tailing in the wicks and surrounding streets was caught by Deputies on Charleton Circle with flat tire. 22 year old OVI.

Dorwick, Beaconhill, Kenwick, Pickwick, and Shoepf have been had areas level paved and the first part of chip-n-seal completed by Melway Paving. Including the west half of Twinsburg Rd, late this week or early next week they will be sweeping up the loose stones and FOG sealing those roads to complete the Chip-N-Seal process.

Waiting on medium asphalt patch repair quotes for areas on Brookpoint Circle, Brookfield Lane, Pleasantview, & Pin Oak Circle.

We will be completing 5-6 additional smaller patch repairs on Forestwood, Pebble Brook, Beechwood, Butternut and Misc. sunken spots. This month.

I'm proposing and quotes pending for assistance in leaf pick-up this season involving an additional 3 person crew with trucks for a 4-5 week period. Nov. 8 thru Dec. 8 minimum.

Zoning Inspector Report-Judy Flauto reported that the zoning dept. is doing a lot of violation letters. Many certified letters are returned, but they also go out via regular mail. Have gotten a lot of response to violation corrections. Helen Humphrys said that 44 Hazel was cut by Sharpscapes. Bill will be sent into county for reimbursement. Trees on Pleasantview are due to be cut down on 9/10/21. 480 W. Twinsburg basement will also be abated.

County Engineer-not present.

Township Administrator-Helen Humphrys said that the county revised the emergency operations plan is on the consent agenda. She submitted the application for the hearing for the riparian setback hearing for the new safety building. Trustee Mazzola felt that Thrasher could do the review for the storm shelter that she also asked about. She also said she called Macedonia and Sagamore Hills to verify Halloween on 10/31/21 from 6-8PM. Reworks electronics collection will be 9/28/21 from 3-6PM by registration only. She introduced Jason Dodson, he's going to help the township prosecuting violation situations. He had Brian Bremmer with him as well, will also be working with Jason on NCT zoning matters.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications-no report.

Parks and Recreation-Rick Patz said that Saturday 9/11/21 is the movie in Beacon Hills Park; he thanked Wendy Wysocki and Helen Humphrys for their work in setting the event up.

Safety Services-no report.

Stormwater Management-Rick Patz and Trustee Reville met with Kate Chappell and walked and drove from Charlton Circle to the VFW. EnviroScience hasn't submitted report yet. Also met with Mayor Molnar and their engineering department to discuss Oakmont and Kitner areas. ODOT will improve the Indian Creek outlet under I271.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joe Grzlak, Crestwood Lane, asked about ditches at the top of Crestwood. Frank Buehner said its' on his list.

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS:

Organizational Items:

1. The Chair requests a Motion to approve/or dispense with the reading of the minutes of the [Trustees Regular Meeting of August 10, 2021](#), and the [Trustees Special Meeting of August 23, 2021](#).
2. The Chair requests a Motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to draw current warrants/vouchers totaling \$177,916.30 to meet expenditures.
3. The Chair requests a Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Bank Reconciliations for the month of August 2021, received September 7, 2021.
4. The Chair requests a Motion to acknowledge receipt of and to approve Summit County's Revised Emergency Operations Plan.
5. The Chair requests a Motion to waive the variance application fee of \$500 for the new Safety/Administration Building.
6. The Chair requests a Motion to authorize the Administrator request proposals for a Structural Peer Review for the proposed Storm Shelter in the Safety/Administration Building.
7. The Chair requests a Motion to set Halloween's Trick or Treat Night for Sunday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Mazzola moves; Trustee Buescher seconds.

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

The Chair requests Resolution 21/09-07-B to: Enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Macedonia to submit a Joint Application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Golden Link Boulevard Resurfacing Project.

Trustee Buescher moves; Trustee Mazzola seconds.

Trustee Reville said the whole road will be done, 50% is in the JEDD in NCT. Will be determined if money will be returned to NCT from the JEDD agreement.

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

The Chair requests Resolution 21/09-07-C to: Authorize Township Administrator Helen Humphrys to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs and to Execute Contracts as Required for the Golden Link Boulevard Resurfacing Project.

Trustee Mazzola moves; Trustee Buescher seconds.

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

The Chair requests Resolution 21/09-07-D to: Request the Summit County Engineer to Prepare Plans and Specifications for the Pavement and Drainage Renovations for Beechwood Drive and Cherry Lane.

Trustee Mazzola moves; Trustee Buescher seconds.

Trustee Mazzola said this will be a 2023 project.

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

The Chair requests Resolution 21/09-07-E to: Retain Roetzel & Andress for Legal Services Related to Zoning Matters at the Rate of \$175 Per Hour and to Issue a Purchase Order for \$3500 to be Drawn Against General Fund No. 01-A-10 Legal Counsel.

Trustee Buescher moves; Trustee Mazzola seconds.

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

The Chair requests Resolution 21/09-07 F to: Authorize the Township Administrator to Pursue the 2022 NatureWorks Grant for the Community Parks.

Trustee Buescher moves; Trustee Mazzola seconds.

Trustee Mazzola said this is the same as the grant that was used for Beacon Hills Park and will be used for parks in the center of town. Trustee Reville said that the grant could be used to the swing set and basketball court, and the rest could be used in other parks.

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

L. FISCAL OFFICER REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Andy LaGuardia said that UAN back to December.

M. TRUSTEES REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Mazzola still wants to follow up on the CDG grant for the town hall, for roof and gutters. Helen contacted Holly last week, she's still waiting on the distribution.

Trustee Mazzola said that the delineation study for the new building has been completed. He's hoping to get a conditional approval to start work. He's hoping for a JD approval from the Army Corp of Engineers. Hoping to still break ground in September. He also appreciates the help from David Joyce's office and Senator Portman's office.

The Chair requests a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel in Administration and Zoning and Land Acquisition or Sale at 8:16 p.m.

Trustee Buescher moves; Trustee Mazzola seconds.

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

Present in the Executive Session: Trustee Reville, Trustee Mazzola, Trustee Buescher, Helen Humphrys, Judy Flauto.

The Executive Session ended at 8:58 p.m.

THE CHAIR REQUESTS A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Mazzola moves; Trustee Buescher seconds.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.