

COMMUNITY INPUT:

The Trustees gave everyone present the opportunity to ask questions and/or offer comments.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

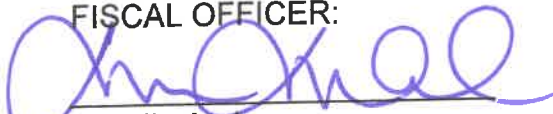
Motion Heidecker to adjourn the meeting. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

Minutes submitted by Rita Plata.

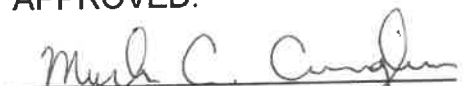
RECEIPTS


LC AUDITOR (NOV LOCAL GOV)	\$ 8,386.52
LC AUDITOR (HB49 LOCAL GOV)	756.21
LC AUDITOR (OCT 2022 MVR)	1,436.31
LC AUDITOR (OCT MVR PERM)	5,622.50
LC AUDITOR (NOV GAS TAX)	14,475.75
FIRE RUN REPORTS	75.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	4,447.60
RECREATION FEE	1,800.00
CEMETERY	5,750.00
MEMO RECEIPT DIRECT CHARGE FOR ADVERTISING – 1 ST HALF TAX COLLECTION	<u>- 1.92</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$42,747.99</u>

FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Mark C. Cunningham, Chairman


Dick Heidecker, Vice Chairman


Tony Manning, Trustee

Chairman Mark Cunningham called the November 21, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Columbia Town Hall.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews took roll call attendance and Trustees Mark Cunningham, Dick Heidecker and Tony Manning were present.

Fiscal Officer Andrews sent all meeting reports to the Trustees electronically.

Minutes from the regular meeting on November 7, 2022 were presented for approval.

Motion Cunningham to approve the minutes as written. Seconded Manning. Vote Cunningham and Manning, yes. Heidecker abstained because he was absent on November 7th. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from OTARMA and ballot for voting for the Board of Directors.

Letter from Central Exterminating with price increases for services at the Town Hall and Fire Station.

CORRESPONDENCE REPSONSE:

Central Exterminating – Their price increase was discussed. Mandie Andrews explained the annually invoiced amount is for monthly service. Trustee Cunningham will check on prices with another exterminator.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

There was no one present from the Sheriff's Department.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg was absent, but he provided the following report:

Permits – For November 1-18, 2022, Eichenberg reported issuing five permits for one barn, one barn addition, one shed and two single-family homes. Year-to-date, he has issued 160 permits for new homes.

Violations – Eichenberg requested a resolution to send 25990 Folley Road to the Lorain County Prosecutor for unlicensed or disabled vehicles and debris.

Motion Heidecker to send 25990 Folley Road to the Lorain County Prosecutor for an unlicensed or disabled vehicles and debris violation. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
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Board of Zoning Appeals – The BZA did not receive any applications for their November meeting. Their next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, December 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission – The Zoning Commission will be discussing waste storage sites. Their next regular meeting will be on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

New Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Equipment – Service Director Bob Rundle reported all equipment up and running.

Issue I Status – Rundle won't hear anything new about the 2023 Issue I project applications until the Integrating Committee meets in January.

Subdivision Status – Rundle noted the Board is aware of everything happening in the subdivisions.

Department Input – At the present time, the road department is only lightly salting intersections of the new asphalt roads.

Reimbursement for 14 new park lights in the amount of \$16,488 was received from NOPEC. These additional lights, which have yet to be installed, will illuminate the walking path all the way back to the primitive pavilion.

Chairman Cunningham commented that he listened to a NOPEC meeting via Zoom and learned they will be doing the grants again this year even though they have had a difficult year.

Rundle explained the Road Department is still trying to do more concrete repairs. It depends on the weather and the availability of cement which has been taking one to two weeks to get.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Personnel – Chief Anthony reported 40 members on file and 37 members on call.

Runs – To date, the Fire Department has responded to 693 calls.

Transport Billing – October billing receipts totaled \$18,681.08. The year-to-date total is \$127,362.57.

Equipment Status – All equipment is up and running.

Mutual Aid – Mutual aid has been given 45 times and requested 50 times.

Department Input – Chief Anthony reported five members are being interviewed by various fire departments for full-time positions.

The background checks are underway for the two individuals recently hired.

On Sunday, November 27th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Fire Department will do a drive-thru collection for Toys for Tots and a Food Drive for the Columbia Food Bank.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$1,250 for two burials and \$4,500 from the sale of five graves.

OLD BUSINESS:

Upgrades to the Projector and Sound System in the Town Hall – Cunningham noted Jeff Ziolkowski was present, and he thanked him for coming to the Historical Society meeting. Cunningham said they had a very good program and a very good turnout. Joe Mescan gave a presentation about Vietnam. Cunningham said Mr. Ziolkowski was very professional and is very good to work with.

Invoice from Peak Technology – Chairman Cunningham and Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews met with Steve Rumancik about the company's invoice. As the result of this meeting, Mr. Rumancik reduced his total annual invoice from \$25,000 to \$21,000. He will also roll the \$345.50 the Township has been paying monthly for email and Microsoft Office into the \$21,000. The total annual invoice is now \$21,000.

Mandie Andrews reported Mr. Rumancik will look at the Township's equipment. According to him, workstations should be replaced every five years. He also explained it isn't necessary to have a physical server.

Discussion was concluded.

Motion Heidecker to pay the Peak Technology invoice. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous. 11-21-2022-137

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss Information from Lorain County Community Director Rob Dungan Regarding Enterprise Zones and Community Reinvestment Areas Program – Cunningham explained he received a call earlier in the month from Rob Duncan and Reese Dunton about something they would like to do that would be good for the townships. Cunningham does not believe it is something the Trustees have to do at this time because he doesn't think the Trustees need to offer tax abatement. Cunningham thinks there is enough incentive for businesses to stay here.

Cunningham said from what he read he is not really interested in tax abatements. Also, should the Trustees offer a tax abatement, they don't even have to tell the school district. Heidecker and Manning agreed with Cunningham. Cunningham will give Duncan a call to him know the Trustees are not interested.

Discuss Information on Possible Fitness Area for the Columbia Park – Chairman Cunningham received an email from the National Fitness Campaign about the Ohio Wellness Program and the construction of fitness courts. He gave that information to Heidecker and Manning. Cunningham was on a Zoom call about the fitness court and the cost would be approximately \$150,000. The Lorain County General Health District and SWGH would possibly provide grant funding for it.

Fiscal Officer Andrews said the park is a perfect location because people are always running, jogging, and walking on the path.

Manning believes the Metro Parks has more traffic. Cunningham noted the schools use the township park for playground and gym. Cunningham will reach out to the director of the Metro Parks.

Mandie Andrews said they have no parking at the Metro Parks.

Heidecker already contacted the Township's insurance company and they have no problem with it.

Cunningham commented that the Health Department gave the Township money to expand the walking trail. Cunningham would also like to talk to the Columbia Community Foundation, too. The cost of the fitness court is in the area of \$150,000 to \$175,000.

Manning said his vote is a no.

Resident Wayne Brassell asked if the project qualifies for park funds. Cunningham said yes, park funds and cell tower rent. Brassell recommended forwarding it on to the Community Foundation because they are pretty enthusiastic about it. Brassell said the park is the center of town. He also thinks it would be good for gym and recess.

Cunningham mentioned they have a fitness court in Avon that the Cleveland Clinic got involved in and he is planning to talk to their Recreation Department about it. He does not have an application yet. Cunningham will be doing another Zoom meeting with the company and will continue to pursue the project and get more information.

Discuss Test Boring Drilled in South Boone Road – Cunningham said he just wanted to call attention to these test bores. Bob Rundle and Cunningham went to South Boone Road to look at them and take pictures. The area had been marked by RLCWA. Cunningham complained the bores are right in the new road we waited three years to pave.

Heidecker said a resident on South Boone Road called to tell him about it. Heidecker put in a call in to the company doing the boring. Four hours later, he got a call back and the guy told him he didn't know he needed a permit. The company did obtain a Highway Use Permit from the Lorain County Engineer for the boring to be done at the intersection of Squires Road and South Boone.

Cunningham wanted to make everyone aware of what happened.

Resident Rob Keane asked what are the holes for? Cunningham told him they are for future sewers. Bob Rundle is worried that they are going to put sewers down the newly paved road just like they did on North Boone Road and Marks Road. Cunningham noted the holes are two to three ft. into the pavement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet on Thursday, December 15th, for the organization's Annual Christmas Party. He had nothing new to report concerning the Rocky River Watershed Council. The RLCWA Board will meet on December 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Heidecker reported the Lorain County Community Alliance will meet on December 2nd for their Annual Government Roundtable at LCCC.

As mentioned earlier, NOPEC will offer their grant program in 2023.

Manning reported the next SWGH Board meeting is on December 1st.

Manning updated everyone on the activities of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. The committee started out with 8 potential consultants. One went out of business. Seven requests for bids went out on October 24th with a due date of November 11th. Only two consultants responded. Manning then sent another reminder notice.

The two that did respond had similar fees. One company from Cleveland did Olmsted Township's Comprehensive Plan. The other company located in Pittsburgh did Medina Township's plan. Manning just sent a letter to a company in Bowling Green hoping for response by December 9th. The committee will interview the consultants January 10, 11 and 12. Manning wants to talk to Jeff Ziolkowski about doing a Zoom meeting with the consultant in Pittsburgh.

Funding the development of the Comprehensive Plan and review of the Zoning Resolution discussed. Previously, this was discussed with Matt Lundy and Don Romancak. Manning may ask for additional funding from Lorain County's American Rescue Plan Act Funding. Manning noted no one knows for sure yet who will be the third Lorain County Commissioner. The final election result is due November 28th.

FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

Fiscal Officer Andrews requested the Trustees' approval to make the following changes to the Amended Official Certificate:

1. Increase Permanent Appropriations for the General Fund by \$32,000 for park expense.

Motion Heidecker to approve increasing the permanent appropriations for the General Fund by \$32,000 for park expense. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous. 11-21-2022-138

The following changes reflect the revenue actually received:

2. Decrease Permanent Appropriations for the Hospital Levy Fund by \$465.82.

Motion Heidecker to approve decreasing permanent appropriations for the Hospital Levy Fund by \$465.82. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous. 11-21-2022-139

3. Increase Permanent Appropriations for the Library Levy Fund by \$7,627.07.

Motion Heidecker to approve increasing permanent appropriations for the Library Levy Fund by \$7,627.07. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous. 11-21-2022-140

4. Decrease Estimated Resources for the Hospital Levy Fund by \$4,627.05

Motion Cunningham to approve decreasing Estimated Resources for the Hospital Levy Fund by \$4,627.05. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous. 11-21-2022-141

5. Decrease Estimated Resources for the Library Levy Fund by \$3,747.93

Motion Heidecker to approve decreasing Estimated Resources for the Library Fund by \$3,747.93. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous. 11-21-2022-142