

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

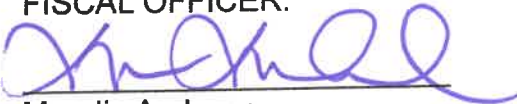
Motion Manning to adjourn the meeting. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

Minutes submitted by Rita Plata.

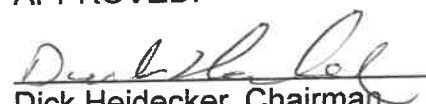
RECEIPTS

LC AUDITOR (1 ST HALF REAL ESTATE TAX)	\$1,173,428.53
LC AUDITOR (STREETLIGHTING ASSESSMENTS)	9,513.52
LC AUDITOR (FEB MVR PERM)	4,550.00
LC AUDITOR (FEB MVR)	1,484.08
LC AUDITOR (MARCH GAS TAX)	14,300.99
LC AUDITOR (2022 IRP COMP DISTRIBUTION)	645.09
CELL TOWER LEASE PAYMENT	1,749.01
CULVERT PIPE	550.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT RUN REPORT REQUEST	25.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	11,793.80
RECREATION FEE (PULTE HOMES)	900.00
RECREATION FEE	1800.00
CEMETERY	<u>1,750.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,222,490.02</u>

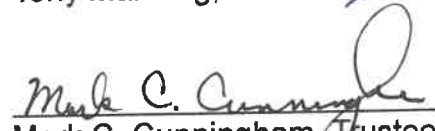
FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Dick Heidecker, Chairman


Tony Manning, Vice Chairman


Mark C. Cunningham, Trustee

Chairman Dick Heidecker called the regular meeting on April 3, 2023 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 Heidecker, Manning and Cunningham were present.

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

Minutes from the previous regular meeting on March 20, 2022 were presented for approval.

Motion Manning to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 20, 2023 as written. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

Bills and payroll totaling \$65,562.58 were presented for approval.

Motion Cunningham to pay bills and payroll totaling \$65,562.58. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

No correspondence has been received since the last meeting.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

The deputy reported the Sheriff's Department responded to 16 alarm calls which they attributed to recent high winds.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For April 20-31, 2023, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing 14 permits for one barn, one shed, two patios, four decks and six single-family homes. Year-to-date, he has issued 53 permits for new single-family homes.

Violations – Eichenberg sent an ORC 505.87 violation to 9888 Dupont Avenue for debris in the yard. Eichenberg requested a resolution to clean up the debris.

Motion Cunningham to clean up the debris at 9888 Dupont Avenue. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
4-3-2023-44

Board of Zoning Appeals – The Board of Zoning Appeals did not receive any applications for their April meeting. The BZA's next regular meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on May 22, 2023.

Zoning Commission – The Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Eichenberg did not attend their last meeting.

New Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

Department Input – Nothing new reported.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Equipment – Bob Rundle reported all Road Department and Fire Department equipment up and running.

Issue I Status – Rundle noted there is nothing going on with Issue I at this time.

Subdivision Status – The road crew will be repairing the concrete roads in Redfern Farms.

They will be making asphalt soon, but Rundle is trying to wait until the materials bids are returned before scheduling any paving projects.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Personnel – Chief Anthony reported 39 members on file and 36 members on call.

Calls – To date, the department has responded to 180 calls.

Transport Billing – February receipts totaled \$6,559.29. Year-to-date billing receipts total \$16,042.10.

Equipment – All equipment is up and running.

Mutual Aid – Mutual aid has been given 18 times and requested 11 times.

Station Coverage – All hours offered are covered.

Department Input – Chief Anthony reported the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast was a success with 1,000 people served and 66 units of blood collected during the Red Cross Blood Drive. During breakfast, the Columbia Community Foundation presented the Fire Department with a \$19,000 grant for a new Lucas Device.

The Fire Department also received a \$14,780 grant from the Department of Commerce to purchase firefighter safety equipment.

Anthony is obtaining quotes for the annual hose and ladder testing all of which is all done during the month of May.

The next Blood Drive at the Fire Station will be on July 2nd in conjunction with the Car Show.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$1,250 for burials and \$500 from the sale of one grave.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cell Tower Lease – Cunningham reported the legal documents should be sent within the next couple of weeks. Cunningham will forward them to the Lorain County Prosecutor for review.

Dumpster Days – Dumpsters will be available on Thursday, April 20th, and Friday, April 21st from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, April 22nd from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. The dumpsters will be located behind the Service Garage at 26089 Royalton Road.

Request for “No Engine Brake” Signage on SR 82 – A letter requesting this signage was sent to ODOT, but there has been no response to it yet.

Schedule Interviews for Zoning Inspector Position – Cunningham suggested, between now and the next meeting on April 17th, the Board should work on the questions to ask the applicants. Once the questions are developed, the interviews can be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Put Road Materials and Equipment Rental Out for Bid with Bid Opening on April 17, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. –

Motion Cunningham to put materials and equipment rental out for bid with the bid opening on April 17, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
4-3-2023-45

Letter of Support for SWAC Application for Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant for Gerber Property – Requesting outreach to our residents if they are awarded the grant; SWAC would provide outreach materials –

Motion Heidecker to send a letter of support. Seconded Cunningham.

Part of the northwest portion of Columbia Township flows to the Black River Watershed.

With discussion concluded, the vote was taken and it was unanimous.
4-3-2023-46

Speed Limits on Redfern and Snell Roads – Cunningham read informative portions of a letter the Trustees received from Bob Klaiber of the Lorain County Engineer's Office answering the Trustees' request for a speed study on Redfern Road. Klaiber informed the Trustees that, due to the many subdivisions on Redfern Road, the Ohio Revised Code gives the Trustees the ability to set the speed limit on the road. If they were to do a traffic study, the resulting speed would probably remain 45 mph, the same speed limit as indicated by the previous traffic studies. ORC Section 4511.21(k)(5)(b) gives the Board of Trustees the authority to adopt speed limits less than 55 mph and not less than 25 mph.

Due to the number of residential developments on Snell Road, Cunningham spoke with Bob Klaiber about reducing the speed limit on Snell to 35 mph from North Marks to State Route 252 and Klaiber agreed. The Trustees have the ability to go back to the original speed limit if the new speed limit does not work out well.

Motion Cunningham, since we have the authority necessary, to decrease the speed limit to 35 mph on Redfern Road from North Marks Road to State Route 252 and on Snell Road from North Marks Road to SR 252.

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews suggested the Trustees include an effective date for the speed limit reductions. After discussion, **Cunningham agreed to amend his motion to include an effective date of May 1, 2023.**

Motion Cunningham, since we have the authority necessary, to decrease the speed limit to 35 mph on Redfern Road from North Marks Road to SR 252 and on Snell Road from North Marks Road to SR 252 with an effective date of May 1, 2023. Seconded Heidecker.

**Vote Heidecker and Cunningham, yes. Manning, no. Motion carried.
4-3-2023-47**

The speed limit changes will be posted on Facebook and the Township's website. Cunningham gave the Sheriff's Deputy a copy of Bob Klaiber's letter. The deputy will arrange for electronic speed signs and posts to be delivered and Bob Rundle's crew will put them up.

Tree Line in West River Road Cemetery – Peter Destro, 13627 West River Road, owns the property adjacent to the north boundary of the West River Road Cemetery. He complained because a 30 ft. section of the arborvitae hedge was trimmed for a recent burial adjacent to the hedge.

Bob Rundle met with an engineer from Lorain County Engineer's Office who will be doing a study of the cemetery boundary. Rundle explained the hedge was trimmed because it was covering graves. He said the trees are encroaching on the property and graves and have to be cut back 2-3 ft. The County Engineer is looking to find the back pin for the property line that is located over the hill.

Cunningham said he went over to the cemetery a couple of times. He told Mr. Destro that if he doesn't want to trim them, we will have to trim them back. Cunningham noticed a dead elm tree on Destro's property that could come down and damage headstones. Cunningham asked him to take a look at it. He said the arborvitae are encroaching over graves. Cunningham said we have someone watching our cemeteries closely. Rundle gave Destro his business card so they could meet to discuss the situation and resolve it properly.

Street Light at Osborne Road and Root Roads, East Side – A resident recently approached Chairman Heidecker about installing a street light at the intersection of Osborne Road and Root Road on the east side of the intersection. Heidecker said he would like to move forward with the street light. Cunningham said he would like to go over there and look at it before passing a resolution because some people might not want a streetlight. Action on the streetlight was tabled until the next meeting.

Cunningham reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet on April 20th in the Lorain County Administration Building for a combined meeting with the Lorain County Stormwater Management District's Annual meeting and the LCTA's April meeting.

The RLCWA Board will meet on Wednesday, April 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Cunningham had nothing new to report concerning the Rocky River Watershed Council.

Heidecker had nothing new to report concerning the Northeast Regional Sewer District.

NOPEC will be sending opt-out letters for electric. Residents who do not return the opt-out letter will automatically be put back into NOPEC.

Manning attended a SWGH Board meeting on March 29th. Their next meeting is on May 17th. Manning reported SWGH is dealing with a significant staff shortage. The hospital may soon come to a resolution to the situation with Anthem.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 19th, at 4:00 p.m. They will be finishing the details of the public survey that will go out in May. The first public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews reported that the Columbia Community Foundation has a grant that will cover up to \$10,000 for mental health and drug addiction counseling if the patient's health insurance does not cover the services. Anyone in need of information regarding this grant can reach out to the Columbia Community Foundation or Mandie Andrews.

FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

Mandie Andrews did not have any financial requests.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

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