

**COMMUNITY INPUT:**

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

**Motion Heidecker to adjourn. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.**

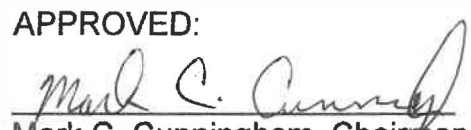
**RECEIPTS**

LC AUDITOR (SEPT. LOCAL GOV)	\$ 9,169.92
LC AUDITOR (SEPT. HB 49)	756.21
LC AUDITOR (2022 CIGARETTE SETTLEMENT)	280.42
LC AUDITOR (SEPT. GAS TAX)	14,890.74
LC AUDITOR (AUGUST MVR)	1,516.57
LC AUDITOR (AUGUST MVR PERM)	4,962.50
LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY (OVERPAYMENT)	42.01
HUNTING MEADOWS HOA MGMT COMPAN (HYDRANT MAINTENANCE)	1,264.60
REIMBURSEMENT FOR ITEMS RECEIVED DAMAGED	242.97
GREAT LAKES BILLING (SEPTEMBER TRANSPORT BILLING)	14,198.85
RECREATION FEE (PULTE HOMES)	2,700.00
AMERICAN TOWER (CELL TOWER LEASE)	1,749.01
CEMETERY	5,175.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	5,183.60
REPLACE DAMAGED CULVERT PIPE	<u>300.00</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$ 62,432.40</u>

FISCAL OFFICER:

  
Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:

  
Mark C. Cunningham, Chairman

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Dick Heidecker, Chairman

  
Tony Manning, Trustee

Chairman Mark Cunningham called the regular meeting on October 3, 2022 to order in the Columbia Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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 previous meeting on September 19, 2022 were presented for approval.

**Motion Heidecker to approve the minutes as written. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.**

Bills and payroll totaling \$63,620.02 were presented for approval.

**Motion Manning to pay bills and payroll totaling \$63,620.02. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:**

There was no correspondence.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

Captain Dan Ashdown was present, but he did not give a report.

**ZONING INSPECTOR:**

**Permits** – For September 19-30, 2022, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing five permits for one deck, one pool, one barn, one home addition and one single-family home. Year-to-date, he has issued 156 permits for new homes.

**North Boone Road**

Eichenberg sent a violation to a property owner for unlicensed vehicles. Two vehicles have been sitting there for a long time. The property is right across the street from the Emerald Woods Subdivision. The gentleman does not live on the property.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** – The BZA did not receive any applications for their September meeting. Their next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

**Zoning Commission** – The Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. They are proposing setting a public hearing for zoning amendments they have been working on for some time. Eichenberg estimated there will be four or five amendments.

**Subdivision Status** – Nothing new reported.

**MS4'S** – No complaints or problems reported.

**Department Input** – Eichenberg reported the Land Bank has a walk-through scheduled for 9955 Bryant Avenue on October 6<sup>th</sup>. He doesn't have a time for the walk-through yet.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

**Equipment** – Service Director Bob Rundle reported all equipment up and running with no problems.

**Issue I** – Rundle does not expect to hear anything new concerning the 2023 Issue I applications until January after they have an Integrating Committee meeting. Rundle doesn't know if the townships have a representative on the Integrating Committee other than Carl Wesemeyer.

**Subdivision Status** – Rundle had nothing new to report.

**MS4'S** – No problems or complaints reported.

**Department Input** – Rundle spoke with a gentleman today who lives along the Plum Creek near Akins Road. A large tree is blocking the Plum Creek. Rundle plans to discuss the problem with Don Romancak tomorrow. If the Board does not have any objections, Rundle will go through the proper channels to clean the Plum Creek down by Akins Road where Forsythia Drive intersects with Akins Road.

Rundle discussed the purchase of a new snowplow truck. The State Bid price of the chassis is \$127,000. Hydraulics for the truck would be approximately \$88,000. The delivery date is 14-16 months out and they cannot guarantee the price. Heidecker asked what happens is the price comes in too high. Cunningham asked how badly the truck is needed.

Rundle said the truck is two years out if we get going now.

Heidecker made a motion to start the purchase. No one seconded the motion.

Rundle suggested having the Lorain County Prosecutor look at it. Rundle will get the legal description for this truck and run it by the Lorain County Prosecutor to approve the terms for the purchase.

Rundle met with a representative sent by PERSO to inspect the roof on the VFW barn. He will be sending paperwork regarding the wind damage to the roof. The gentleman noted it has been extremely windy in the area during the past six months. The elasticity in the shingles is gone and the roofer can't do anything more with the present roof. A couple of years ago, Rundle got an estimate of \$14,000 for a metal roof for the building. Rundle wants to put a metal roof on the building and PERSO likes the idea. Once Rundle receives the figures from the insurance company, he will get estimates. The Trustees can then make the decision.

Concerning the two missing flashing stop signs on South Boone Road, one at the Emmons Road intersection and the other at the Boston Road intersection, Rundle will turn them over to PERSO to see how much they will cover. Both signs were damaged by auto accidents. Rundle has dates but no names.

On Boone Road, Lorain County wants help with monument boxes. The county will purchase them and the Road Department will put them in if the Trustees have no objection.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Personnel** – Fire Chief Ray Anthony reported 38 members on file and 36 members on call.

**Runs** – Year-to-date, the Fire Department has responded to 582 runs.

**Transport Billing** – August receipts totaled \$13,99.19. Year-to-date receipts total \$94,482.64.

**Mutual Aid** – Mutual aid has been given 38 times and requested 42 times.

**Station Coverage** – All hours offered are being covered.

**Department Input** – For Fire Prevention Week, Copopa students will participate in a coloring contest. Fourth graders will participate in an essay contest. Captain Brett Heidecker will give the winner of the essay contest a ride to school in the fire truck.

Last week, the Fire Department and the Lorain County Sheriff did active shooter training in the CMS building in the morning and in the high school in the afternoon. Anthony said everyone worked together and lessons were learned. Active shooter training could also be done at the Columbia Ballroom and the VFW.

A county water shuttle is planned in the morning on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Next year, Anthony wants to work on improving the ISO rating. Once up and running, Anthony wants to flow 2,000 gallons of water. A location for the water shuttle has not been decided, yet.

The Brett Wilson Annual Memorial Climb is planned for Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the CHS stadium from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is also a 1-mile walk at 12:30 p.m. To participate, a \$10 donation is requested to benefit the ongoing Brett Wilson Scholarship Fund.

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Maryland has not recognized Brett Wilson yet. He is on Lorain County's memorial and the State's memorial.

There was a lengthy discussion about communication issues between the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department during the active shooter drill. If there were a real active shooter, the departments have a method to work together on communication.

There is a problem with the Sheriff's ability to communicate in the school buildings. Captain Ashdown noted there are radio problems in general when patrolling areas of Columbia Township because in two-thirds of the township they have no reception. Even the repeater on the water tower doesn't alleviate the problem. Ashdown commented on a new system with new technology that will improve radio communication. He hopes this new technology will be in place by the first of the year.

#### **CEMETERY:**

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$1,375 for four burials, \$1,500 from the sale of three graves and \$2,150 for six footer fees.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Communication with Ohio Edison about Relocating the Pole at the Intersection of South Boone Road and Boston Road** – Bob Rundle explained how he needs to cut down a section on the east side of South Boone Road and the north side of Boston Road for visibility. The pole has to be moved before dirt can be removed from the hillside. Chairman Cunningham suggested Rundle contact Ohio Edison's Nick Katsaros. Cunningham has Mr. Katsaros' phone number.

**Discuss Quote for Upgrades to the Projector and Sound System in the Town Hall**

– Chairman Cunningham met with the gentleman about working on the sound system and projector. They met at 11:00 a.m. and by 6:00 p.m. Cunningham had the quote. He said he was impressed by what he presented. For the microphones, projector work and a new screen, Cunningham asked for approval to spend up to \$6,000.

**Motion Manning to spend up to \$6,000 for microphones, projector work, and a new screen. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.**

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**Discuss Contract with Lorain County Sheriff for a Columbia Township Car –**

Chairman Cunningham explained the Trustees met with Captain Ashdown and now have information about what a new car would cost. If the Trustees don't want to purchase a new car, they can pay mileage.

The price of a new patrol vehicle is \$42,000. The Sheriff's Department would pay for the ad-ins which would cost approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000. The present patrol car is a 2013 with 45,000 miles. The Sheriff wants to put that vehicle into the vehicle pool.

Cunningham said we can have them bill us for the use of their car. Manning asked about the car parts. Ashdown explained the car is a 2013 Caprice and parts are getting very hard to find because they come from Australia. The present vehicles are Ford Explorers.

Cunningham said, from his perspective, he doesn't want to pay \$42,000 for a vehicle. He asked Captain Ashdown to come up with the cost to use the Sheriff's vehicles.

Manning asked Ashdown if the deputies log their time here and what they do. Ashdown explained a copy of their log is attached to their bill.

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews said the last bill was for four hours and 78 miles.

Manning asked Andrews for a copy of the log when it is received.

Resident Wayne Brassell said the Township contracts for up to 20 hours. He asked can we get more?

Cunningham explained the patrol is on a voluntary basis. The contract addresses the rate. Ashdown explained \$1.20 per mile goes to insurance and longevity pay. Ashdown noted that the hours are flexible.

Cunningham concluded that the Trustees would consider the options and then decide.

**Discuss NOPEC –**

Since NOPEC's rate increase, Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews has been contacted at the Township by other companies who want to sell electricity. She believes all of these aggregate companies say they will save you money for about six months and after that they charge extra fees. Her personal feeling is that the Township shouldn't join another aggregate.

Andrews fielded five phone calls and no one will put anything in writing about what they will charge after the 6-month introductory period.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cunningham** reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet at LCCC on October 20<sup>th</sup> for a Candidates Night.

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

Cunningham will attend the RLCWA Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The regular board meeting is on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Heidecker** reported the Facility Planning Area change due to the new sewer is in process.

**Manning** will attend a SWGH Board meeting on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee has narrowed down the number of potential consultants to 8. They will be sending out letters requesting proposals from them. All but one of the consultants has dealt with townships. Manning said Olmsted Township was happy with Envision, one of the consultants on the Steering Committee's list.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:**

Mandie Andrews did not have any financial requests.