

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.

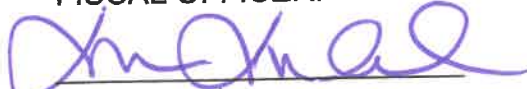
The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rita Plata.


RECEIPTS


ZONING INSPECTOR	\$ 20,166.50
LC AUDITOR (JUNE GAS TAX)	15,716.40
LC AUDITOR (MAY MVR)	1,676.74
LC AUDITOR (MAY MVR PERM)	5,255.00
CULVERT PIPE	1,100.00
OHIO LIQUOR CONTROL	7,403.20
OHIO LIQUOR CONTROL	1,239.00
CELL TOWER LEASE PAYMENT	1,749.01
BWC GRANT – FIRE DEPARTMENT	13,786.21
CEMETERY	4,550.00
RECREATION FEES	<u>8,100.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 80,742.06</u>

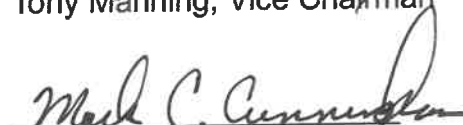
FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Dick Heidecker, Chairman


Tony Manning, Vice Chairman


Mark Cunningham, Trustee

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For June 22-30, 2023, Zoning Inspector Rick Lanzo reported issuing permits for one pool, one barn, two decks, one shed, one patio and 11 new single-family homes. Year to date, 121 permits have been issued for new homes.

Violations –

Villa Camillus, 10515 East River Road

The owner mowed the property.

25590 Folley Road

The cleanup of this property is scheduled for Friday, July 7, 2023.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one applied for the BZA's July meeting. Their next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The Ummah Center may be coming before the BZA with a request to expand their school to K-12.

Zoning Commission – The Zoning Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

New Subdivision Status – Nothing to report. Lanzo received two calls about when the moratorium will end and two properties are being looked at for two separate subdivisions.

MS4'S – No complaints or inquiries about the MS4'S.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Equipment – Bob Rundle reported all equipment up and running with some minor issues. Rundle is still waiting for delivery of the engine for the truck the Lorain County Garage is working on.

Issue I Status – Rundle reported the condition of Redfern Road is getting worse.

For next year's Issue I, Rundle will go with Root Road, if the Board agrees. By working with Lorain County, the road will be paved from Station Road to Sprague Road.

Chairman Dick Heidecker called the regular meeting to order on July 3, 2023 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 emailed all meeting reports to the Trustees.

Minutes from the regular meeting on June 5, 2023 were presented for approval.

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

Minutes from the regular meeting on June 20, 2023 were presented for approval.

Motion Heidecker to approve the minutes as written. Seconded Manning. Vote Heidecker and Manning, yes; Cunningham who was absent, abstained. Motion carried.

Bills and payroll totaling \$111,761.51 were presented for payment.

Motion Cunningham to pay bills and payroll totaling \$111,761.51. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Letter from SWGH regarding a grant for a replacement vehicle for the courtesy van program.

CORRESPONDENCE RESPONSE:

Letter from SWGH Regarding Grant for New Courtesy Van – Mandie Andrews will send a letter of support on behalf of Columbia Township.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Deputy Marialyse Fuller, introduced herself and gave a brief incident report. She is the new township impact deputy for Columbia Township.

Chairman Heidecker asked about North Marks Road. Rundle spoke with Joe Walker, Strongsville's service director about the project. Walker will talk to the Lorain County Engineer. The Lorain County Engineer wants to be sure both lanes will be done at the same time. Rundle said the project is on hold right now.

Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

Department Input – The road crew has been doing road maintenance. They will be returning to Redfern Farms to do more concrete road repair.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Anthony was absent.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$2,750 for burials and prepaid burials, \$1,500 from sale of graves, and \$300 for one footer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cell Tower Lease – Cunningham has been in contact with Leigh Prugh of the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office. All but one of the documents must be notarized. Cunningham may reach out to a resident who is a notary.

Request for "No Engine Brake" Signage on SR 82 – Chairman Heidecker discovered the letter previously sent to ODOT was lost. The request will have to be resubmitted with a diagram for ODOT's approval.

Streetlight at the Intersection of Osborne and Root Roads, East Side – Nothing new reported.

2023 Bike MS: Buckeye Breakaway Event – Request to use a Pavilion on August 12-13 and Park Restrooms – Nothing new reported.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hickory Nut – Chairman Heidecker explained the Trustees received copies of the new agreement (for an age-restricted Active Adult Del Webb Retirement Community). Heidecker said he does not have a problem with it. Manning had not had chance to read it. This agreement still has to go to the Lorain County Prosecutor for review.

Cunningham commented that he spoke to a lot of people in the community who are happy with the terms. Cunningham himself is happy with the terms.

Manning noted the Lorain County Prosecutor is out of town until Wednesday. Manning still has concerns about the Fire Department, but he does not want to rehash the numbers.

Attorney John Slagter explained the agreement was given to the Trustees on May 19th. At that time, he asked the Trustees to call back with comments. Slagter spoke with Greg Peltz and Leigh Prugh of the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office and has a meeting with them this Wednesday. Slagter would like to see the Board to pass a resolution that would enable Pulte to move forward with the development. The attorneys have an upcoming conference call with corporate and this development is a huge investment.

Knowing the Trustees have concerns about EMS and safety, they said they have double checked the impact and think the impacts are addressed.

Manning said he gets what they are saying. The City of North Ridgeville has money for fire hydrants and their Fire Department. Manning said I think the health and safety of the community is at risk and I told you that before.

Manning requested \$2,000 per home for the fire department. O'Connor said, they were told the fee was non-negotiable. Also, the request for payment of the total fees up front was discussed. When the calculations were done, they showed there was not an immediate need for payment of the money up front.

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews explained the restrictions on investing township funds. The money has to be protected. If the township were to get the money up front instead of a residual amount, the return on investment would not be significant. The current \$1.2 million sweep account makes \$5,500 per month in interest. When the interest rates were low, it made \$5 per month. Andrews said it does not behoove us to take the money up front. Manning said provided they remain liquid.

Manning asked when does the HOA go into effect? Is it when it is built up? Slagter said the HOA is immediate. Jim O'Connor said Pulte holds the account until the development is completed, then it is turned over.

Jim O'Connor said he is proud of his team and they are the best guys in northeast Ohio. He also said he appreciated the push to do his best work. O'Connor worked on providing supplemental forecasting for the Township.

Cunningham said he had numerous conversations with Chief Anthony. Chief Anthony doesn't think there are any negative impacts going forward with the number of calls. Mandie Andrews commented that the residents will be 55+ and Medicare is a top payer. Their insurance companies and Medicare will pay for their runs. She said these are people who will pay for their EMS runs.

Resident Wayne Brassell asked if there was any comparison between the Villa Camillus and this proposed Del Webb Community. Cunningham said Chief thinks the Villa Camillus had a lot more runs than this development will have.

Discussion was concluded.

Motion Cunningham to approve the material terms and basic development plan as presented in the draft agreement provided by Pulte on July 3, 2023 for the 2008 Hickory Nut Settlement Agreement. This draft is subject to final review by our legal counsel (Lorain County Prosecutor) for any legal edits and administrative adjustments as requested.

The Trustees authorize a publication of a Public Hearing notice in the Chronicle Telegram July 7 or 8, 2023 as required by ORC 505.07. Copies of the amended consent decree will be available at the Town Hall. The Public Hearing notice will be in the July 17, 2023 Rural Urban.

Seconded Heidecker.

Heidecker commented that Pulte has put a lot out there and he has read it. Heidecker does understand where Tony Manning is going forward. Cunningham commented on the fact that because the roads will not be public, the amount of money the Township is saving can be invested in a lot of other things.

The vote was taken and Heidecker and Cunningham voted yes. Manning abstained until he can talk to the Fiscal Officer. Motion carried.

7-3-2023-70

Motion Cunningham to adjourn the regular meeting for the 2024 Budget Hearing. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

7:30 P.M. 2024 BUDGET HEARING

Mandie Andrews took roll call attendance and Heidecker, Manning and Cunningham were present.

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews read the resolution for the 2024 Budget with total Estimated Resources of \$5,933,825.42 and total Estimated Expenditures of \$3,659,442.38. Expenditures are \$2,334,383.38. Expenditures are \$2,334,383.04 less than projected Estimated Resources.

Motion Manning to approve the 2024 Budget as presented. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 7-3-2023-69

Motion Manning to leave the Budget Hearing. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

Mandie Andrews took roll call attendance and Heidecker, Manning and Cunningham were present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham will attend the Ohio Rural Water Association's Summer Quarterly meeting July 11th and 12th. The Rural Water Board will meet on July 19th. The next Lorain County Township Association meeting is on July 20th in Carlisle Township.

Heidecker spent 1.5 hours on a NEORSD Zoom meeting about the Mentor Marsh, created when the salt mines were dug, and the subsequent problems with the marsh. He found it to be very interesting.

The Emergency Management Agency is making preparations for next year's total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. From April 7-9, 2024, 900,000 people are expected to travel to the area for the eclipse.

Mandie Andrews noted the Columbia Schools will be closing for one day.

Manning had nothing new to report concerning SWGH. The Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan is meeting in the Town Hall on July 12th at 4 p.m.