

COMMUNITY INPUT:

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

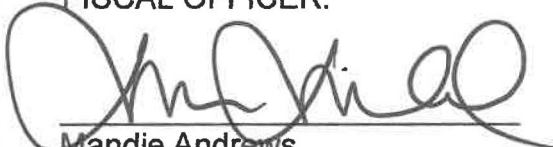
Motion Heidecker to adjourn the meeting. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Plata.

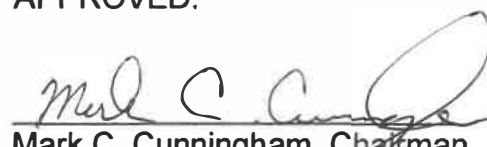
RECEIPTS

OHIO BWC (REFUND)	\$ 306.00
PERSO (INSURANCE CLAIM FOR ROOF ON PARK BUILDING)	14,630.00
CEMETERY	375.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	3,008.50
FIRE RUN	<u>25.00</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$18,344.50</u>

FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Mark C. Cunningham, Chairman

Dick Heidecker, Vice Chairman


Tony Manning, Trustee

Chairman Mark Cunningham called the regular meeting on October 17, 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.

Due to illness, Rita Plata did not have the minutes from the regular meeting on October 3, 2022 ready for approval. They will be ready for the next regular meeting on November 7th.

Bills and payroll totaling \$423,532.05 were presented for approval.

Motion Heidecker to pay the bills and payroll totaling \$423,532.05. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Letter from Community Development & Storm Water Coordinator Don Romancak concerning the Storm Water District's plan to use ARPA funds for the Smith Ditch Project in Columbia Township.

Request from Rich Beran, manager of Builder and Developers Co., Inc. requesting the Trustees review and approve the Final Plat of Phase 3 Redfern Trails.

Information from the Fire Department regarding Fire Levy Issue #44.

CORRESPONDENCE RESPONSE:

Letter from Community Development & Storm Water Coordinator Don Romancak concerning the Storm Water District's plan to use ARPA funds for the Smith Ditch Project in Columbia Township – Rundle explained this project would start on SR 82 by the aquarium store and continue northeast to Station Road and then continue east to the Plum Creek. A crossover pipe and box culvert will be cleaned. The \$400,000 project will be done in two phases.

Information from the Fire Department regarding Fire Levy Issue #44 – Mandie Andrews encouraged everyone to vote on November 8th.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

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

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For October 3-14, 2022, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing three permits for one deck, one garage and one single-family home. Year-to-date, he has issued 157 permits for new homes.

Violations –

9955 Bryant Avenue

The Lorain County Landbank is ready to tear this house down. The owner called Eichenberg to let him know his neighbor is interested in purchasing the house and demolishing it himself. The owner asked for 30 days to complete the transaction. The Trustees agreed to give him 30 days as long as the neighbor tears the house down.

Sign Posted on Vacant Land

Bob Eichenberg and the Trustees have received a lot of complaints about a sign with profanity posted in a field on Marks Road.

Chairman Cunningham spoke to the Lorain County Prosecutor who said is it considered Freedom of Speech.

Eichenberg said the Ohio Revised Code addresses obscenity. Eichenberg had wanted to send the property owner a letter about the rule in the ORC. He will research it further.

Board of Zoning Appeals – The BZA did not receive any applications for their October meeting. Their next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission – The Zoning Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. The Zoning Commission set a public hearing for four zoning amendments on December 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Subdivision Status – Eichenberg completed the addresses for Phase 2 of the Creekside Subdivision.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Equipment – Service Director Bob Rundle reported all road equipment up and running. Some minor repairs were made to the fire trucks.

Issue I – Rundle does not expect to hear anything on the 2023 Issue I projects until the Integrating Committee meets in the new year.

Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

MS4's – No problems or complaints reported.

Department Input – The road crew will be returning to the Redfern Farms Subdivision to do more concrete work. They have also been doing a lot of ditching.

Rundle has a price of \$127,000 for the chassis for a new snowplow truck. Delivery time has improved to 12 months. The cost of the hydraulics is in the area of \$88,000. Rundle asked the Board if they want to move forward with a purchase order for the truck. Cunningham said yes, as long as the funds are available.

Motion Heidecker to go forward with a purchase order for a new snowplow truck. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

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Repairing a portion of Redfern Road before winter was discussed. Bob Rundle will have the cost estimate for the next meeting. At the next LCTA meeting, Cunningham will talk to Don Romancak, Bob Klaiber and Matt Lundy about fixing Redfern Road.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Anthony was out of town.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$375 for one burial.

OLD BUSINESS:

Upgrades to the Projector and Sound System in the Town Hall – Mandie Andrews reported all of the parts for the upgrades are ordered. Chairman Cunningham will let Jeff Ziolkowski know when everything has been delivered. Manning had a question about the speaker. Cunningham will call Ziolkowski to double check on the equipment for the sound/projection system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Final Plat for Redfern Trails Subdivision Phase 3 – Cunningham attended the meeting with the Lorain County Engineer who is satisfied with everything done. Cunningham will also attend the Planning Commission meeting next Tuesday.

Motion Heidecker to accept the final plat for Phase 3 of the Redfern Trails Subdivision on the condition that the Lorain County Engineer accepts it first. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous. 10-17-2022-128

Discuss Streetlighting Agreements with Ohio Edison and the Emerald Woods Homeowners Association –

Chairman Cunningham explained the developer of the Emerald Woods Subdivision would like to install LED streetlights throughout the subdivision. Ohio Edison will install the lights. After they are installed, Ohio Edison will bill Columbia Township and the township will then bill their Homeowners Association. Fiscal Officer Andrews will pay the bill from the General Fund and then bill the HOA on a monthly basis. Ohio Edison will not bill the HOA.

Earlier today, Cunningham emailed Heidecker and Manning copies of both agreements.

Motion Heidecker to approve the agreements with Ohio Edison and the Emerald Woods Homeowners Association for streetlighting. Seconded Manning.

At this time, the lights would be installed in the first and second phases. Cunningham explained most developers do not want streetlights throughout their subdivisions and only want them at the entrances. The Township pays the monthly fee for those entrance streetlights. In this case, the developer is willing to pay for all of the streetlights including the entrance lighting. The conduit is already in the ground in the subdivision.

Cunningham noted there are 16 subdivisions with streetlighting and the assessments for them go through the Lorain County Auditor.

Cunningham also explained how Columbia Township would be billing the HOA for streetlighting in the same way the HOA'S are billed for fire hydrant maintenance.

The developer came to the Trustees and asked to install the lights. Manning wants to be sure they have an HOA as he is worried about the reimbursements. Dave Zentkovich of MLM Developers explained how the Trustees would be reimbursed.

After discussion was concluded, the vote was taken and it was unanimous.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet at LCCC on October 20th for a Candidates Night. He had nothing new to report concerning the Rocky River Watershed Council. Cunningham will attend the fall quarterly Rural Water Association meeting in Brown County on Thursday, October 27th.

Heidecker reported NEORSD will be installing permanent rain gauges in the Plum Creek and Rocky River.

Manning attended a SWGH board meeting on October 6th. The hospital is doing a lot better financially but is still hurting. Their next board meeting is on December 1st.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is trying to finalize their RFP (request for proposal) letter to be sent to nine potential consultants. The Lorain County Prosecutor will review the bids received. The committee will narrow it down to three consultants and then select one. This process will take place during the holidays. Manning expects the steering committee to make their final selection after the first of the new year.

The selected consultant will survey the township, hold a group forum, and then move forward with development of the Comprehensive Plan.

Don Romancak told Manning Lorain County can contribute 50 percent. Commissioner Matt Lundy is also in agreement about the proposed funding from the county. Manning doesn't know the exact cost yet but thinks it will be in the range of \$80,000 for preparing the Comprehensive Plan and reviewing the Zoning Resolution.

The Steering Committee is meeting twice a month on Wednesday afternoons.

FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

Mandie Andrews did not have any financial requests.