

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

Minutes submitted by Rita Plata.

RECEIPTS

LC AUDITOR (APRIL LOCAL GOV)	\$ 6,915.67
LC AUDITOR (APRIL HB 49 LOCAL GOV)	756.21
HYDRANT MAINTENANCE (CREEKSIDE)	758.76
HYDRANT MAINTENANCE (ESTATES OF COLUMBIA RIDGE)	316.15
HYDRANT MAINTENANCE (REDFERN TRAILS)	1,264.60
ZONING INSPECTOR	16,146.10
RECREATION FEE	8,100.00
CEMETERY	<u>2,175.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 36,432.49</u>

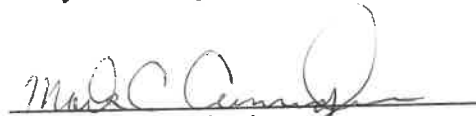
FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Dick Heidecker, Chairman


Tony Manning, Vice Chairman


Mark C. Cunningham

Chairman Dick Heidecker called the regular meeting on April 17, 2023 to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Columbia Town Hall.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Rita Plata took roll call attendance and Trustees Heidecker, Manning and Cunningham were present. Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews was absent.

Fiscal Officer Andrews emailed all meeting reports to the Trustees.

Minutes from the previous meeting on April 3, 2023 were presented for approval.

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

Bills and payroll totaling \$77,303.59 were presented for payment.

Motion Cunningham to pay bills and payroll totaling \$77,303.59. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

No correspondence has been received since the last meeting.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

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

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For April 3-14, 2023, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing 17 permits for one barn, three sheds, two patios, three decks and 9 single-family homes. Year-to-date, Eichenberg has issued 62 permits for new homes.

Violations – Eichenberg sent an ORC 505.87 violation letter for debris to 25990 Folley Road. He has been working with these homeowners for over a year. They start to work on it and then quit. Eichenberg requested a resolution to clean it up.

Cunningham noted the same people came to a Trustees meeting to discuss cleaning up their property.

Motion Cunningham to clean up the debris at 25990 Folley Road. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
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Board of Zoning Appeals – The next regularly scheduled BZA meeting is on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. They may have a setback variance to consider if Eichenberg can get with the applicant to figure out the specifics of the application.

Zoning Commission – The next regularly scheduled Zoning Commission meeting is on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. They are working on a proposed amendment dealing with hazardous waste disposal sites and waste storage ponds.

Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

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

Issue 1 – Three sealed bids were received for the Redfern Road TR106 Roadway Reconstruction Project and they will be opened later in the meeting.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

Department Input –

The road crew is patching roads, ditching, and installing culvert pipes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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

Transport Billing – March billing receipts totaled \$13,636.48. Year-to-date receipts total \$29,678.58.

Equipment Status – Chief Anthony reported all equipment up and running.

Mutual Aid – Mutual aid was given 19 times and requested 13 times.

Station Coverage – All hours offered are being covered.

Department Input – Anthony noted it is time to renew the maintenance contract on the generator. He has a quote for the contract and a quote for the cost to replace the transfer switch. The switch was damaged when the Fire Station lost power and then had a spike. A repair was made, but it is just a band-aid.

Chief Anthony reported the box of the new Recue Squad is built on the chassis. He expects delivery of the vehicle during the last part of May.

Anthony attended a meeting in Columbus for the National Firefighters Memorial. Brett Wilson's name will be added to the memorial next year on May 4-5, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cell Tower Lease – Cunningham reported the lease documents are under review by Leigh Prugh of the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office.

Dumpster Days – This year's dumpster days are on April 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Request for "No Engine Break" signage on SR 82 – A letter was sent to ODOT, but there has been no response yet.

Schedule Interviews for Zoning Inspector Position – Cunningham explained interviews will have done in executive session. Lorain County Prosecutor Greg Peltz does not have to attend but has advised the Trustees to schedule a meeting and once in the meeting announce they are going into executive session. Cunningham prepared questions to ask the applicants and he will give Heidecker and Manning copies. Cunningham anticipates the interviews will last between 30 to 40 minutes each.

The Trustees discussed their availability and will interview on Monday, April 24th, from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 26th, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m., and on Friday, April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rita Plata will schedule the interviews.

Speed Limits on Redfern and Snell Road Reduced to 35 mph Effective 5-1-2023 – This item was on the agenda for information only. A resident complained at length about the reduced speed limits.

Manning explained that there were complaints about 45 mph being fast. The roads have become crowded because of the developments. The Trustees checked with the

Lorain County Engineer. He advised that due to the increased residential traffic from the new developments the Trustees are permitted to reduce the speed limit.

Chairman Heidecker explained that ODOT takes care of the state routes. The Trustees have asked every year for traffic lights at Redfern Road and SR 252 and Snell Road and SR 252 and every year ODOT denies the request.

Another resident commented how he liked the new speed limits.

At 7:20 p.m., Cunningham made a motion to go into the Bid Opening for Road Materials and Equipment and General Paving Services. Manning seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Trustees opened the following three sealed bids:

CROSS ROADS ASPHALT RECYCLING, INC. – Materials

KOKOSING – Materials

CROSS ROADS ASPHALT RECYCLING, INC – Equipment Rental and
General Paving Services

Bob Rundle will take the bids to the Lorain County Engineer and Lorain County Prosecutor for their review and recommendations.

Motion Manning to leave the bid opening and go back into the regular meeting. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

Tree Line in West River Road Cemetery – Chairman Heidecker reported the Lorain County Engineer assisted with determining the north boundary of the cemetery and as a result the tree line in question is on Township property. Rundle has attempted to contact the neighbor who believes the trees are his, but he has been unable to get in touch with him.

At 7:30 p.m., Manning made a motion to go into the bid opening for the Issue I Redfern Road TR106 Roadway Reconstruction Project. Cunningham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Trustees opened the following sealed bids:

CROSS ROADS ASPHALT RECYCLING, INC.	\$ 409,101
CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING	\$ 494,809
RONYAK PAVING INC.	\$ 437,671

Bob Rundle will take the bids to the Lorain County Engineer and Lorain County Prosecutor for their review and recommendations.

Motion Cunningham to leave the bid opening and go back to the regular meeting. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

Streetlight at Intersection of Osborne Road and Root Road East Side – During the discussion of the lack of a street light at this intersection, it was also noted there isn't a streetlight at the intersection of Osborne Road and Station Road. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Redfern Road – Chairman Heidecker received a request from a resident who is a teacher to close Redfern Road on April 22nd for Earth Day so students could pick up litter along the road. Due to the volume of traffic and short notice, closing the road isn't an option. Since the road crew will be busy with dumpster days, they will be unable to control traffic. Heidecker suggested the teacher contact a resident who owns a traffic business to see if she could volunteer some of her employees to direct traffic.

SWAC Grant for Drainage on Capel and Station Roads – Bob Rundle requested the Board's approval to apply for a \$20,000 Stormwater (SWAC) mini-grant for work to be done to improve the drainage on Station Road and Capel Road.

Motion Cunningham to apply for the \$20,000 SWAC grant. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

The Rocky River Watershed Council will meet on April 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. Cunningham will attend the RLCWA Policy meeting on April 19th at 5:30 p.m.

Heidecker had nothing new to report concerning NEORSD.

Heidecker reported the Lorain County Public Health Department is presenting a seminar about septic systems on April 26th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Middle School. Residents will learn what they will need to know about septic systems for next year. Their presentation is for Lorain County residents only as Cuyahoga and Medina Counties have different rules. The Health Department is proposing that everyone pay \$40 per year to register their septic systems, and the cost does not include inspections.

Cunningham noted they have a mandate from the EPA. There are 24,000 septic systems in Lorain County, and the Health Department does not have a record of the type of system for one third of them. They also plan to have homeowners pay \$120 up front to cover three years, 2024 through 2026.

Residents can check on the Health Department's website, loraincountyhealth.com, to see if their septic system is in Lorain County's database. On their website, type in "sewage" and the database will ask for an address.

Judge Melissa Kobasher of the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas will host a meeting at the library where she will answer questions about the court.

Manning reported the next SWGH meeting will be at 5:35 p.m. on May 17th.

Manning had nothing new to report about the Comprehensive Steering Committee except they will meet on April 19th at 4:00 p.m.

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 make comments.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.