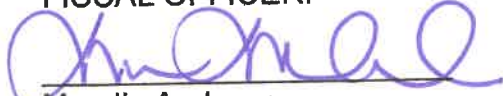


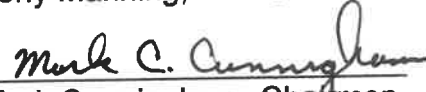
FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Dick Heidecker, Chairman


Tony Manning, Vice Chairman


Mark Cunningham, Chairman

Vice Chairman Tony Manning called the regular meeting on August 7, 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 Manning and Cunningham were present. Trustee Heidecker was out of town.

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

Minutes from the regular meeting on July 17, 2023 were presented for approval.

Motion Cunningham to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on July 17, 2023 as written. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

Minutes from the Public Hearing held on July 27, 2023 were presented for approval.

Motion Cunningham to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on July 27, 2023 as written. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews did not have any correspondence to read.

CORRESPONDENCE RESPONSE:

No correspondence response.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

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

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For July 17, 2023 thru August 7, 2023, Zoning Inspector Rick Lanzo reported issuing 28 permits for 15 single-family homes, one garage addition, two barns, six decks, two sheds, one patio and one commercial storage hanger. Year-to-date permits for new single-family homes total 143.

Violations –

25990 Folley Road

The cleanup on July 7, 2023 was incomplete. Lanzo returned to the property on July 21, 2023 to assess the homeowner's promise to remove items. The meeting with the property owner went okay. There are still vehicles to be removed.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one applied to the Board of Zoning Appeals for their August meeting. Their next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission – The Zoning Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Subdivision Status – Phases 7 and 8 of the Emerald Woods Subdivision are past the design stage and will be underway in 2024. Since Lanzo has never assigned addresses before, he will be reaching out to Bob Eichenberg for assistance with them.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

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

The new engine came in for the truck Lorain County is repairing. Rundle told Mandie Andrews to wait to pay for the engine because a core charge will be coming off the bill. The county garage will be working on the truck sometime this week.

Issue I – Work on the Redfern Road Issue I project was scheduled to begin today, but due to the heavy rains the contractor postponed the starting date until August 14th.

Rundle requested the Board's permission to apply for a 2024 Issue I grant for the Township's portion of Root Road. This will be a joint project with Lorain County. Root Road from Station Road to Sprague Road would be completely repaved.

The cost of resurfacing Columbia Township's portion of the road is \$576,831. OPWC would pay \$426,855 and the township's share of the cost of the project is \$149,976.

**Motion Cunningham to authorize Bob Rundle to apply for the 2024 Issue I grant for resurfacing Root Road. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
7-7-2023-73**

Rundle noted he talked to Dick Heidecker about the project and he was in favor the project.

Cunningham commented on the road closure notice received for Capel Road. The road will be closed between Station Road and Cowley Road for bridge replacement on Capel Road. Capel Road will be closed beginning August 14th and is expected to reopen on November 10th.

Bob Rundle reported that the gas line has already been relocated. The project will be done by N&N Construction out of Wakeman.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Equipment – Chief Anthony reported all equipment up and running.

Personnel – Anthony reported 38 members on file and 36 members on call.

Mutual Aid – Mutual aid has been given 33 times and requested 21 times.

Station Coverage – All hours offered are being covered.

Department Input – The department is sponsoring a class about alternative fuel for all departments in the county. Anthony thinks they may do it at the Lorain County JVS. The Fireman's Association will assist with the expenses for this class.

Chief Anthony has four applications to review.

Cunningham explained the Lorain County Township Association is meeting in Columbia Township on September 21st and he would like to use the Fire Station for from 6 to 9 p.m. for this meeting.

CEMETERY:

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

Request for “No Engine Break Signage” on SR 82 – Manning said he is not in favor of these signs. Cunningham said he is thinking we will put the signs at the borders.

Cunningham said he doesn't see how they will help that much, but we will have to see what ODOT says.

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

2023 Bike MS Buckeye Breakaway Event – Manning saw the emails about this group using the Middle School Parking lot instead of the park for a rest stop. Manning removed this item from the agenda.

Hickory Nut – Manning removed Hickory Nut from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resident – Charmae Cottom – Charmae Cottom shared her interest in coordinating next year's Homecoming Festival. Mrs. Cottom explained she has lived in Columbia Township most of her life. She was part of the Homecoming Committee in the 1980's and started the first Homecoming Pageant. She presently runs the Greater Cleveland Pageant Program. She has talked to many volunteers who would be willing to commit.

Cottom would like to make the Homecoming Festival safe and more family friendly. She admitted she does not know anything about fireworks. Mrs. Cottom spoke with the Chamber of Commerce and they don't have any money. She does need a professional for the fireworks. Mrs. Cottom said she has been running events for 16 years and she knows she can run Homecoming.

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews noted she needs a \$1 million insurance policy. Cottom said she has a \$1 million insurance policy and has non-profit status.

When asked what dates she planned for Homecoming she said the last weekend in June, but she is certainly open to other dates.

Cunningham said we usually do a car show so it depends on the date for the car show. He said it used to be on the 4th of July.

Cottom has already talked Phil Oberhaus of Hot Stove.

Cunningham said he knows it's very preliminary and once you get a plan you can come back to us. Cottom will keep in contact. She concluded that she will consider the safety of the volunteers and the community as well as the cost when planning this event.

NOACA Membership Dues – Cunningham explained Columbia Township's dues are \$1,500 and are based on a community's population. Manning asked what is the Township's profit? Cunningham said we don't get a lot of profit because we are a township, but we do benefit because of State Routes 82 and 252.

Motion Cunningham to pay the NOACA dues. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous. 8-7-2023-74

Approve 2024-2033 Lorain County Solid Waste Management Plan for LCSWMD – Cunningham explained Columbia Township is not part of the consortium. Each township has to approve the plan. The Lorain County Solid Waste Management District had a public hearing and a time for comments. Now it is time for each subdivision to approve it.

Motion Manning to approve the 2024-2033 Lorain County Solid Waste Management District's Plan. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 8-7-2023-75

Approve Resolution 2023-73 Authorizing Robert Rundle to Submit OPWC Grant Application for Root Road Resurfacing – See Bob Rundle's Road Department Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham reported the Lorain County Township Association will not meet during the month of August because of the Lorain County Fair. He had nothing new to report concerning the Rocky River Watershed Council.

Cunningham thanked everyone who helped to make the car show a success. Because of the car show, \$11,560 and a pick-up truck full of food was donated to the Columbia Food Bank. Boy Scout Troop 176 received a \$1,000 donation and made \$1,500 from concessions. Bernie Loos donated \$650 from the sale of Brats.

Manning reported the next SWGH Board meeting is on September 27th at 5:45 p.m. The Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan will meet on August 9th at 4 p.m. Their meetings are always open to the public.

FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

Mandie Andrews explained she recently encountered a stopped train at Station Road. She ran up to Nichols and Jaquay and the train was also stopped at that intersection.

Thinking about the possibility of a rescue squad being stopped at the tracks, she wonders how difficult it would be to put cameras at the railroad tracks. Then, fire department personnel could open up an App to view the cameras and to be sure they aren't stopped at the railroad tracks.

Cunningham asked Anthony about calling for mutual aid. Anthony explained county dispatch would be notified.

Anthony said he is not sure how cameras would work. Andrews said it was just a thought to kick around. She said we have the money if it is within reason. She asked what if there is a heart attack on the other side of the stopped train? Andrews feels it is worth looking into.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Cunningham. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

RECEIPTS

LC AUDITOR (JUNE MVR)	\$ 1,682.80
LC AUDITOR (JUNE MVR PERM)	5,554.83
LC AUDITOR (JULY GAS TAX)	16,071.76
LC AUDITOR (JULY HB49 LOCAL GOV)	756.21
LC AUDITOR (JULY LOCAL GOV)	10,306.91
GREAT LAKES BILLING (JULY FIRE TRANSPORT BILLING)	12,427.67
CELL TOWER LEASE PAYMENT	1,749.01
ZONING INSPECTOR	31,069.50
RECREATION FEE FOR PARK CEMETERY	11,700.00
	<u>3,250.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 94,568.69</u>