


RECEIPTS

CABLE FRANCHISE FEE	\$ 22,964.84
LC AUDITOR (FEB LOCAL GOV HB49)	756.21
LC AUDITOR (FEB LOCAL GOV)	10,002.95
LC AUDITOR (JAN MVR PERM)	4,910.00
LC AUDITOR (JAN MVR)	1,448.65
LC AUDITOR (FEB GAS TAX)	14,740.46
RYAN CASEY (PAYROLL REFUND)	1,852.98
DEFERRED COMP REFUNDS	130.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS REQUEST	25.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	24,769.80
CULVERT PIPES	1,500.00
CEMETERY	2,200.00
RECREATION FEES	6,300.00
RECREATION FEES (DREES HOMES)	1,800.00
RECREATION FEES (PULTE HOMES)	900.00
RECREATION FEES (RYAN HOMES)	<u>1,800.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 96,100.89</u>

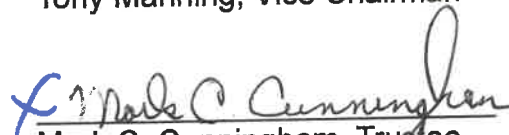
FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Dick Heidecker, Chairman


Tony Manning, Vice Chairman


Mark C. Cunningham, Trustee

Chairman Dick Heidecker called the regular meeting on March 6, 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 Heidecker and Cunningham were present. Trustee Tony Manning was absent.

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

Due to Manning's absence, approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting on March 20th.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Copy of a letter sent to Robert Duncan, director of the Lorain County Community Development Department regarding the Lorain County Commissioner's Resolution #23-153 approving reimbursement in the amount of \$40,650 for Columbia Township's preparation of an update to its Comprehensive Plan.

Letter from TC Energy regarding their Right-of-Way (ROW) Maintenance Program administered by TC Energy's Columbia Gas Transmission. The purpose of the program is to clear their ROW of encroachments.

Letter from ODOT regarding a meeting in Ashland on March 28th from 6 to 8 p.m. to discuss their Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Deputy Neil Hocking introduced himself as a new member of the Township Impact Unit. He reported for February 11th through March 6th, there were 93 calls for service to the Township.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For February 20-28, 2023, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing five permits for one shed, one pavilion and three single-family homes. Year-to-date, Eichenberg has issued 30 permits for new homes.

Violations – Eichenberg received a complaint about a residence on Bryant Avenue. They had a mattress and a couple of other things sitting out outside. The homeowner is supposed to have the trash hauler pick the items up.

Board of Zoning Appeals – The BZA met on February 27, 2023 and approved the request from Ummah, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a school for Pre-K through 4th Grade beginning in the fall of 2023.

The BZA's next regularly scheduled meeting is a 6:30 p.m. on March 27, 2023.

Zoning Commission – The Zoning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023. Eichenberg did not attend their March meeting.

Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

Cunningham asked about the status of the Aldridge Avenue hoarder. Eichenberg explained how the new owners made an agreement with Dave Pirro of Done Rite Landscaping to clean up the property. Their agreement saved Eichenberg a lot of paperwork.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Equipment – Service Director Bob Rundle reported all Fire Department and Road Department vehicles up and running except for one Road Department truck. The truck has an engine problem. By the next meeting, Rundle will have an estimate for the cost to repair it. He will keep the Board informed.

Issue I Status – Rundle asked the Trustees to let him know if they have a project in mind for the 2024 application.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

Department Input – The Road Department is doing ditching and cutting and trimming trees along the roadsides.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Anthony was called away to respond to a structure fire just before tonight's meeting.

He did plan to hire three new firemen: Benjamin Chin, Firefighter/Paramedic; Evan Ketterer, Firefighter/EMT and Logan Nance, Firefighter/EMT.

Motion Cunningham to hire Benjamin Chin, Evan Ketterer and Logan Nance pending passing background checks. Seconded Heidecker.

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CEMETERY:

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$750 for two burials, \$1,000 from the sale of two graves, \$400 for one footer fee, and \$50 for one vase.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cell Tower Lease – Cunningham will have all of the information from the lease company ready for discussion during the next meeting.

Dumpster Days – Rundle requested approval to have Dumpster Days on April 20, 21 and 22.

Motion Heidecker to approve April 20, 21 and 22 for Dumpster Days. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

3-6-2023-39

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss Streetlighting in the Emerald Woods Subdivision – Cunningham will wait until Tony Manning is present to discuss this streetlighting. Cunningham reported he has all of the information and the only thing left to do is for the Board to sign off on it. Mandie Andrews will bill the Homeowner's Association quarterly.

Adopt Job Description for the Zoning Inspector – Cunningham explained the job description for the zoning inspector and the application will be available in the Township Office and on the website. A Help Wanted ad will run in the Rural Urban. Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg is planning to retire.

Motion Heidecker to approve the job description for the zoning inspector. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

3-6-2023-40

Authorize Service Director to Put the Issue I Redfern Road TR106 Roadway Reconstruction Project out for Bid on March 20, 2023 with the Bid Opening on April 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. –

Motion Cunningham to authorize the Service Director to put the Issue I TR106 Roadway Reconstruction Project out for Bid on March 20, 2023 with the Bid Opening on April 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.
3-6-2023-41

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet in Amherst Township on March 16th. The speaker will be Dr. Fisher from Murray Ridge.

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

The RLCWA Finance Committee will meet on March 15th and the regular monthly Board meeting is on March 22nd.

Heidecker reported there is nothing new going on with NEORS.D.

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews reported SWGH is having a Delegates Meeting in April.

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, March 20, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Minutes submitted by Rita Plata.