



RECEIPTS

LC AUDITOR (MARCH LOCAL GOV)	\$ 7,589.01
LC AUDITOR (HB 49 LOCAL GOV)	756.21
CULVERT PIPE	550.00
FIRE RUNS	50.00
CEMETERY	1,000.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	25,908.78
RECREATION FEES	<u>13,500.00</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$ 49,354.00</u>


FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Dick Heidecker, Chairman


Tony Manning, Vice Chairman


Mark C. Cunningham, Trustee

Chairman Dick Heidecker call the regular meeting on March 20, 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, Manning and Cunningham were present.

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

Minutes from the regular meeting on February 6, 2023 were presented for approval.

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

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Bills and payroll totaling \$83,030.46 were presented for approval.

Motion Cunningham to pay bills and payroll totaling \$83,030.46. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEEETING:

No correspondence has been received since the last meeting.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

No one representing the Sheriff's Department was present and nothing new was reported.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For March 1-18, 2023, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing 23 permits for one shed, two barns, two ponds, one home addition and 17 new single-family homes. Year-to-date, he has issued 47 permits for new single-family homes.

Violations – Eichenberg sent an ORC 505.87 notice to a Royalton Road resident for debris. The resident contacted Eichenberg to let him know they will be cleaning up their property.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No cases were received for their March meeting. The BZA's next regular meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023.

Zoning Commission – The next regular Zoning Commission meeting is on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Eichenberg reported the Zoning Commission is continuing to look at the Zoning Resolution for items to update.

Subdivision Status – Nothing new to update.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

Department Input – Nothing new reported.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Equipment – All road department equipment is up and running. There is an electrical issue with the backup rescue squad. The problem is with the charging system.

Issue I Status – The Redfern Road Roadway Reconstruction Project is out for bid.

Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

MS4'S – No problems or complaints reported.

Department Input – The road crew is cutting and trimming trees along the roadsides.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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

Runs – To date, the Fire Department has responded to 156 calls.

Transport Billing – February receipts totaled \$6,599.29. Year-to-date receipts total \$16,042.10.

Mutual Aid – Mutual aid has been given 17 times and requested 10 times.

Department Input – The Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast is on Sunday, April 2, 2023. A Red Cross Blood Drive will also be held at the Fire Station on Palm Sunday.

Chief Anthony asked to remove Will Krupa, Adrian Frederick, and Omar Mansour from the roster. Will Krupa is moving out west to become a flight medic.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$1,000 for footer fees.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cell Tower Lease – Cunningham emailed Heidecker and Manning the terms of the proposed agreement. As long as the board members agree, they will prepare the new lease agreement. This agreement can then be sent to Assistant Prosecutor Greg Peltz for his review.

The lease consultant offered a 12 percent escalator every 5 years. Cunningham would like to stay with the 15 percent escalator. The signing bonus would be reduced from \$25,000 to \$20,000. Cunningham noted that it seems like they addressed everything the Trustees mentioned. He would like to respond to the lease consultant by email tomorrow. The new lease provides for five 5-year renewals beginning at the end of 2025 when the current lease expires. Cunningham noted they initially wanted eight 5-year terms, but he thought that would be extending the lease too far out.

Motion Cunningham to have the lease consultant send us the contract and to have the Lorain County Prosecutor review it and to stay with the 15 percent escalator and 20 percent bonus. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
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Dumpster Days – This year's Dumpster Days will be on April 20, 21 and 22.

Request for No Engine Brake Signage on SR 82 – A letter was sent to ODOT, but no response has been received yet.

Streetlighting in the Emerald Woods Subdivision – Cunningham reported that he has the agreement for the Trustees to approve and sign for the streetlighting in the Emerald Woods Subdivision. Cunningham spoke with Greg Modic about these streetlights. Ohio Edison will bill the Township for the streetlights and in turn Mandie Andrews will bill the Homeowners Association quarterly for the expense.

Cunningham has maps of the proposed streetlights and the conduit is already installed.

**Motion Cunningham to approve the streetlighting agreement with the Emerald Woods Homeowners Association. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
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Chairman Heidecker signed the agreement.

Help Wanted – Zoning Inspector – No one has applied for the position yet. Mandie Andrews will post it on Facebook and Rita Plata will have the ad published in the Rural-Urban again.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business on the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

The next RLCWA Board meeting is on Wednesday, March 22nd.

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

Heidecker had nothing new to report about NEORSD. NOPEC recently sent an email notification that they are starting up their program again. Heidecker wants to know how much their electricity is going to cost. They will be sending out opt-out letters. If residents don't send it back, they will be put back in NOPEC.

Lorain Public Health will hold an informational meeting on April 26th at the Columbia Middle School from 6 to 8 p.m. so residents can learn about their operation and maintenance program for home sewage treatment systems.

Manning reported the next SWGH meeting is on May 29th.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee met with the Envision Group. Envision is returning on April 19th to finalize the survey they are going to send out to the public.

The first public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan will be held on May 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

Mandie Andrews did not have any financial requests.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

Everyone present was given the opportunity to ask questions and/or offer comments.

Motion Manning to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of conferencing with the Board's attorney concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Seconded Cunningham.

Mandie Andrews took roll call vote: Heidecker, yes; Manning, yes; and Cunningham, yes.

The Trustees left the Executive Session at 8:43 p.m.

At 8:45 p.m., Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Manning seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rita Plata.