

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Plata.

**RECEIPTS**

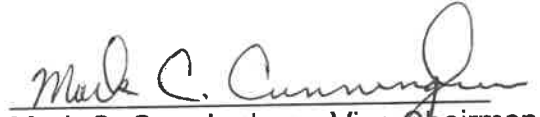
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS (FRANCHISE FEE)	\$ 22,750.83
1 <sup>ST</sup> HALF REAL ESTATE TAX	984,026.59
RECREATION FEE (DREES)	5,400.00
RECREATION FEE (EMERALD WOODS - MODIC)	900.00
ZONING PERMITS	13,753.40
CEMETERY	<u>3,825.00</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$1,030,065.82</u>

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

  
Mandie Andrews

**APPROVED:**

  
Michael G. Musto, Chairman

  
Mark C. Cunningham, Vice Chairman

  
Dick Heidecker, Trustee

Chairman Mike Musto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews took roll call attendance and Trustees Musto, Cunningham and Heidecker were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting on March 1, 2021 were presented for approval.

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

Bills and payroll totaling \$113,092.09 were presented for approval.

**Motion Cunningham to pay the bills and payroll totaling \$113,092.09. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:**

Letter from Assistant County Engineer Robert Klaiber regarding a request made by a group of developers to remove the requirement of 12" of ODOT Item 206 Cement Stabilized Subgrade for streets in new subdivisions.

From the Lorain County Engineer, the second amendment to the Regional Stormwater Management Program Service Agreement No. 3733 by and between the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and Columbia Township.

Bridge reports from the Lorain County Engineer.

Memorandum of Understanding for the Lorain County Storm Water Management District's Planning Grant for \$3,000 for the Smith Ditch Project.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

Captain Dan Ashdown attended the meeting to update the Trustees on the investigation of the automobile crash on January 10, 2021 which resulted in a fatality. He explained how a panel reviews all fatal crashes. Ashdown and the coroner are on the panel.

The last speed study done in 2019 included 1.6 miles of Snell Road between Marks and East River Road. The recommended speed limit was 45 mph. Until all of the discussion is finished, Ashdown doesn't know if there will be anything to change from the 2019 study.

Regarding the accident on January 10, 2021, he said it wouldn't have mattered what the speed limit was because the operator of the vehicle tried to pass going 100 mph.

Ashdown plans to bring out the speed trailer to see where the speeds are now. The last time the trailer was out there, 38-47 mph was the average speed. He said 45 mph is not unusual for that road.

Cunningham mentioned the corner of Snell and Boone Roads where they are installing the pump station. They have a pile of stone on the corner as well as some equipment so people can't see to make the turn. Cunningham will reach out to the project manager tomorrow. Ashdown will be on patrol for the next six days so he or one of the other deputies will take a look at it.

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**Zoning Commission** – The Zoning Commission did not meet in March.

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**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

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

**Issue I Status** – Rundle won't know any more about the funding for the South Boone Road Issue I project for another month.

**Subdivision Status** – Rundle Reported some walk-throughs are scheduled for Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, there will be a pre-construction meeting with MLM. Musto was told by Peter Zwick that he will be scheduling walk-throughs for Creekside and Jayna Court sometime this week or next week. Rundle has a couple of issues with Jayna Court. He would like to see the road swept and the diesel spill cleaned up before the walk-through.

**Department Input** – Rundle will be submitting a SWAC grant application for replacing a crossover pipe on Folley Road. The grant will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Rundle will be asking for material only with the township road crew to do the installation.

**Motion Cunningham to apply for the SWAC grant for Folley Road. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.**  
**3-15-2021-32**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Personnel** – Chief Anthony reported 37 members on file and 35 members on call.

**Calls** – To date, there have been 33 fire calls and 143 EMS calls.

**Transport Billing** – Billing receipts for the month of February totaled \$14,287.82. Year-to-date receipts total \$26,693.61.

**Equipment** – Anthony reported everything up and running. Two brake chambers were replaced on Rescue 2.

**Mutual Aid** – Mutual aid was given 13 times and requested 11 times.

**Department Input** – Anthony needs to purchase more Class A foam from W. W. Williams at a cost of \$800.

During the second Trustees meeting in April, Anthony would like to bring the department over so the Trustees can present certificates to the new members.

Due to COVID-19, this year's Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be a drive-thru event. There will also be a Blood Drive in the Fire Station on Palm Sunday.

**CEMETERY:**

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$1,275 for four burials, \$2,000 from the sale of two graves and \$550 for two footers.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Facility Planning Area (FPA) Change for the East Side of Hawke Road** – Chairman Musto explained the Lorain County Commissioners and LORCO want to cancel the flow agreement for Hawke Road. Heidecker said they didn't ask for a letter to do it. Heidecker and Cunningham both said LORCO wants the east side of Hawke Road. Heidecker said they can do what they want, but we are not giving them a blank check.

Discussion was concluded.

**Motion Musto that the Trustees have no objection to removing the flow agreement fees by the Lorain County Commissioners and LORCO for Hawke Road, but do oppose the FPA change. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 3-15-2021-33**

**Historical Preservation Committee** – The Trustees removed this item from their agenda.

**2020 ODOT Mileage Certification** – Bob Rundle reported the mileage increased from 40.601 to 42.884. The new roads are listed on the back page of the report.

**Motion Heidecker to accept the 2020 ODOT Mileage Certification of 42.884 miles. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 3-15-2021-34**

**Approve Final Plat for Phase 1 of the Creekside Subdivision** – Musto explained Peter Zwick still has the final plat. There is still some grading and seeding to be done and there will be another walk-through. Zwick asked the board to approve the final plat.

**Motion Cunningham to approve the final plat for Phase 1 of the Creekside Subdivision. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous. 3-15-2021-35**

**StoryWalk in Township Park Proposed by Branch Librarian** – Chairman Musto and Bob Rundle were at the library today and spoke with the maintenance guy and the Branch Manager John Guscott. Bob Rundle will give him a schematic of the electric in the area where they want to put the StoryWalk. Musto said we offered them our help with the auger. Everything will be done by volunteers.

Cunningham said he (Guscott) gave us the name of the company that did the StoryWalk in North Ridgeville and they also have a \$50,000 grant. Cunningham wants to talk to them about the project. Bob Rundle agreed everyone needs to be on the same page.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discuss March 9<sup>th</sup> Letter from Lorain County Engineer Bob Klaiber Regarding Pavement Specification** – Lorain County Engineer Bob Klaiber sent a letter regarding a request made by some developers for the removal of the current road specification requiring 12" of ODOT Item 206 Cement Stabilized Subgrade.

Chairman Musto asked for a motion to change the specs for new roads in Columbia Township. No one made such a motion.

Musto will have some information on road stabilization ready for the LCTA meeting on Thursday. He said the Lorain County Engineer is trying to undermine the townships.

Heidecker said he doesn't want to change the specs. Bob Rundle commented that under certain conditions stabilization can exceed 12".

Musto said we are not changing our minds about the stabilization.

**Discuss Videotaping Township Roads** – Chairman Musto reported plans are to videotape North Boone Road from SR82 to Snell Road, Snell Road from SR 252 to Marks Road and Redfern Road from SR 252 to Marks Road.

**Put Road Materials and General Paving Services Out for Bid with the Bid Opening to be on April 5, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.** – The Trustees agreed to Bob Rundle's request to put these items out for bid.

**Conceptual Review of Land on the Corner of Redfern Road and SR 252 Requested by the Developer** – Developer Rich Beran discussed his very preliminary plan for this development with the Trustees. He explained how he is working around wetlands and a gas line that impacts the entrance way. The number of lots in the

subdivision was reduced to under 50 to avoid the requirement of having two entrances. The entrance to the subdivision will be across from the Villa Camillus Nursing Home.

Plans are to build ranch homes with basements. Sixty percent of the homes will have walk-out basements.

**Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Storm Water Planning Grant –**

**Motion Cunningham to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the storm water planning grant for the Smith Ditch Project. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous. 3-15-2021-36**

**Approve Second Amendment to the Regional Storm Water Agreement between NEORSD and Columbia Township – This agreement is for the three parcels in the former Riverside Golf Course.**

**Motion Cunningham to approve the Second Amendment to the Regional Storm Water Agreement between NEORSD and Columbia Township. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous. 3-15-2021-37**

**New Copier for Township Office – Chairman Musto explained Blue Technologies contacted the Township about the status of the current copier. Musto was told it is ten years old and parts for it are no longer available. Blue Technologies will replace the copier for exactly \$4,400 installed and ready to go.**

**Motion Heidecker to purchase a new copier for the Township Office for \$4,400. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.**

**3-15-2021-38**

**Fire Department Roof – Musto reported there has been some discussion about replacing the Fire Department's flat roof with a reverse gable. He said it would be expensive to do and he wants Anthony's opinion on it. Musto thinks it would be a good way to get rid of the water leaks.**

Anthony said someday we will have to have a secondary station. Two acres for this have been set aside on Snell Road. Anthony also noted the roof on the station is a butterfly roof that tilts toward the center. Musto said if you have to replace the flat roof it will be expensive.



Heidecker said the land is for the future use of Columbia Township. Musto said we are not going to start the project tomorrow and we just wanted to know how you felt and if you were against it. Anthony said he is not totally against it.

**Re-key Locks on Town Hall Doors** – There was some discussion about key pads which would be a much more elaborate system. Rundle will get a price for re-keying the locks on the five doors on the Town Hall.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cunningham** reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in New Russia Township. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a RLCWA Finance Meeting at 5:30 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Cunningham had nothing new to report concerning the Rocky River Watershed Council.

**Heidecker** reported the SWGH Board will meet on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The NOACA Board will meet on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Lorain County Community Alliance will sponsor their Annual Transportation Day on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Musto** reported NEORSD's annual meeting will be a zoom meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

There is a Storm Water Conference scheduled on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be offered in person and virtually.

#### **FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:**

**Approve 2021 Permanent Appropriations totaling \$3,746,815.00 at the detailed level –**

**Motion Heidecker to approve the 2021 Permanent Appropriations totaling \$3,746,815.00 at the detailed level. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.**  
3-15-2021-39

#### **COMMUNITY INPUT:**

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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