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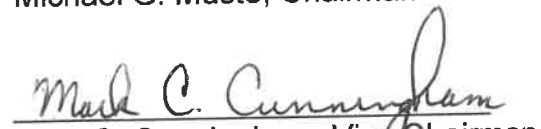
JUNE AMBULANCE BILLING	\$ 12,415.05
JUNE CELL TOWER LEASE PAYMENT	1,749.01
LC AUDITOR – JUNE HB166 LOCAL GOV	713.90
LC AUDITOR – JUNE GAS TAX	15,289.98
LC AUDITOR – MAY MVR	1,440.89
LC AUDITOR – MAY PERMISSIVE MVR	4,802.50
OTARMA – MORE GRANT	500.00
PARK RECREATION FEE – DREES HOMES	1,800.00
PARK RECREATION FEE – GARLAND HOMES	900.00
RESIDENT'S RESTROOM KEY (PARK)	50.00
CULVERT PIPE	300.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	5,225.20
CEMETERY	<u>2,675.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 47,861.53</u>

FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Michael G. Musto, Chairman


Mark C. Cunningham, Vice Chairman


Dick Heidecker, Trustees

Chairman Mike Musto called the regular meeting on July 6, 2021 to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Minutes from the regular meeting on June 21, 2021 were presented for approval.

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

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews presented bills and payroll totaling \$38,125.26 for approval.

Motion Heidecker to pay the bills and payroll as listed. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

The Lorain County Farm Bureau will hold a Policy Development Meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Spitzer Conference Center at LCCC. A variety of issues affecting farmers, community members and elected officials will be discussed.

From the Lorain County Prosecutor, tax foreclosure notices for 9997 Colfax Avenue, 10465 Westwood Avenue, and 11532 Root Road.

Lorain County Sheriff's Incident Report for June 2021.

Letter from attorney John C. Oberholtzer representing a Columbia Township resident who is requesting to be transported directly to the Cleveland Clinic due to various issues including severe medical complications.

Thank you letter from Jayne Cartwright, Secretary of the Cartwright Family, thanking the Trustees for providing such an excellent venue (Columbia Park) for their annual family reunion.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District for the Community Incentive Recycling Grant.

CORRESPONDENCE RESPONSE:

Letter from attorney John C. Oberholtzer regarding a Columbia Township resident's request to be transported directly to the Cleveland Clinic due to various issues including severe medical complications – Heidecker commented that Chief Anthony will be meeting with the attorney tomorrow to discuss this request.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Personnel – Chief Anthony reported 39 members on file and 36 members on call.

Calls – To date, there have been 128 fire calls and 379 EMS calls.

Transport Billing – June ambulance billing receipts totaled \$12,415.05. Year-to-date receipts total \$70,838.98.

Equipment – Chief Anthony reported all equipment up and running.

Mutual Aid – Mutual aid has been given 35 times and requested 27 times.

Station Coverage – All hours offered are being covered.

Department Input –

Chief Anthony reported department member Pieter Pelsker was hired by the City of Euclid's fire department. He is not allowed to work for the Columbia Fire Department so he has resigned. Chief asked the Trustees to send him a letter thanking him for his service.

Anthony has been working on several violations of the open burning laws where residents are burning tires and aerosol cans. The violations are on Royalton Road, Valleyview Drive and Station Road. He has photos and videos of the illegal open burning. Anthony has been working with Deputy Lopez of the Lorain County Sheriff's Environmental Crimes Unit. Anthony has a meeting with Deputy Lopez this week. The violations will eventually be turned over to the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office.

Chief Anthony will be in Columbus for the Ohio Fire Chief's Conference from July 12-16, 2021. Columbia Township Fireman Brett Wilson will be honored as a Fallen Firefighter during the conference. Anthony emailed his department members and invited anyone who would like to attend the ceremony to come down.

The Fire Department made \$712.00 from their 50/50 raffle held during the July 4th Car Show.

Forty-five people donated blood during the Blood Drive held in June.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

No one from the Sheriff's Department attended the meeting.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For June 22 thru July 2, 2021, Eichenberg reported issuing six permits for one deck, one pool, one shed, one lean-to and two single-family homes. Year-to-date, he has issued 46 permits for new single-family homes.

Violations –

9925 West River Road

Eichenberg sent an ORC 505.87 violation for debris to Vincent Caso, 9925 West River Road. Last Friday, Dennis Ross, Mark Cunningham and Bob Eichenberg went to the property. Eichenberg contacted Mr. Caso and asked him to come to tonight's meeting so Eichenberg and the Trustees could hear his side of the story.

Eichenberg reported Caso has cleaned up some of it. He said there are still junk cars, bikes and a lawnmower. Caso said the two cars are leaving, but they are not junk cars. Eichenberg said even if they are unlicensed, they have to be moveable.

Two of Mr. Caso's neighbors came to support him. Both said they have no problem with what he is doing on his property and did not understand why the Township has a problem with it.

Heidecker explained how in the springtime you can see the backyard and what we can see from the road is what we base it on.

The neighbors also did not understand how the Township could go on Mr. Caso's property. Cunningham said he was invited by Dennis Ross. Cunningham said he couldn't meet with Caso when he got off work. Cunningham said we knocked on the door before we went in the back yard; we didn't just show up and walk thru the yard.

Bob Eichenberg said the first time he went there, after he got the call about the property, he knocked on their door.

Heidecker explained that when Bob Eichenberg gets a complaint call he has to go there, and as long as there are aren't any "No Trespassing" signs, anybody can walk on someone's property. Musto said I can sit on the street with binoculars.

The neighbor persisted about her problem with the Township going on someone else's property. She also commented that zoning was lax when she moved here. Eichenberg said you can see the washers and dryers.

Musto said it is a zoning violation. As the Township gets more populated, residents want a clean environment. He said we are getting more and more complaints. Musto said the only thing we act on are complaints.

Heidecker said in the springtime you could see it and I made the initial complaint. He said it is what we can see. He explained how if a neighbor complains they will let us on their property. Eichenberg said someone called about it and they didn't leave their name. Eichenberg said I don't go looking for trouble.

Caso's neighbor said she doesn't think he is doing anything wrong.

Musto said if he doesn't clean it up, we can go to court. Eichenberg said they changed the law and we can just go in and clean it up.

There was a discussion about the Ohio Revised Code and the powers conveyed to the Trustees.

Cunningham noted Caso has started cleaning it up. Caso said it is almost cleaned up.

Caso's neighbor asked who will determine if it's okay. Bob Eichenberg told her he will look at it and can take a Trustee or all of the Trustees.

Musto told Caso to get the property cleaned up so when we go over there you won't have a problem.

Both Cunningham and Eichenberg stressed that no one in the Township goes looking for zoning violations unless complaints are received.

Heidecker said everything is moot until August.

Musto told Caso to just clean it up. If we clean it up, will go on your tax bill.

Cunningham said that is the extreme. We just want you to clean it up.

Mr. Caso said he fixes bikes and bicycles for a hobby. Cunningham said just clean it up so it is not visible. Caso said he took 32 dump loads out. Musto said clean it up; you know what we want.

19556 Rollingbrook Lane

Eichenberg called the maintenance company working for the bank that owns this property. They never did cut the grass. He called them again and they said they had a computer mishap. A neighbor contacted Eichenberg and told him the grass is 5 ft. tall.

Eichenberg asked the Trustees for approval to have Dave Pirro mow the property again.

Motion Heidecker to have Dave Pirro mow the grass at 19556 Rollingbrook Lane. Secoded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 7-6-2021-78

Zoning Commission – The Zoning Commission did not meet on July 1, 2021. Their next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on August 5, 2021.

Board of Zoning Appeals – The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. They will hear a request for a 3 ft. side yard variance for a garage.

Subdivision Status – The Subdivision Subcommittee will review the final plat of the Baker Creek Subdivision on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 2 p.m.

MS4's – No problems or complaints reported.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

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

Issue I – Rundle has not heard anything back from the Lorain County Engineer about the South Boone Road project. He going to give him another week before he calls to see what is going on with it.

Subdivision Status – No changes or upcoming meetings reported.

MS4'S – No problems or complaints reported.

Department Input – Aldridge, Bryant, Colfax, Dupont Avenues and Parkwood Drive have been milled and paved. The cost was \$4,000 less than anticipated.

At 7:30 p.m., **Heidecker made motion to adjourn the regular meeting to go into the Budget Hearing for the 2022 Budget. Seconded Musto. Vote unanimous.**

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews took roll call attendance and Trustees Musto, Cunningham and Heidecker were present.

Fiscal Officer Andrews explained the 2022 Budget is due by July 20th. She presented the 2022 Annual Budget with Estimated Resources of \$4,375,442.25 and Estimated Expenditures of \$3,573,293.00. Expenditures are \$802,149.25 less than projected Estimated Resources.

Motion Heidecker to approve the 2022 Budget as presented. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous
7-6-2021-77

Motion Heidecker to adjourn the Budget Hearing and return to the regular meeting. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

Fiscal Officer Andrews took roll call attendance and Trustees Musto, Cunningham and Heidecker were present.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata did not have anything to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mini-Excavator – Bob Rundle reported the mini-excavator has been ordered.

Policy on Road Open Cuts – Chairman Musto said the Trustees need to contact the Lorain County Prosecutor to see what can be done about the policy.

Musto said there should not be any open cuts, but if they are going to break the rules, they should fix it.

Heidecker commented on the high quality of the RLCWA's repairs to their open cuts.

Road Repair Levy – Mandie Andrews reported she has not received the paperwork from the auditor for a 1 mill renewal levy. She suggested a special meeting might be

necessary. Heidecker thinks there is time enough to vote on the levy during the next Trustees meeting on July 19th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Received \$500 MORE Grant from OTARMA – Bob Rundle commented that this grant is a reimbursement grant that was used to purchase safety gear for the Road Department.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) – Mandie Andrews read the engagement letter from Tonya Rogers of Baker, Dublikar and Mathews, Attorneys at Law for her review and counsel regarding the American Rescue Plan. She will provide any other support necessary.

Musto said right now the ARP look like it will provide funding for infrastructure such as water, sewer and internet.

Cunningham said before we jump in and hire a law firm, the Ohio Township Association is setting something up with a law firm. He would like to see what the OTA comes up with about the guidelines for spending the money. He said we can subgrant the funds. Cunningham said he is not in a hurry to sign an MOU with our attorneys until we hear from the State.

Musto asked how can they research something that has not been done yet?

Cunningham said I am not saying we shouldn't go with that firm. It's just a little premature. Heidecker agreed with Cunningham. Cunningham said he spoke with Melissa Meyers and she said the OTA doesn't give legal advice. He said right now nobody knows and they are just waiting form more guidance.

Workshop Meeting with Chief Anthony – Chief Anthony was not present.

Approve MOU with Lorain County Solid Waste Management District for Community Incentive Recycling Grant – Bob Rundle reported his first choice for this grant was street signs, but they did not meet the 20% recycled content requirement. Instead, the grant will be used to purchase more picnic tables for the park pavilions. The picnic tables are made of 100% recycled milk jugs. This grant is a reimbursement grant.

Motion Heidecker to sign the MOU for the Community Incentive Recycling Grant. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 7-6-2021-79

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet on July 15, 2021 at the Lorain County Administration Building in the 4th Floor meeting room. The guest speaker is from the Crime Lab. A tour of the crime lab will follow her presentation.

Cunningham will attend the Ohio Rural Water meeting on Thursday, July 8th.

Heidecker reported the SWGH Delegate meeting is in July. The NOACA Board will met on Friday, July 9th. The Lorain County Community Alliance will meet on October 6th.

Musto reported he has not heard anything from NEORSD. He noted communication is not that great. There is nothing new going on with Storm Water Phase II.

NOPEC recently had a meeting. The Township has been working on the Energized Community Grants. Cunningham commented that he received confirmation that the Event Sponsorship Grant designated for the 4th of July Car Show was approved and will be deposited in the near future.

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, July 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Plata.