

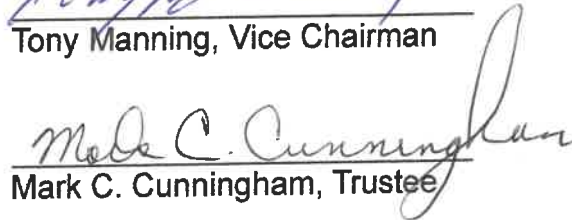
FISCAL OFFICER:

  
Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:

  
Dick Heidecker, Chairman

  
Tony Manning, Vice Chairman

  
Mark C. Cunningham, Trustee

Chairman Dick Heidecker called the regular meeting to order on May 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Columbia Town Hall.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Rita Plata took roll call attendance and Trustees Heidecker, Manning and Cunningham were present. Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews was absent.

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews emailed all meeting reports to the Trustees.

Minutes from the regular meeting on May 1, 2023 were presented for approval.

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

Minutes from the special meetings on April 24, 2023 and April 26, 2023 were presented for approval.

**Motion Manning to approve the special meeting minutes as written. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.**

Minutes from the special meeting on May 8, 2023 were presented for approval.

**Motion Manning to approve the minutes as written. Seconded Heidecker. Vote Manning and Heidecker, yes. Cunningham abstained because he did not attend the May 8, 2023 special meeting. Motion carried.**

Bills and payroll totaling \$109,350.22 were presented for payment.

**Motion Manning to pay bills and payroll totaling \$109,350.22. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.**

#### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

The deputy arrived later in the meeting. He did not have an incident report. The recently lowered speed limits on Redfern, Snell and Clarke Roads were discussed. The deputies have been radaring for traffic stops, including on West River Road. The deputy will follow up on the temporary signage discussed previously to be used on the streets where the speed limits have been recently reduced.

**ZONING INSPECTOR:**

**Permits** – For May 1-15, 2023, Bob Eichenberg and Rick Lanzo issued 20 permits including one garage, three sheds, three patios, three decks, one porch, one home addition, one barn and 7 single-family homes. Year to date, 82 permits have been issued for new homes.

**Violations** – During the last meeting, Eichenberg discussed sending a violation to a homeowner on Station Road for building an above-ground pond in the road right-of-way. He removed the pond the next day.

A violation was sent to a resident on South Boone Road for tall grass. He mowed his lawn the next day.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** – The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Monday, May 22, 2023. They will hear two cases, a request for a 36 front setback variance for a home addition on Osborne Road and a request for a 9.19 ft. road frontage variance for a lot split on Crocker Road.

**Zoning Commission** – The Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. During their May meeting, the developers presented their proposed plans for a Del Webb Community on the site of the Hickory Golf Course.

**MS4's** – No complaints or problems reported.

**Department Input** – Nothing new reported.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

**Equipment** – Service Director Bob Rundle reported the parts came in for the truck engine that is being repaired.

**Issue I Status** – The bid for the Redfern Road Reconstruction Project was approved by the Lorain County Engineer and Lorain County Prosecutor and was awarded on May 1, 2023. The next step is to send a Request to Proceed to the Ohio Public Works Commission. Once the Notice to Proceed is issued, the contractor will begin work on the project.

**MS4's** – No complaints or problems reported.

**Department Input** – The road crew has been repairing concrete roads. Rundle noted the Board is aware of everything the Road Department is doing.

**Seconded Heidecker. Vote Cunningham and Heidecker, yes; Manning, no.  
Motion carried. 5-15-2023-62**

Chairman Heidecker asked Chief Anthony about a Level 2 gas leak on Clarke Road. Anthony said you can smell the gas when the humidity is exactly right. The Fire Department has been out to the leak five times in the last two months. The gas company told Greg Modic, a resident on Clarke Road, that they will repair it sometime in February of 2024.

**CEMETERY:**

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$500 for one burial, \$1,500 for the sale of one non-resident grave, and \$1,000 for two footer fees.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Cell Tower Lease – Approve Resolution Authorizing the Trustees to Sign Lease Agreement –**

**Motion Cunningham to authorize the Trustees to sign the lease agreement for the cell tower. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous. 5-15-2023-63**

**Request “No Engine Brake” Signage on SR 82 – ODOT has not responded to the Trustees’ request.**

**Streetlight at Osborne and Root Roads, East Side – Chairman Heidecker thinks the streetlights are being installed.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Lorain County Stormwater District for Mini-Grant to Improve Drainage on Capel and Station Roads –**

**Motion Cunningham to approve the MOU.**

Bob Rundle explained the mini grant is for \$7,500. He said after we pay for the tile and supply the labor, the Township will not have any out of pocket costs for the project.

**Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous. 5-15-2023-64**

**Reduce Speed Limit on Clarke Road from 40 mph to 35 mph – Cunningham reported he has had three or four residents contact him about lowering the speed limit**

on Clarke Road to 35 mph. Cunningham spoke to the Lorain County Engineer who told him it is a gray area. Cunningham also discussed a possible speed limit reduction with Captain Bosely.

Manning believes this opens the door to everyone trying to change the speed limits. He also commented on the cost of putting the signs up for 5 mph.

Cunningham commented that where there is residential development, the ORC gives us the authority to reduce the speed limits.

Manning disagreed with reducing the speed limit by 5 mph. He said on Redfern and Snell Roads, we took it down 10 mph.

**Motion Cunningham to reduce the speed limit on Clarke Road from 40 mph to 35 mph. Seconded Heidecker.**

Heidecker said he spoke with the Strongsville School District and they would appreciate it. Resident Greg Modic said the school buses have difficulty turning around.

**Vote Cunningham and Heidecker, yes; Manning, no. Motion carried.**  
**5-15-2023-65**

**2023 Bike MS: Buckeye Breakaway Event – Request to use a Pavilion on August 12-13 and Park Restrooms** – Chairman Heidecker reported a woman emailed Rita Plata and the Trustees requesting to use a pavilion for a rest area along with using the park restrooms. Heidecker responded to her email with a reminder that pre-pandemic the group supplied their own porta potties.

Cunningham noted in the past they used the pavilion close to Royalton Road (C) and put porta potties by the pavilion.

Heidecker asked if they were to use the park restrooms, who would stock them? Also, on both Saturday and Sunday of that weekend there are residents hosting family reunions. Heidecker suggested to wait and see what her response is. Bob Rundle suggested they use Pavilion D by the VFW.

**Residents from Eagle Pointe** – Resident Brad Chill represented the residents who live on Eagle Pointe. He said the street is in disarray and kids are falling on their bikes. He also said the sewers are falling in. Mr. Chill said they have been complaining about their road for a couple of years now. He would like to see it fixed next year.

Chairman Heidecker said the road would be fixed tentatively two years from now.

Chill said we talked last fall and asked you to pave the road.

There was some discussion about why the road was initially paved. Cunningham explained that all roads in the new developments are asphalt.

Heidecker said we can safely say two years from now.

Bob Rundle said we have a lot of roads that are in a lot worse condition. He looked at the storm sewers and did not see anything in disarray, and the road was crack sealed. Rundle said the roads are not made for bicycles.

Chill said there are a lot of little kids on the street. Rundle said he went there today and did not see any holes in the street. There are some cracks that have been filled.

Chill complained that they don't have sidewalks. Heidecker explained the developer did not want to put sidewalks in their subdivision.

Discussion was concluded with Heidecker stating the road will be paved probably within two years.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cunningham** reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet in Brighton Township on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. He had nothing new to report concerning the Rocky River Watershed Council.

RLCWA's monthly board meeting is on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

**Heidecker** reported NEORSD is sending a letter to property owners on Royalton Road explaining NEORSD mistakenly billed them for sewers they don't have.

Heidecker explained to Brad Chill that if sewers come down SR 252 in the next two to three years, they may tear up the roads. They will come down your street and they will fix it.

**Manning** reported the SWGH Board will meet on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45 p.m.

The first public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan is tomorrow, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:**

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews emailed three options for an electric supplier for the township.

**Motion Manning to select the 18 month option. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 5-15-2023-66**

To protect Columbia Township's Huntington bank account from fraud, Mandie Andrews asked the Board to approve Positive Pay for bills and payroll paid from the account. There is no charge for this service.

**Motion Cunningham to approve Positive Pay for the township's bank account. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous. 5-15-2023-67**

**COMMUNITY INPUT:**

The Trustees gave everyone in attendance the opportunity to ask questions and or make comments.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes submitted by Rita Plata.

**RECEIPTS**

LC AUDITOR (MAY HB 49 LOCAL GOV)	\$ 756.21
LC AUDITOR (MAY LOCAL GOV)	9,992.34
ZONING INSPECTOR	15,023.30
RECREATION FEES	7,200.00
CEMETERY	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 35,971.85</u></b>