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| LC AUDITOR (MAY MVR PERM) | \$ 5,157.50 |
| LC AUDITOR (MAY MVR) | 1,455.31 |
| LC AUDITOR (JUNE GAS TAX) | 15,072.24 |
| LC AUDITOR (JUNE LOCAL GOV) | 9,035.14 |
| LC AUDITOR (JUNE HB 49 LOCAL GOV) | 756.21 |
| LC AUDITOR (LCSWMD RECYCLING GRANT) | 8,317.40 |
| GREAT LAKES BILLING AMBULANCE RECEIPTS | 13,299.98 |
| FIRE RUN REQUESTS | 50.00 |
| SCRAP | 106.25 |
| CEMETERY | 6,350.00 |
| ZONING INSPECTOR | 22,204.71 |
| RECREATION FEE (DREES HOMES) | 7,200.00 |
| RECREATION FEE (GARLAND HOMES) | 900.00 |
| RECREATION FEE (PULTE HOMES) | <u>900.00</u> |

TOTAL

\$ 90,804.74

FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:

Mark C. Cunningham, Chairman


Dick Heidecker, Vice Chairman
Tony Manning, Trustee

The Columbia Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews took roll call attendance and Trustees Mark Cunningham, Dick Heidecker, and Tony Manning were present.

Mr. Heidecker made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting of June 20, 2022 as written. It was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. The vote was unanimous.

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews presented bills and payroll totaling \$99,136.35 for payment.

Mr. Heidecker made a motion to pay the bills as written. It was seconded by Mr. Manning. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

From the Lorain County Sheriff, the June 2022 Incident Report.

Thank You Letter was received from the Cartwright Family Reunion in regard to using the beautiful Community Park.

Letter from PERSO regarding Case No. 20CV201111, Claim No. OTR0120694A1 which they have forward Jim Matthews of Baker, Dublikar, Beck and Wiley.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

There was no deputy present for the meeting.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – The Zoning Inspector reported 7 permits issued for one patio, one barn, and 5 new single-family dwellings bringing the total new homes for the year to 116.

Violations – The house at 9155 Bryant was destroyed by fire. Eichenberg will contact the Lorain County Port Authority to begin the process of demolishing the house.

Eichenberg sent two violations to Lorain County Assistant Prosecutor Tom Mangan, the trees in the road right-of way at 24124 Redfern Road and the flags/signs at the gas station at 24497 Sprague Road.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No applications were received for the BZA's July meeting. Their next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2021.

Zoning Commission – Just for July, the Zoning Commission will meet on the second Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. With the construction of sewers planned for Royalton Road, the Zoning Commission will be discussing future zoning for that section of Royalton Road.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

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

Issue I Status – South Boone Road has been milled. The contractor has scheduled paving for Friday, July 8th.

Subdivision Status – During a proof roll in the Redfern Trail Subdivision, there was cut on the road. The Lorain County Engineer said if there are any issues, they will have to rip out the road and redo it.

Department Input – Rundle is working on grants to improve the park. The Lorain County Solid Waste Management District's grant is approximately \$7,000 and will be used for signs and picnic tables. The \$16,000 NOPEC grant is to be used for energy saving projects. Rundle would like to use the NOPEC grant to put lights on the newer section of the walkway and run power to the VFW pavilion for lights and outlets.

Bob Rundle is exploring projects for next year's Issue I. He is trying to find out if the TIF money can be used for Redfern Road.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Personnel – Chief Anthony reported 38 members on file and 36 members on call.

Runs – To date, the department responded to 386 runs.

Transport Billing – May billing receipts totaled \$13,375.23. Year-to-date receipts total \$57,301.89

Equipment – Chief Anthony reported all equipment up and running.

Mutual Aid – Mutual aid has been given 34 times and requested 23 times.

Station Coverage – All hours offered are being covered. There was one day over the past weekend when coverage was with two basic EMT's because no paramedics were available.

Department Input – The July 3rd Car Show was a success with 300 cars participating. The Fireman's Association made a \$750 profit on the 50/50 raffle. The car show raised \$11,000 for the Columbia Food Bank and many food items were collected.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata was absent.

The regular order of business was stopped at 7:15 p.m. for the bid opening for the Emmons and Nichols Road resurfacing projects.

7:15 Bid Opening for Emmons Road and Nichols Road Resurfacing Projects

Mr. Heidecker made a motion to leave the regular order of business to open bids for the resurfacing projects. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

The Fiscal Officer took roll call attendance. Trustees Cunningham, Heidecker and Manning were present.

Five companies bid on both projects.

Emmons Road Resurfacing Project

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| RONYAK PAVING | \$ 171,030.75 |
| CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING | 185,385.50 |
| KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY | 176,918.50 |
| CROSSROADS ASPHALT RECYCLING | 157,515.75 |
| BARBICAS CONSTRUCTION | 200,967.35 |

Nichols Road Resurfacing Project

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| KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY | \$ 204,195.25 |
| RONYAK PAVING | 216,194.50 |
| BARBICAS CONSTRUCTION | 235,760.30 |
| CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING | 216,262.00 |
| CROSSROADS ASPHALT RECYCLING | 199,084.75 |

Bob Rundle will take the bids to the Lorain County Engineer and the Lorain County Prosecutor for review.

With the bid opening concluded, Mr. Heidecker made a motion to leave the bid opening and return to the regular order of business. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

Mandie Andrews took roll call attendance and Trustees Cunningham, Heidecker and Manning were present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Levy – Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews recommended the Trustees put the fire levy on the November ballot as a 1.5 mill replacement levy with an additional 1.5 mill. The revenue generated by this levy would be \$935,267.

Motion Heidecker to put the 1.5 mill replacement levy with an additional 1.5 mill. Seconded Cunningham.

After much discussion between Trustee Manning and Chief Anthony, and input from Trustee Heidecker about the history and background of the Fire Department, Trustee Heidecker rescinded his motion.

Mr. Heidecker made a motion to submit the fire levy for the November ballot as a 1.5 mill replacement levy with an additional 1 mill. It was seconded by Mr. Manning. Vote unanimous.
7-5-2022-80

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Heidecker made a motion to leave the regular order of business to go into the Budget Hearing. It was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

7:30 p.m. Budget Hearing for 2023 Budget

Mandie Andrews took roll call attendance and Trustees Cunningham, Heidecker and Manning were present.

Fiscal Officer Andrews presented the 2023 budget:

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| Total Estimated Resources | \$6,486,406.19 |
| Total Estimated Expenditures | \$5,040,886.66 |
| Amount Estimated Expenditures are less than Projected Estimated Resources | \$1,445,517.53 |

Mr. Manning made a motion to accept the 2023 budget. It was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 7-5-2022-82

Mr. Heidecker made the motion to return to leave the budget hearing and return to the regular order of business. It was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED):

SWGK Renewal Levy – It was necessary to redo one of the resolutions for the SWGH renewal levy.

Mr. Manning made a motion to accept the 1 mill renewal levy for SWGH. Mr. Heidecker seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. 7-5-2022-81

Moratorium on Single-Family Homes – The moratorium was discussed. Manning reported that the Lorain County Prosecutor said if a property owner falls under the “hardship”, they can come to the Trustees meeting to ask for approval to move forward with a single-family home. The prosecutor recommended this approach instead of making amendments to the original resolution.

Baseball Fields – Chairman Cunningham proposed that the cost of improving the ballfields be split 50/50 with the Columbia Local School District (CLSD).

Heidecker said no, if we can’t afford a full-time fire department, we can’t afford to fix the fields. Heidecker said he knows they are two different funds, but residents will not see it like that.

Manning said he walked the fields and never had anything as nice as these. Manning said I would say no, there is nothing wrong with these fields. He asked Wayne Brassell if they would be open to play on.

Brassell said yes – we would still allow residents to pay on the fields.

Cunningham said his feeling is that it is not something the residents would be interested in.

Heidecker asked Brassell about the maintenance. Brassell explained right now it would be split between the Columbia Local School District, Hot Stove, and the Township. Brassell looks at this as an opportunity to partner with the Township and the CLSD on the project. He said they would look into hiring a company to take care of the fields.

Chairman Cunningham said right now the school is paying for the architect, and I don't want to take this too far and have the CLSD pay a ton of money to the architect if the Trustees aren't willing to go further.

There was a discussion about the drainage pipe, who owns it and the fact that it is on borrowed time.

Manning said this is a baseball field for the High School and I can't see spending this much money on baseball fields.

Brassell brought up the \$900 per house recreation fee for the park from the new homes.

In conclusion, the Trustees felt that the cost of renovating the ballfields, drainage and upkeep is not feasible at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve and Sign the Local Maintenance Detour Post-Detour Release Form for Work on SR 252 Culvert –

Mr. Heidecker made a motion to approve and sign the local maintenance detour route post-detour release form for work on the SR252 culvert. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. 7-5-22-83

Discuss Land Swap on Snell Road – A resident asked to swap a portion of his land with the Emerald Woods Subdivision for an additional lot on Snell Road. A document would be drawn up for approval by the Lorain County Prosecutor and the Lorain County Auditor. No motion was necessary. Chairman Cunningham will follow up with the resident.

Approve Final Plat for Phase 4 of the Emerald Woods Subdivision – Phase 4 consists of 25 lots.

**Mr. Heidecker made a motion to approve Phase 4 of the Emerald Woods Subdivision. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.
7-5-2022-84**

Discuss OPWC Application Dues September 2, 2022 – Bob Rundle will propose some projects during the next meeting. The Board had no thoughts on any particular project so they are okay with Rundle presenting his ideas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet on July 21st in Olmsted Township. RLCWA will hold their summer meeting in Put-in-Bay. The RLCWA Board's regular meeting is on July 13th.

Heidecker reported on the sewer district's efforts to cleanup area streams.

Manning reported receiving 12 applications for the Steering Committee. Applications will be accepted until July 15th.

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 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Rita Plata from minutes taken by Blanche Nemeth and Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews.