

COMMUNITY INPUT:

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.


Motion Manning to adjourn the meeting. Seconded Cunningham.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Plata.

RECEIPTS

CULVERT PIPE	\$ 525.00
FIRE RUN REPORTS	125.00
BZA APPLICATION	450.00
ZONING AMENDMENT APPLICATION	500.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	17,077.20
CEMETERY	1,350.00
RECREATION FEE (DREES)	2,700.00
RECREATION FEE (PULTE)	5,400.00
RECREATION FEE (GARLAND)	<u>900.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 29,027.20

FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Mark C. Cunningham, Chairman

Dick Heidecker, Vice Chairman


Tony Manning, Trustee

Chairman Mark Cunningham called the regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees on May 16, 2022 to order at 7:00 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews took roll call attendance. Trustees Mark Cunningham and Tony Manning were present. Because the Township's IT person was ill and unable to set up the Zoom call, Trustee Dick Heidecker was prevented from attending the meeting.

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

Mandie Andrews presented the minutes from the regular meeting on May 2, 2022 for approval.

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

Mandie Andrews presented bills and payroll totaling \$71,666.75 for payment.

Motion Manning to pay bills and payroll totaling \$71,666.75. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Letter from American Tower listing their current offers for renewing Columbia Township's cell tower lease.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

There was no one present from the Sheriff's Department. Cunningham commented that the Sheriff's staff is down 9 deputies.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For May 2 through May 16, 2022, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing 24 permits for five patios, one barn, four sheds, two pools, one gazebo and 10 single-family homes. Year-to-date, Eichenberg has issued 97 permits for new homes.

Violations – The Redfern Road resident who planted trees in the road right-of-way has not picked up the certified letter. Eichenberg's next step is to send the notice with a Certificate of Mailing and post the notice on the house. He will take a picture of the posted notice.

Board of Zoning Appeals – The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. The owner of the horse farm on East River Road has a 12.27-acre parcel that dead-ends on the cul-de-sac on Forestview Drive. Since the road doesn't go back to his lot, he is asking for a 60 ft. roadside variance. All other lots on Forestview have 120 ft. of roadside frontage.

Zoning Commission – The next regular Zoning Commission meeting is on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. John Fetchet applied for rezoning his property for the Dakota P. Studios. Eichenberg told him the Zoning Commission will need drawings. Fetchet is asking for General Business zoning.

Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Equipment – Service Director Bob Rundle reported all road and fire equipment up and running. The tanker will be taken out tomorrow to have its annual pump testing done.

The roadside chipper has an electrical issue. The chipper is out for repair at the dealer in Wellington.

Issue I Status – The paperwork for the Issue I South Boone Road Reconstruction Project is complete. The contract is signed and the contractor says he will be able to do the project in less than a month from now.

Subdivision Status – A proof roll for Phase 4 of the Emerald Woods Subdivision is scheduled for Thursday, May 19th. A proof roll at the Creekside Subdivision is scheduled for tomorrow, May 17th.

Department Input –

Rundle reported the engineering estimates for repairing and resurfacing Nichols Road is \$199,060 and for the repairing and resurfacing Emmons Road from SR 252 to South Boone Road is \$164,670. The total cost for both roads is \$363,730. American Rescue Plan Act funds will cover the entire cost of these projects.

Rundle asked for the Board's approval to request bid books for the Nichols Road and Emmons Road repair and resurfacing projects. Construction is running four to six weeks out.

Motion Cunningham to request the Lorain County Engineer prepare bid books for repairing and resurfacing Nichols Road and Emmons Road from SR 252 to South Boone Road. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

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Rundle reported his department has a lot of little jobs to get caught up on because, with the exception of the past few days, the weather has not been good.
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MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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

Runs – To date, runs total 272.

Equipment – Fire Truck 212 is back. The other two trucks will also be pump tested. On Friday, Warren Fire will come out to the station to test the air packs.

Transport Billing – April billing receipts totaled \$8,259.90. Year-to-date receipts total \$43,926.66.

Department Input – Anthony reported the Reverse Raffle for the Brett Wilson Scholarship Foundation was a success with \$21,000 raised.

Brett Wilson's family received a letter about placement of his name on the Walk of Honor at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

On Wednesday, the Fireman's Association will award scholarships to six graduating CHS students.

Troy Cavadas will be awarded the Ohio EMS Star of Life Award on May 18, 2022 for saving his father's life. Troy was 9 at the time he saved his father's life. The award ceremony is in Columbus.

Chief Anthony commented that fireworks are now legal in Ohio on certain holidays and certain weekends.

Soon, fire departments will no longer be allowed to investigate their own fires. Instead, another community and the Fire Marshall will be called to do the fire investigation.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$200 for one burial, \$850 from the sale of two graves, and \$300 for one footer fee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Levy – Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews received the numbers for the various renewal levies from the Lorain County Auditor. Because there is some time yet and conversations Mrs. Andrews had with Mark Cunningham and Graig Bansek, she would like to suggest four recommendations for replacement levies.

Replacement 1.5 Mill Levy

**Motion Cunningham to request the Lorain County Auditor provide the Current Tax Valuation of Columbia Township and how much revenue the replacement of the 1.5 mill fire levy would generate. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
5-16-2022-56**

Replacement 1.5 Mill Levy with Additional .5 Mills

**Motion Cunningham to request the Lorain County Auditor provide the Current Tax Valuation of Columbia Township and how much revenue the replacement of the 1.5 mill fire levy with an additional .5 mills would generate. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
5-16-2022-57**

Replacement 1.5 Mill Levy with Additional 1 Mill

**Motion Cunningham to request the Lorain County Auditor provide the Current Tax Valuation of Columbia Township and how much revenue the replacement of the 1.5 mill fire levy with an additional 1 mill would generate. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
5-16-2022-58**

Replacement of 1.5 Mill Levy with Additional 1.5 Mills

**Motion Cunningham to request the Lorain County Auditor provide the Current Tax Valuation of Columbia Township and how much revenue the replacement of the 1.5 mill fire levy with an additional 1.5 mills would generate. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.
5-16-2022-59**

A renewal levy will generate the same amount of revenue as what was originally requested while a replacement levy will generate revenue with today's value.

SWGK Renewal Levy – The following resolutions are necessary to put the SWGH 1 mill renewal levy on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

Motion Cunningham to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to enter into a contract with SWGH for the levy of a tax and the payment of the proceeds for the maintenance and support and as compensation for the use of the health center. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

5-16-2022-60

Chairman Cunningham and Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews signed the agreement.

Motion Cunningham to support the passage of the Health Center levy. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

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Motion Cunningham to pass the resolution requesting the Lorain County Fiscal Officer certify certain information regarding renewal of the 1 mill levy to Columbia Township. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

5-16-2022-62

NEW BUSINESS:

Put Asphalt for 2022 Paving Out for Bid with Bid Opening on June 6, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. – Bob Rundle explained that no one bid on asphalt when the 2022 road materials were put out for bid.

Motion Cunningham to put asphalt cost out for bid with the bid opening on June 6th at 7:15 p.m. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

5-16-2022-63

Discuss 50/50 Cost Share Between the Fire Department and Township for DARE T-Shirts – Chairman Cunningham explained cost sharing of the DARE T-shirts with the Fireman's Association has been going on for years. The DARE program is put on by the Sheriff's Department. Chief Anthony noted the Trustees usually attend the graduation ceremony.

Motion Cunningham to split the cost of the DARE T-shirts with the Fireman's Association. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

5-16-2022-64

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds – Passage of the resolution provided by the Township’s attorneys is necessary to bring the bid limits for the ARPA funds in line with the State of Ohio’s bid limits for townships by authorizing an increase in the Micro-Purchase Threshold. This resolution also adopts the Uniform Guidance Procurement Policy.

Trustee Manning inquired about the amount of funding received. Mandie Andrews explained the township already received \$393,858.84 and will receive another \$320,000 in October of 2022.

Motion Cunningham to pass the resolution authorizing the increasing the Micro-Purchase threshold and adopting the Uniform Guidance Procurement Policy. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous. 5-16-2022-65

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet in Huntington Township on May 19th. Cunningham had nothing new to report concerning the Rocky River Watershed Council.

The RLCWA Board will meet tomorrow, May 18th.

Manning attended a SWGH Board meeting on May 12th. SWGH is losing money because wages have to be increased to retain match wages at other places in order to retain personnel. Other than that, they are doing fine.

A meeting to discuss the cemetery fee schedule was scheduled for Monday, May 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. Rita Plata will post a notice on the doors.

Manning reported he has been meeting with the Lorain County Prosecutor to discuss a way to control growth in the Township. A possible moratorium is being discussed. He will have more information to share at the next meeting on June 6, 2022.

FISCAL OFFICER’S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

Mandie Andrews did not have financial requests. She did report on the Columbia Community Foundation’s collaboration with SWGH on a program to provide grants for mental health costs.

There will be an informational meeting Thursday night at the Fire Station. It will be the first of many and when school starts up in the fall there will be information available at the open house.