

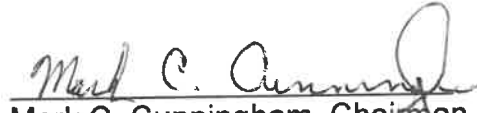



FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Michael G. Musto, Chairman


Mark C. Cunningham, Chairman


Dick Heidecker, Trustees

Chairman Mike Musto called the regular meeting on October 18, 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.

Motion Heidecker to approve the previous meeting minutes as corrected. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

Bills totaling \$92,340.13 were presented for approval.

Motion Cunningham to approve paying the bills as listed. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Correspondence received will be addressed later in the meeting.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

There was no one present from the Lorain County Sheriff's Department.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For October 1-15, 2021, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing 18 permits for one in-ground pool, one industrial storage building and 16 single-family homes. Year-to-date, he has issued 135 permits for single-family homes.

Violations – The company mowing for the bank that owns 19556 Rolling Brook Lane has mowed all of the back yard.

Eichenberg posted an ORC 505.87 debris notice at 9955 Bryant Avenue. The owner did not accept the Certified Mail. He said the Township may have to go in to clean up the property.

Eichenberg also sent an ORC 505.87 notice to 25932 Quarry Ridge Road for debris and high vegetation.

Board of Zoning Appeals – The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. They will hear Case 2021-06 which is a request for a 50 ft. road frontage variance for a lot split at 23608 Emmons Road.

Zoning Commission – The Zoning Commission's next regular meeting will be on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. They will be discussing lot splits.

New Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Equipment – Bob Rundle reported all Road Department and Fire Department equipment up and running.

Rundle requested the Board's approval to purchase a new snow plow for one of the trucks. It would replace one that is 20 years old. He said a new Henderson snow plow is \$16,774.

Motion Cunningham to purchase a new snow plow at a cost not-to-exceed \$17,000. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous. 10-18-2021-114

Issue I – Rundle reported the Township was awarded this year's grant for South Boone Road. This grant application was filed in 2020 for 2021 funding. The project won't be done until April or May of 2022. Rundle is concerned about weather conditions if the project were to be started now. He is afraid if the road was milled and the weather changed, he could have an open road during winter. For now, he will patch the road and wait until spring to do the project.

Subdivision Status – Rundle reported there was a proof roll in the Emerald Woods Subdivision. This proof roll was the second part of a two-part proof roll. Cunningham was there also and noted it was finished and approved by the Lorain County Engineer. They were starting the curbing on the first section that was proof rolled last week. Whether or not they can pave it depends on the weather.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

Department Input – Rundle is working on some projects for storm water runoff. He would like to clean a ditch from Plum Creek almost to the airport. Rundle was told that Don Romancak is waiting for Rundle to call him. Rundle is still waiting for the engineering study on the project that was awarded.

Rundle reported there are a lot of trees for the road crew to trim.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Anthony was absent; however, he did leave his report with Trustee Cunningham.

Calls – To date, there have been 179 Fire Calls and 599 EMS Calls.

Transport Billing – August receipts totaled \$18,013.74. Year-to-date receipts total \$111,865.59.

Equipment – All fire equipment is up and running.

Mutual Aid – Mutual aid has been given 50 times and requested 39 times.

Station Coverage – All hours offered are being covered.

Department Input – National Prescription Take-Back Day is October 23rd. Unused prescription drugs can be dropped off at the Columbia Fire Station from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On October 24th, the 2nd Annual Brett J. Wilson Memorial Climb will be held at the CHS football field. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will benefit the Fire Academy Scholarship Fund at Tri-C West. The cost to participate is \$10 and all donations will go to the scholarship fund in honor of Brett Wilson. Chili will be served.

On October 27th, there will be a ceremony honoring Brett Wilson at the Lorain County Firefighter's Memorial. The memorial is located in Elyria in front of the old courthouse.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$200 for a burial and \$850 from the sale of two graves.

OLD BUSINESS:

American Rescue Plan – Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews reported ARP funding in the amount of \$396,292.72 was received. This amount represents the first half of the funds. She reported that at this time next year another smaller deposit should be received.

Discuss Planting Trees in Tree Lawns – There was no one present from Columbia Reserve to discuss their request to plant trees in their tree lawns.

Request for Speed Bump in Hunting Meadows Subdivision – The resident who requested this speed bump did not attend this meeting or the Trustees' meeting on October 4th. Another resident of Hunting Meadows was present to tell the Trustees she did not want to see a speed bump installed.

This resident did her research and she believes it would be more dangerous because drivers tend to drive around them. She asked who would pay for the speed bump. She also believes the problem started with a Facebook post that caused a fight between neighbors.

Heidecker, who also researched the issue, said they have to be properly maintained. He also said the Lorain County Sheriff clocked the cars traveling in the subdivision at 24 mph. Heidecker said this is a dead issue and take it off the agenda.

TIF Agreement – Musto said he wasn't sure what the Trustees are doing about the TIF tonight. Heidecker explained the Lorain County Commissioners delegated the Township's issues to Lorain County Commissioner Lundy, the Lorain County Administrator and Don Romancak who will get together tomorrow about the \$1.4 million designated for a Fire Station. The Trustees don't want the funds to be locked into a Fire Station. Instead, they would like to be able to use it to build other infrastructure in the area.

The Lorain County Commissioners are scheduled to vote on the TIF on Wednesday.

Cunningham wants some language added so the Trustees can renegotiate the TIF at a later date. He said they are supposed to get back to the Trustees about the changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

ODOT Post Detour Release Form – Bob Rundle does not know if ODOT is going to do anything with the roads. Heidecker said we can sign the release tonight and still check on it. Heidecker will call ODOT tomorrow and let Mandie Andrews know when to send the release to ODOT.

Approve 2022 Tax Rates – These rates are for the Tax Budget for fiscal year 2022. The tax rates are to be levied on the tax duplicate for the inside 10 mill Limitation (General, Road & Bridge and Cemetery) and the various levies.

Motion Heidecker to approve the 2022 tax rates. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 10-18-2021-115

Cunningham commented that these tax rates are for what we are doing right now. They are not going to change anything.

Approve Lorain County Tactical Response Contract –

Motion Heidecker to approve the Lorain County Tactical Response Contract –

Motion Heidecker to approve the Lorain County Tactical Response Contract. Seconded Cunningham.

Without this contract, should a situation arise where these services are needed, the Township would be charged for equipment and for hourly wages for each person responding.

Vote unanimous.

10-18-2021-116

Discuss IT – The Township's email went down and Heidecker was able to get a company to come and get it back up and running today. The company is going to come back to the Trustees with a contract to for maintaining the Township's IT. Bruce Doll said he would make the transition as seamless as possible.

Road Repair Levy – Mandie Andrews explained this levy is a renewal levy and will not increase taxes. She said the Road Department definitely needs it. She also commented that this levy has been the same millage since the 1980's and the Township has never asked for more money for the Road Department.

Andrews will put something on social media because social media and the Rural-Urban reach different demographics. Cunningham said we have always been told that if we put a levy on the ballot, we should not be campaigning for it. Cunningham noted the levy brings in over \$200,000 per year. Mandie Andrews will reach out to the Board of Elections before posting information about the levy on social media.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet at the Columbia Fire Station on October 21st. Cunningham will be in Columbus for RLCWA on November 3rd and 4th. The Rocky River Watershed Council has nothing scheduled.

Heidecker reported the next SWGH Board meeting is on November 4th. The NOACA Board will meet on December 10th.

The Lorain County Community Alliance (LCCA) will meet again on December 3rd. The LCCA met on October 8th at LCCC for a "Post Pandemic Recovery Summit. An attorney discussed COVID-19 vaccine policies and other COVID mitigation measures. The American Rescue Plan Act was also discussed by a staff member from the Ohio Office of Budget Management. Heidecker learned an employer asking an employee if they are vaccinated is not a HIPPA violation.

Musto had nothing new to report concerning NEORSD and Storm Water Phase II and MS4'S.

NOPEC'S 2021 General Assembly Meeting is at 10:00 a.m. on November 9th. Musto explained the meeting is basically by Zoom. Only voting members will attend in person. Musto voted by proxy by sending his vote to the Lorain County Administrator.

FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

Mandie Andrews requested the following resolutions:

1. Resolution to open a new fund – 2273 for ARP Funding – Coronavirus Relief Fund

**Motion Cunningham to open a new fund – 2273 for ARP Funding – Coronavirus Relief Fund. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.
10-18-2021-117**

2. Resolution to add \$392,292.72 to Fund 2273 – ARP Funds – Coronavirus Relief Fund.

**Motion Heidecker to add \$392,292.72 to Fund 2273 – ARP Funds – Coronavirus Relief Fund. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.
10-18-2021-118**

3. Resolution to increase Estimated Resources on the Amended Official Certificate by \$392,292.72 to reflect the addition of fund 2273.

**Motion Cunningham to increase Estimated Resources by \$392,292.72 to reflect the addition of fund 2273. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.
10-1-2021-119**

4. Resolution to increase Permanent Appropriations by \$392,292.72 to reflect the addition of fund 2273.

Motion Heidecker to increase permanent appropriations by \$392,292.72 to reflect the addition of fund 2273. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 10-21-2021-120

COMMUNITY INPUT:

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Heidecker to adjourn. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Plata.

RECEIPTS

LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 1,919.06
(REIMBURSEMENT FOR PORTION OF SEPTIC COSTS	
OCTOBER HB 166 LOCAL GOV	713.90
OCTOBER LOCAL GOV	8,010.99
CULVERT PIPES	1,550.00
CEMETERY	1,050.00
RECREATION FEE (PULTE)	7,200.00
RECREATION FEE (DREES HOMES)	1,800.00
RECREATION FEE (RYAN HOMES)	2,700.00
ZONING INPECTOR	<u>21,190.50</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 46,134.45</u>