

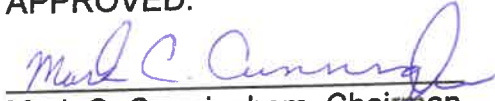
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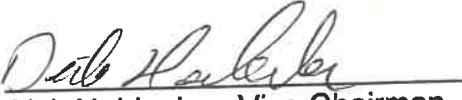
OHIO BWC REFUND	\$ 1,029.00
LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY REIMBURSEMENT FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	1,965.00
REFUND FOR OVERPAYMENT	126.50
CEMETERY	1,000.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	3,981.60
RECREATION FEE (DREES HOMES)	<u>900.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 9,002.10

FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Mark C. Cunningham, Chairman


Dick Heidecker, Vice Chairman


Tony Manning, Trustee

Chairman Mark Cunningham called the September 19, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Columbia Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Minutes from the previous meeting on September 6, 2022 were presented for approval.

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

Bills and payroll totaling \$66,186.15 were presented for approval.

Motion Manning to pay bills and payroll totaling \$66,186.15. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Notice from Christin Brandon of the Lorain County Community Development Department that Rich Beran submitted the final plat for Phase 2 of the CreekrIDGE Subdivision. The plat will be reviewed by the Subdivision Review Subcommittee on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room A.

Letter from Superintendent Graig Bansek requesting approval to place a two-sided LED electric sign on Township property located near the entrance of Columbia High School.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Chairman Cunningham explained that Captain Ashdown was present because he met with the Trustees earlier about the Columbia car.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For September 6-16, 2022, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing 10 permits for one garage, one shed, one porch, one home addition, three patios and three new homes. Year-to-date, he has issued 152 permits for new homes.

Violations –

9955 Bryant Avenue

Eichenberg received an email from the Lorain County Port Authority notifying him that he Land Bank will schedule a walk-through on October 6th for demolition of the house.

Board of Zoning Appeals – The BZA did not receive any applications for their September meeting. Their next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 24th.

Zoning Commission – The Zoning Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday, October 6th, at 6:30 p.m.

Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

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

Issue I – The two applications for 2023 funding have been accepted by the Lorain County Engineer. Rundle does not expect to hear anything more about them for a couple of months.

Subdivision Status – Another proof roll is scheduled in the Emerald Woods Subdivision.

MS4'S – No problems or complaints reported.

Department Input – A box culvert on North Boone Road will be replaced by the contractor installing the sewers. The culvert is a 43" x 60" box culvert in the NEORSD stormwater district. Columbia Township will not be responsible for any costs involved.

There was a discussion about the ODOT mileage changes during the last meeting. Additions and deletions are due to the Lorain County Engineer by September 30th. Rundle is reviewing the mileage list for accuracy.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Personnel – Chief Anthony reported 37 members on file and 35 members on call.

Calls – To date, the Fire Department has responded to 551 calls.

Transport Billing – August billing receipts totaled \$13,999.19. Year-to-date, receipts total \$94,482.64.

Mutual Aid – Mutual aid has been given 41 times and received 37 times.

Station Coverage – All hours offered are being covered. Nathan Skalsky was hired full time by North Royalton, but he will still run with the Columbia Fire Department. Jake Guadino resigned due to his busy schedule. He is in paramedic school and runs part-time with another department. Anthony told Guadino if he wants to return to duty after he is done with school, he will put him back on the roster.

On Friday, the department will participate in an active shooter drill. They will work with the Lorain County Sherriff's Department and Columbia Locals Schools Superintendent Graig Bansek. Mandie Andrews will film the drill. The first drill will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Columbia Middle School. Later in the day, there will be a drill at Columbia High School. Anyone who is not participating in the drill will wear a safety green vest so the safety forces will know exactly who is participating. Anthony noted there is a big difference between classroom training and live training.

In honor of First Responders Week, Chairman Cunningham thanked Chief Anthony and his department members.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business for the Trustees to address.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reappoint Trustee Mark Cunningham to the RLCWA Board –

Chairman Cunningham reported his term expires at the end of 2022.

**Motion Heidecker to reappoint Mark Cunningham to the RLCWA Board.
Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.**

9-19-2022-121

Set Date and Time for Halloween Trick-or-Treat –

Motion Cunningham to set Trick-or-Treat on Halloween, October 31st, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.

9-19-2022-122

Discuss Possible Upgrades to the Projector and Sound System in the Town Hall
– Chairman Cunningham explained the Town Hall meeting room does not have a sound system and there are issues with the projector. Cunningham knows of an individual that did the sound and projector for LaGrange Township. LaGrange was very happy with his work. Cunningham called him and requested a quote. Cunningham will move forward with the getting the quote if the other Trustees are okay with it. No one objected. Cunningham will keep Heidecker and Manning informed.

Approve Culvert Pipe Fee Schedule as recommended by the State Auditor --

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews explained how in the past the price of culvert pipes was just set based on the cost to purchase them. Over the last year, the Township had three fee increases. The auditor is looking for a fee schedule in line with the ones for the cemetery and zoning. The auditor wants a culvert fee schedule approved by a resolution and also every time it is updated to reflect a price change. Bob Rundle said he likes to purchase 20 culvert pipes at a time.

Motion Heidecker that the current charge for a driveway culvert pipe is \$550. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

9-19-2022-123

Rundle commented the cost charged to residents is the cost the Township pays for the pipe.

Discuss Replacement LED Sign requested by the Columbia Local School District
– Chairman Cunningham explained the school district would like to put up a double-sided LED sign. The present sign is on property owned by Columbia Township. The Trustees received a letter from Superintendent Graig Bansek asking permission to replace the current sign with the new sign. Cunningham said the Trustees will do a Memorandum of Understanding with the CLSD stating that the sign is just for school events and no advertising is allowed. Mr. Bansek said the Township could post information on the sign.

Wayne Brassell explained school information, zoning meetings, Historical Society meetings, etc. are the type of information that would be posted on the sign.

Motion Heidecker. Seconded Cunningham to go forward with the new sign.

Trustee Manning expressed concern about the sign and the Township's zoning.

Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg explained the sign complies with the Zoning Resolution. He said signs are not allowed to blink; they have to remain steady.

Vote unanimous.

9-19-2022-124

Sign Final Plat for CreekrIDGE Subdivision Phase 2 – Chairman Cunningham explained the Trustees won't actually sign the final plat until the Lorain County Engineer signs off. Cunningham met at the site this morning and the Lorain County Engineer has a punch list of items which include some of the sidewalk in the open area that isn't complete and some general items that are covered under the developer's bond.

Motion Manning to sign the final plat for the CreekrIDGE Subdivision Phase 2. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.

9-19-2022-125

Ohio History Hunter – Mr. Scott Power was contacted by an individual looking for an ancestor whose grave is located outside of the normal grave area. He asked the Township for permission to go into the West River Road Cemetery and the Baker-Hoadley Cemetery to uncover those graves that are covered with dirt, ground cover and trees. He presented photos of some of the graves in both cemeteries that he is concerned about including some veterans' graves.

Chairman Cunningham said he spoke with the Township's insurance company and the Trustees can't give him permission to work in the cemetery. He said our Road Department has to do the work. He asked Mr. Power for a list of what he found. Cunningham emphasized the work has to be done by our employees per our Risk Management Company. Cunningham spoke to Bob Rundle today about cleaning up the cemetery and Rundle will dedicate the road department to do this work.

Heidecker commented on the cadaver dogs that found 120 graves in the Riverside Cemetery (aka Baker-Hoadley) and 10 graves outside the cemetery. Heidecker noted, per the agreement with the Berea Animal Rescue Fund, only Columbia residents are allowed to walk through. He said before the Trustees intervened nobody could get to the cemetery.

Cunningham explained Bob Rundle has a crew of 4-5 men, and they have to finish paving before they stop making asphalt. After the paving season, the road crew will get to work on the cemetery. Rundle asked Mr. Power to exchange phone numbers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet in Pittsfield Township on October 20th for a Candidates Night. He had nothing new concerning the Rocky River Watershed Council. Cunningham will attend a RLCWA Finance Committee on September 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Heidecker reported the NEORSD Facility Planning Area change is going forward.

Manning reported the next SWGH Board meeting is on October 6th.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee met and chose Katie Cook as chairwoman, Jill Voight as vice chairwoman and Mary Sollan as secretary. Steering Committee members are reviewing the 2010 and 2017 Comprehensive Plans. They will be seeking proposals for work on the new Comprehensive Plan from 10 to 15 consultants.

Resident Wayne Brassell commented that Olmsted Township did something very similar. The Trustees then wrote a Scope of Work with a price not to exceed \$25,000. Brassell suggested the Steering Committee may want to get in touch with the Olmsted Falls Trustees.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

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

The next regular meeting will at 7:00 p.m. on October 3, 2022.

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

Minutes submitted by Rita Plata.