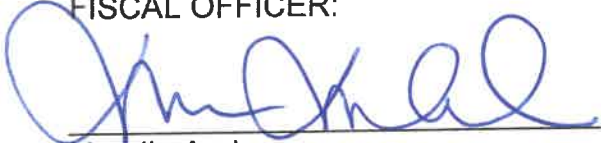


RECEIPTS

LC AUDITOR (JULY LOCAL GOV)	\$ 9,893.30
LC AUDITOR (JULY HB166)	713.90
ZONING INSPECTOR	15,963.40
RECREATION FEE (DREES HOMES)	3,600.00
RECREATION FEE (PULTE HOMES	5,400.00
CEMETERY	<u>3,675.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$39,245.60

FISCAL OFFICER:



Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:



Michael G. Musto, Chairman



Mark C. Cunningham, Vice Chairman



Dick Heidecker, Trustee

Chairman Mike Musto called the regular meeting on July 19, 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.

Minutes from the regular meeting on July 6, 2021 were presented for approval.

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

Fiscal Officer Andrews presented bills and payroll totaling \$163,517.89 for approval.

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

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

There was no correspondence received.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Captain Dan Ashdown was present. He presented a proposal to the Trustees to share the cost of one full-time deputy with Eaton and Grafton Townships. The deputy would patrol the three Townships in addition to the deputies patrolling all of the townships. The current cost of a deputy is \$107,000 per year. This cost does not include the patrol car. Sharing the cost of the deputy would bring the cost down to about \$36,000 per year per township. The deputy would be scheduled for 40 hours per week and could be scheduled to work evenings.

Ashdown said if everyone is interested, we would have to sit down to see what is appropriate for the Columbia car. He would also sit down and put everything on paper.

Fiscal Officer Andrews noted \$35,000 is budgeted annually for the Sheriff. Heidecker said, as a Trustee and resident, I am interested. Heidecker said he would like to get together to discuss it.

Andrews confirmed that the deputy would be paid by the Lorain County Sheriff and the Township would just send the check to the Sheriff.

Ashdown will have to do some study about the car. He will get in touch with the court to see how the courts will be handling the fees and fines.

Cunningham commented to Ashdown the Trustees have already said they do not want it to be a money maker. Cunningham asked how much input the Trustees would have on the scheduling and who is hired.

Ashdown said he has had some interest from the current community policing deputy and others. As far as scheduling, he would have to do some research to see what makes the most sense.

After the discussion with the Trustees, Ashdown said he will start doing the research.

Musto said we are paying taxes to the Lorain County Sheriff already. He said now the Township is going to be using more taxes to pay the Sheriff. Musto said it is like being double taxed. He said, personally, it doesn't seem right.

Cunningham asked Captain Ashdown to keep the Trustees in the loop.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg was absent, but he provided the Trustees with the following report:

Permits – For July 7-18, 2021, Eichenberg reported issuing 13 permits for 1 deck, 2 pools, and 10 single-family homes. Year to date, he has issued 56 permits for new single-family homes.

Violations – Eichenberg has sent ORC 505.87 notices to three property owners in Hunting Meadows for high vegetation.

Board of Zoning Appeals – The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2021, to hear a request for a 3 ft. variance for a new garage.

Zoning Commission – The next Zoning Commission Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

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

Issue I Status – Rundle has not heard anything yet from the Lorain County Engineer about funding for last year's Issue I project for resurfacing South Boone Road. Rundle has a set of specs for a culvert replacement on Redfern Road. He asked the Trustees to let him know if they have any projects they would like submitted for 2022.

Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

Department Input – Rundle will have to do some repair work to South Boone Road if the Issue I project isn't funded. Rundle has been approached by Liverpool Township about doing a culvert replacement on Crocker Road. It is just west of the Morlock Property. The pipe has deteriorated. Musto asked if an open cut is necessary. Rundle said he will have to open cut the road.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Personnel – Chief Anthony reported 39 members on file and 36 members on call.

Calls – To date, there have been 141 fire calls and 410 EMS calls.

Transport Billing – June ambulance billing receipts totaled \$12,415.05. Year-to-date receipts total \$70,838.98.

Equipment – Anthony reported all equipment up and running.

Mutual Aid – Mutual aid has been given 40 times and received 29 times.

Station Coverage – All hours offered are being covered.

Department Input –

Charles O'Malley was just hired by the City of Cleveland Fire Department and he is on a six month leave of absence. Anthony said he is a good employee and he hopes to get him back.

Anthony and the Trustees discussed dates for a workshop meeting, but were unable to get a date in the near future when everyone is available.

Chief Anthony is continuing to get a few burning complaints. They are not just burning household items. He has been going after a person on Royalton Road for about three years and this man just doesn't even care. Anthony is taking a new approach by working with Deputies Holmes and Lopez of the Lorain County Sheriff's Environmental Crimes Unit in conjunction with the EPA to try to resolve these violations. There are a couple of residents in the West View Subdivision who are burning tires and aerosol cans.

Last week, Anthony attended the Chief's Conference in Columbus. During the conference, a memorial service was held for Brett Wilson. Six members from the department went down for the service. Anthony recently got the word that Brett's name will be put on Lorain County's Memorial.

During the conference, Anthony learned everybody else is having the same problem keeping trained personnel. Once they are trained, they move on to full-time departments. In some cases, people are running on two departments. Also, Anthony was able to look at squads, trucks and equipment for the future.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$200 for one prepaid burial, \$2,975 from the sale of seven graves and \$500 for two monument footer fees.

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy on Road Open Cuts – Since no progress has been made on this policy, Musto removed it from the agenda.

Road Repair Levy – Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews received the information back from the Lorain County Auditor for the 1 mill renewal levy. The levy would generate \$238,308. Andrews explained that because the Township is requesting a renewal it will not cost the taxpayers any extra money. The residents will pay 85 percent of the levy and the State of Ohio will pay the other 15 percent.

Motion Cunningham to put a 1 mill renewal levy for road repair on the November 2, 2021 ballot. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous. 7-19-2021-80

American Rescue Plan – Authorize Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews to apply for ARP Funding –

Mandie Andrews explained the money is out there and she needs a resolution from the Trustees allowing her to apply for the money.

**Motion Heidecker to authorize Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews to apply for the American Rescue Plan funding. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.
7-19-2021-81**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Musto – Discuss Emerald Woods Subdivision – Speaking personally, Musto said he would like to change his discussion to all subdivisions in Columbia Township. He noted Snell Road flooded again. Houses are being built without access to sewers and no occupancy permits will be issued for any of those houses being paid for and built until they do have access to sewers. Musto said buyer beware.

Musto commented that Lorain County does not have a Building Department so there is no oversight on any building. The builder in Hunting Meadows hired a company to do inspections. Musto said he doesn't know how that works when the builder hires the inspectors.

Musto talked about the new Lorain County Commissioners and how they want to change more of the rules. County Administrator Tom Williams told him if they could make personnel changes at the Lorain County Engineer's Office, they could build 10,000 homes.

He said, according to Lorain County, the TIF is done. It will be used for more sewers and more development. Musto said if you like what is going on, then the commissioners are doing their job. Sewers will be up to SR 82 and all the way to Strongsville.

Musto said anyone that wants to talk about the future, please call the Trustees. He commented that Facebook is really crazy right now. He said the rules for our subdivisions have been dramatically changed, all done by the new Lorain County Commissioners.

Deed for Property Donated by the Developer of the Emerald Woods Subdivision to be used for Future Public Infrastructure –

Motion Cunningham to accept the donation. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous. 7-19-2021-81

Deana Poburs – Discuss Flooding Issues – Deana Poburs lives at 26385 Sprague Road, across the street from a new subdivision in Olmsted Falls. She has experienced serious problems with flooding on her property. She been in contact with Lorain County Engineer Peter Zwick, Olmsted Township and Matt Arnold of the Lorain County Stormwater District. Lorain County Engineer Bob Klaiber told her to contact the Trustees about applying for a storm water grant.

Heidecker explained the Township has to apply for the grant. Heidecker spoke with Don Romancak of the Lorain County Stormwater District about Poburs' problem. Romancak is aware of her problem and said she has a 6" clay tile going into 40" tile. Romancak said Poburs and her neighbor both need to put in a bigger pipe.

Regarding the SWAC grant, Cunningham said they know what the problem is so you don't need a planning grant. Normally, he said, they have \$400,000 per year for 18 townships.

Musto said when we have roads washing out, private property will not be high on the list. Cunningham said they want to concentrate on waterway improvements. Cunningham said the County wants to get away from culvert replacements.

Musto said if we apply for a grant, guess who has to approve it – Lorain County. Poburs said it is a vicious circle. Cunningham will get Poburs a copy of Matt Arnold's report on her flooding issue.

Indigent Burial – A request was received by the Township to pay for the cremation of an indigent resident. Chairman Musto reported he talked to the assistant prosecutor about the indigent burial and he said he will write up anything we need.

Fiscal Officer Andrews and Cunningham both believe they should have to show some kind of proof that that he was indigent. Mandie Andrews will continue to work on resolving the matter and will keep the Trustees informed.