

RECEIPTS

LC AUDITOR (AUGUST LOCAL GOV)	\$ 7,222.41
LC AUDITOR (AUGUST HB 166 LOCAL GOV)	713.90
LC AUDITOR (2 <sup>ND</sup> HALF STREET LIGHTING)	8,098.16
LC AUDITOR (JULY MVR PERM)	5,107.50
LC AUDITOR (JULY 2021 MVR)	1,807.32
LC AUDITOR (AUG GAS TAX)	15,555.13
LC SWAC (PYMT OF PORTION OF MINI-EXCAVATOR)	31,601.94
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS (FRANCHISE FEES)	22,876.24
OHIO BWC (EMPLOYER PREMIUM REFUND)	118.00
CELL TOWER LEASE PAYMENT	1,749.01
STATE OF OHIO (LIQUOR LICENSE FEES)	2,916.20
AUGUST 2021 AMBULANCE BILLING RECEIPTS	18,013.74
RECREATION FEE (PULTE HOMES)	5,400.00
RECREATION FEE (DREES HOMES)	3,600.00
RECREATION FEE (GARLAND NEW HOMES)	900.00
RECREATION FEE (RYAN HOMES)	4,500.00
CULVERT PIPES (\$500 EA)	1,000.00
CEMETERY	1,950.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	<u>26,944.20</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 160,073.75</u>

FISCAL OFFICER:

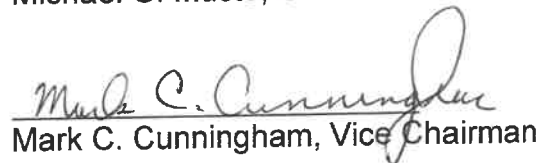


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:



Michael G. Musto, Chairman



Mark C. Cunningham, Vice Chairman

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Dick Heidecker, Trustee

Chairman Mike Musto called the regular meeting on September 7, 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 Andrews sent all meeting reports to the Trustees electronically.

Minutes from the regular meeting on August 16, 2021 were presented for approval.

**Motion Cunningham to approve the minutes as written. Seconded Musto. Vote Cunningham and Musto, yes; Heidecker abstained because he was absent. Motion carried.**

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews presented bills and payroll totaling \$308,216.93 for payment.

**Motion Heidecker to pay the bills as written. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.**

Musto noted payment was received from Lorain SWAC for their portion of the mini-excavator. The bills also included payment of levy funds to the hospital and library.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:**

The Lorain County Sheriff's August 2021 Incident Report.

Heidecker and Cunningham discussed the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting about Lorain County's Hazardous Mitigation plan. There are three meeting times available on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Chief Anthony will probably attend one of these meetings, too.

#### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

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

#### **ZONING INSPECTOR:**

**Permits** – For August 16-31, 2021, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing 20 permits for two sheds and 18 single-family homes. Year-to-date, he has issued 92 permits for single-family homes.

**Violations** – Eichenberg reported on a property on Lakeridge Way where there are two older vehicles. The pickup truck has a temporary license and the old Oldsmobile is licensed.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** – There were no applications for the BZA's September meeting. They already have a case for their meeting at 6:30 p.m. on October 25, 2021.

**Zoning Commission** – Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the Zoning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on September 9, 2021. They will be discussing landscape mounds for properties that are not located in subdivisions. Eichenberg said a lot of people are putting up mounds and aren't calling him until they are built. The Zoning Commission wants to regulate their height.

**New Subdivision Status** – Eichenberg just finished the addresses for the Baker Creek Subdivision. He also received a permit for the first model home in that subdivision.

**MS4'S** – No complaints or problems reported.

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

**Equipment** – Service Director Bob Rundle reported all equipment up and running. A minor problem with the roadside cutter has been repaired.

**Issue 1** – Rundle resubmitted the South Boone Road Resurfacing Project for 2022. The application was submitted with a request for a 16 percent OPWC loan. The total project is approximately \$188,000. Total funding requested, including the loan, is approximately \$133,000.

**Subdivision Status** – Nothing new reported.

Rundle spoke to Greg Modic about the lift station for the Emerald Woods Subdivision. The lift station is installed and they are going through the punch list now. The final inspection will be done next Tuesday.

**MS4'S** – No complaints or problems reported. Some storm water management work will be done using the new mini-excavator. Rundle is planning to clean out an open ditch that runs from Station Road to Root Road.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Personnel** – Chief Anthony reported 36 members on file and 35 members on call.

**Calls** – To date, there have been 163 fire calls and 499 EMS calls.

**Transport Billing** – August billing receipts totaled \$18,013.74. Year-to-date receipts total \$98,865.59.

**Equipment** – Chief Anthony reported all equipment up and running.

**Mutual Aid** – Mutual aid has been given 43 times and requested 33 times.

**Station Coverage** – All hours offered are being covered.

**Department Input –**

Anthony reported Tom Petry, one of the department's new members, was hired by the City of Rocky River's Fire Department. He will be able to stay with the Columbia Fire Department as well.

Kaci Ward was removed from the roster.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Blood Drive at the fire station from 2 to 7 p.m. Blood donors can register on line

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, unused medication can be dropped off at the fire station from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is a joint effort between the Fire Department and the Lorain County Sheriff's Department.

Anthony reported the specifications for a replacement rescue squad are just about complete.

**CEMETERY:**

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$400 for one burial and \$400 for two prepaid burials of cremains. One grave was sold to non-residents for \$1,000. Payment of \$150 was received for one footer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**American Recue Plan** – Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews reported that she received confirmation that the township will receive \$724,000 in ARP funding. The funding will be divided into two checks over two years. The first check will be for a little bit larger amount than the second check.

There was discussion about how the funding can be used. Fiscal Officer Andrews said it can be used to repair damaged water lines, but the documentation has to indicate water quality before the repairs and after the repairs.

Heidecker asked if the funding can be sub-granted. Andrews said yes.

Heidecker believes water quality could be an issue with connectivity to sewers on Hawke Road. He suggested that because they are Columbia residents, we may be able to help them out.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Schedule Joint Workshop Meeting with the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals** – After discussion, the Trustees agreed to hold a workshop meeting with both boards at 6:30 p.m. during the Zoning Commission's October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bob Eichenberg will notify both boards.

**Discuss New Security Lighting for Park Walking Oval** – Bob Rundle and Trustee Cunningham researched new fixtures with LED lights to replace the current lights around the walking oval. Cunningham explained that Bob Rundle will use NOPEC grant funds for most of them. The new posts and fixtures with LED lights are a better quality than what is there now. It is necessary to replace the current lighting around the oval because it is failing.

**Motion Cunningham to spend up to \$40,000 for new lights for the park walking oval. Each light will be on a photocell. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.**  
**9-7-2021-105**

**Reimbursement Received from SWAC for Mini-Excavator – \$31,601.94** – As reported by Chairman Musto, the Lorain County SWAC reimbursed the Township for their share of the cost of the new mini-excavator.

**Discuss Planting Trees in Tree Lawns** – Residents from the Columbia Reserve Subdivision attended the meeting to present their request for permission to plant trees in the tree lawns in their subdivision. The residents presented the Trustees with a booklet outlining their reasons for wanting trees in their tree lawns. The booklet contained photos as well and letters from landscapers.

Cunningham explained the tree lawn is the Township's Road right-of-way. He also explained all of the infrastructure is located in the road right-of-way. Cunningham said the bigger issue for him is the liability the Township assumes. He said we have already been sued after kids hit a tree in the road right-of-way. He said, if the Township had

no liability, he wouldn't have a problem with the trees. He repeated that his concern is the liability. He also noted that a former Lorain County Prosecutor told the Trustees not to put anything in the road right-of-way.

All of the residents attending the meeting were from the Columbia Reserve Subdivision. No one was present from Hunting Meadows. Heidecker suggested residents from Hunting Meadows should be involved in the discussion.

Musto said we are not going to have a vote on it tonight. Musto suggested the Trustees should research the request and the residents should come back to the next meeting to talk.

A resident asked why the water meters are in the tree lawn. Cunningham will check with RLCWA for the reason.

Since Trustee Heidecker will be out town for the next meeting, the discussion will be continued on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cunningham** reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet on September 16<sup>th</sup> at LCCC. Masks are mandated by the college. Dinner will be served. The topic of discussion will be a LCTA scholarship.

The RLCWA Board will meet on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Cunningham had nothing new to report concerning the Rocky River Watershed Council.

**Heidecker** reported the SWGH Board will meet on September 29<sup>th</sup>. He noted Covid admissions are up almost 300% over the past two weeks.

There is a NOACA meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the FPA change. Heidecker had nothing new to report concerning the Northeast Ohio Township Association. The Lorain County Community Alliance will meet on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Musto** reported NOPEC wants to go to all green energy and they want the governments to sign up. He said the only thing about it is they are going to raise our electric bills. Musto said he is not in favor of it. He actually doesn't think it will work out. If it is going to raise our electric bills dramatically, he would not be for it.

Cunningham said it is another program they are putting out. The program includes Renewable Energy Certificates. Cunningham noted copies of the NOPEC correspondence are available on the table.

The Trustees have until the end of the year to opt in to the program. Cunningham said it is a 3-year commitment. Even if the township opts into the green energy program, customers can still opt into the NOPEC Standard program products.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:**

Mandie Andrews requested approval of Resolutions 2021-89 through 2021-104 for the 2022 street lighting assessments for 16 subdivisions. These assessments are for collection on the 2021 tax duplicate and reflect a 2.5% increase per street light.

**Motion Cunningham to approve Resolutions 2021-89 through 2021-104 for the 2022 street lighting assessments. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.  
9-7-2021-106**

Fiscal Office Andrews also asked for approval to use the park on September 12, 2021 for the Fun Fest.

**Motion Heidecker to approve Mandie Andrews' request to use the park on September 12, 2021 for the Fun Fest. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.  
9-7-2021-107**

**COMMUNITY INPUT:**

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

**Motion Heidecker to adjourn. Seconded Cunningham to adjourn. Vote unanimous.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Plata.

## 2022

APPROVE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING 16  
SUBDIVISIONS. FOR COLLECTION ON THE 2021 TAX DUPLICATE:

Price is reflective of a 2.5% increase per street light

2021-89	PLUM CREEK	628.97
2021-90	PLAINVIEW COURT	546.37
2021-91	WEST RIM RESERVE	716.10
2021-92	FAIRWAY DRIVE	966.72
2021-93	HEATHER LANE	1621.71
2021-94	REDFERN FARMS	4079.51
2021-95	RIVER GLEN	618.10
2021-96	QUARRY RIDGE	630.50
2021-97	CASTLEBAR	409.80
2021-98	COBBLESTONE	1062.37
2021-99	CROCKERS LANDING	2002.63
2021-100	ROLLINGBROOK	908.91
2021-101	MEADOW RIDGE	983.59
2021-102	HIDDEN OAKS	741.74
2021-103	EAGLE POINTE	992.73
2021-104	STONE RIDGE	366.01