

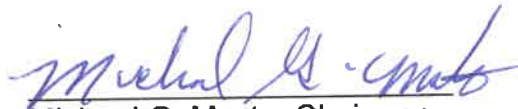
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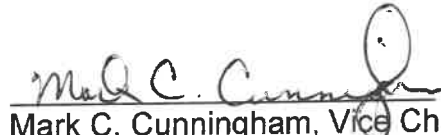
LC AUDITOR (JUNE LOCAL GOV)	\$ 10,706.68
RECREATION FEES (DREES HOMES)	3,600.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	6,212.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT RUN REQUEST	25.00
BRIGHTSOURCE CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT SERV.	<u>319.76</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,863.44</u></b>


FISCAL OFFICER:

  
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Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:

  
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Michael G. Musto, Chairman

  
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Mark C. Cunningham, Vice Chairman

  
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Dick Heidecker, Trustee

Chairman Mike Musto called the regular meeting on June 21, 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 June 7, 2021 were presented for approval.

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

Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews presented bills and payroll totaling \$38,125.26 for approval.

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

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

There was no correspondence.

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

There was no one in attendance from the Sheriff's Department.

#### **ZONING INSPECTOR:**

**Permits** – For June 1-18, 2021, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing 10 permits for one patio, one deck, one pool, one barn and six single-family homes. Year-to-date, Eichenberg has issued zoning permits for 44 new single-family homes.

#### **Violations –**

##### 9925 West River Road

Eichenberg sent an ORC 505.87 letter for debris to the property owner.

19556 Rollingbrook Lane

Dave Pirro of Done Rite Lawncare mowed this property once. Eichenberg contacted the bank that owns the property and going forward the bank will pay someone to mow it.

Mandie Andrews requested a separate bill from Dave Pirro for mowing the Rollingbrook property.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** – The BZA will meet on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to hear the continuation of Case 2021-04 which is a request for road frontage variance for a lot split on Redfern Road. They also received a request for a side yard variance for a garage. They will hear this request on July 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**Zoning Commission** – The Zoning Commission will meet on July 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**Department Input** – Eichenberg has received a lot of complaints about the political signs that are still up. The Lorain County Prosecutor researched political signs and found that other townships in Lorain County have set time limits. They have set a date for when the signs can go up and a date when they have to be taken down.

Musto spoke about 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights and said he personally is not willing to do this.

Eichenberg will bring it up to the Zoning Commission. It would apply to political signs only.

**Subdivision Status** – Nothing new reported.

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

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

**Equipment** – Service Director Bob Rundle reported all Fire Department and Road Department equipment up and running. On rainy days, the road crew has been servicing the vehicles.

**Issue I** – Rundle spoke with the Lorain County Engineer Sean Duffala today about South Boone Road. Sometime after the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July, Duffala should know how much money was spent and how much is available. He will then be able to let us know if South Boone Road is funded this year or not.

Chairman Musto commented that last year South Boone Road was on the funded list and we were told we scored low. Bob Rundle said he asked the Lorain County Engineer

what we could do differently and they want us to take a loan. Musto asked why do we want take a loan on something we have to do? Rundle said the more you borrow the higher you score.

Musto said the State of Ohio is giving us money to fix our roads and they want to charge us interest on it.

Rundle said last year we were on the funded list and then we were told they made a mistake in their finances.

This morning, Bob Rundle and Rita Plata did the online training the for new OPWC website which will be used for all future Issue I applications and subsequent "paperwork".

**Subdivision Status** – Nothing new reported.

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

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Personnel** – Chief Anthony reported 40 members on file and 37 members on call.

**Calls** – To date, there have been 114 Fire calls and 348 EMS calls.

**Transport Billing** – May billing receipts totaled \$13,646.15. Year-to-date receipts totaled \$58,423.93.

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

**Mutual Aid** – Mutual aid has been given 29 times and requested 25 times.

#### **Department Input –**

Paramedic Elizabeth Davis resigned from the department. She does not have enough time for the Columbia Fire Department because of other commitments. Chief Anthony requested the Trustees send her a letter of appreciation.

Anthony would like to spend approximately \$1,500 for additional helmets and boots since he now has almost 40 department members.

Chief Anthony would like to have a work session with the Trustees. After discussion, it was decided to wait until the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to come up with a date to meet.

There will be a Trump rally at the Lorain County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, and Anthony might take a fire truck for fire duty. He will let the Trustees know if the department is going. Chief Anthony is on the Lorain County Bomb Squad and one of the firemen is a member of the Lorain County SWAT Team.

**CEMETERY:**

Rita Plata did not have cemetery receipts to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Columbia Branch Library's StoryWalk in Township Park** – Construction of the StoryWalk is complete and it already contains a story. Rundle is getting a price for mulching around the posts.

**Mini-Excavator** – Bob Rundle reported the mini-excavator is ordered. Heidecker told Don Romancak and Tom Williams that once the Township gets the mini-excavator if it leaves the township an operator from the road crew goes with it.

**NPDES Permit** – Rundle reported the NPDES permit is done. It was done by Don Romancak and the personnel from K.E. McCartney when they came to the Township to install the new SWAC GIS program. Bob Rundle said the new GIS program is very nice.

**Zoning Violation on Royalton Road** – During the Trustees' June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, they voted to take legal action concerning the zoning violation at 26224 Royalton Road. Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported court papers were received. Eichenberg thinks the property owners will not want to hire a lawyer.

**Policy on Open Road Cuts** – Bob Rundle said we have a resolution that says no open cuts, if possible. Musto would like to change the resolution so that open cuts have to be repaired to the Lorain County Engineer's specifications and be under a five-year warranty. Rundle will get a copy of the Lorain County Engineer's specifications on road open cuts.

During discussion, the Trustees agreed they would like to have the Lorain County Prosecutor review the suggested policy.

Chairman Musto will talk to the prosecutor about bonding open road cuts for five years.

Bob Eichenberg mentioned that he still can't figure out what to do about the fence at the intersection of Hawke and Osborne Roads.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Road Repair Levy** – Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews asked the Board to decide what numbers for the road repair levy they would like her to request from the Lorain County Auditor.

Chairman Musto suggested doing a renewal along with another separate levy. Cunningham said there will be a number of levies from Lorain County on the November ballot.

Fiscal Officer Andrews suggested doing a renewal levy in November and then doing another one in May 2022.

**Motion Heidecker to request from the Lorain County Auditor the Total Current Tax Valuation of Columbia Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a 1.00 mill renewal levy for road improvements that would be placed on the November 2, 2021 ballot. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.**  
**6-21-2021-75**

Andrews noted with a renewal levy the taxpayers pay 85 percent with the remaining 15 percent coming from the State of Ohio. With a replacement levy, the taxpayers pay the entire cost of the levy.

**Adopt Cemetery Regulations:**

- 1. Establish maximum monument width of 48"**
- 2. Will only accept delivery of 12" x 24" granite/and or bronze Military Markers at the Road Department**

**Motion Cunningham to adopt the new cemetery regulations. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.**  
**6-21-2021-76**

**Columbia Reserve Subdivision Block Party** – Chairman Musto noted that the Columbia Reserve Subdivision emailed the Trustees their annual request to block Lake Ridge Drive for a block party. The information was sent to Chief Anthony and Captain Ashdown.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cunningham** reported Lorain County Township Association will meet on July 15<sup>th</sup> in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor meeting room of the Lorain County Administration Building.

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, Cunningham will be in Columbus for RLCWA training. The RLCWA Finance Committee will also meet on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

The Rocky River Watershed Council does not have any upcoming events.

**Heidecker** reported the SWGH Board will meet on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next NOACA Board meeting is on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The Lorain County Community Alliance is scheduled to meet on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Musto** reported NEORSD is working on projects. Storm Water Phase II is going very well. The NPDES Permit is done.

Rundle reported the disbursement requests have been filed with NOPEC for last year's Energized Community Grant. He is getting prices on new lamp posts for the park oval for the 2021 NOPEC Energized Community Grant.

For the Lorain County Solid Waste Recycling Community Incentive Grant, Rundle had planned to submit a grant application for approximately \$8,000 for new street signs. The signs were required to have a content of at least 20 percent recycled aluminum. However, recycled aluminum is not available at this time. Instead, Rundle submitted a grant request for more picnic tables made from 100 percent recycled milk containers. Rundle hopes he will know if the grant is approved by the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Cunningham will work with Chief Anthony on the application for NOPEC's \$1,500 Event Sponsorship Grant. The grant will be used for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Car Show.

#### **FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:**

Mandie Andrews noted she will have the 2022 proposed budget ready for the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY INPUT:**

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

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

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Plata.