

Minutes

March 8, 2022

1. **Opening of Meeting**

Mr Wahlert called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
All Trustees and the Fiscal Officer were present.

2. **Executive Session 6:00 PM**

Mr Milz recommended the board of trustees go into executive session in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss the employment and compensation of public employees and also in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and also in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending or eminent litigation with the township attorney and also in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(4) to discuss collective bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

Mr Milz recommended that members from Emersion Design be invited to the executive session.

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.

Executive session convened at 6:02pm.

Mr Wahlert called the meeting back to order at 7:02pm.

All Trustees and the Fiscal Officer were present.

Mr Milz had nothing to report from executive session.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 PM**

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Meditation (Moment of Silence)**

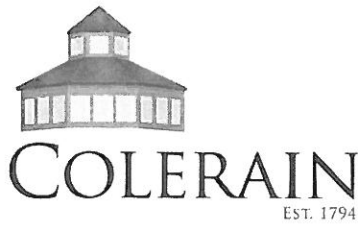
5. **Approval of Minutes**

Mr Baker recommends approval of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting from February 8, 2022.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert.

All voted yes. Minutes approved.

Mr Baker recommends approval of the minutes from the Board of Trustees Special meeting from February 22, 2022.



Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich.
All voted yes. Minutes approved.

6. Presentations

- a. Proclamation by Board of Trustees for Edward C. Smith

Proclamation recognizing service to Colerain Township.

Mr Wahlert read the proclamation into record. A copy of the proclamation can be found in the agenda packet on line as well as the meeting minutes.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

All voted yes. Proclamation approved.

Mr Smith spoke and thanked the board for the proclamation.

- b. Proclamation by the Board of Trustees for Kathy's Happy Organs & Pianos

Proclamation recognizing service to Colerain Township.

Mr Unger read the proclamation into record.

A copy of the proclamation can be found in the agenda packet online as well as the meeting minutes.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich *motion to move down the agenda*
motion Mr. Unger, seconded Ms Ulrich

All voted yes. Proclamation approved. *All voted yes*

Kathy Schwartz spoke and thanked the board for the proclamation.

6.b. moved to section 8 on agenda

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- c. Presentation by Chief Denney Introducing and Swearing-In Newly Hired Andrew Morris

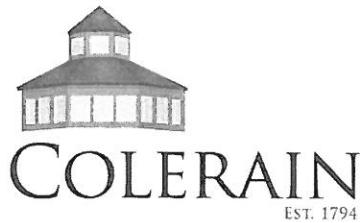
Chief Denney introduced and administered the oath of office to Police Officer Andrew Morris.

- d. Presentation by Energy Alliances - Natural Gas Aggregation

Rich Surace gave the presentation of Energy Alliances - Natural Gas Aggregation.

Discussion:

Mr Unger - I would certainly say to pursue this Geoff. I'm looking at when this 39 and six tenths per cubic ft was approved in June of 2019. And boy, the world has changed so much and back then the administration was really interested in natural, reliable fuels. And what has changed it almost tempts me to look at the 36 month, because I don't see the current federal policies changing during this administration. Mr Wahlert - So we expire in June. So the rate at 12, 24 and 36 months are locked in



if we approve this now. And is there a benefit that maybe the geopolitical environment will become a little bit more positive in a month or so. Is there a benefit in waiting?

Mr Surace - So that's why I'm looking at the 24 month is even outside of some of the geopolitical, things were coming up, even before that. I think the days of the low prices that we liked, the last several years, that feels like it's over. So I think that's why the 24-month finds that happy medium.

Ms Ulrich - You're saying that everyone in Colerain Township will be mailed out April?

Mr Surace - Yes. Those who are eligible will get a letter.

Ms Ulrich - So the letter comes to them and they can mail it back to opt out?

Mr Surace - Correct.

Mr Milz - If you look at the PUCO "apples to apples", There are a ton of options, but none that has as little risk, as easy in and out as this. This is just a stable, safe baseline.

e. Presentation by Assistant Administrator Weckbach - Solar Capital Project Staff seeks direction from the Board of Trustees.

Jeff Weckbach gave a presentation for the Solar Capital Project.

The presentation can be found in the agenda packet online.

Discussion:

Ms Ulrich - The average cost per house is \$20,000 right. And the percentage most people are saving is at least a half of their electric bill?

Mr Weckbach - 85%.

Ms Ulrich - And being new and signing these POA's for our Duke bills, it's extremely a lot of money. And part of our mantra is to "go green", and if we can curtail 85% or whatever amount, I think it's a significant amount.

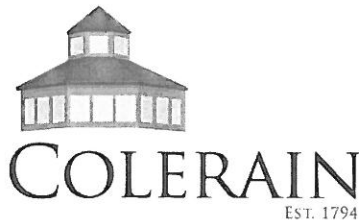
Mr Weckbach - So the systems would pay for themselves. They do have a warranty of 25+ years. Usually the payoff period can range from 10 years to 15 years.

Mr Wahlert - I don't know a whole lot about Solar. But, technology in general, you know, I was never one who went out and bought one of those \$5,000, 42" TV's that now you can get at Walmart for \$99. Where are we in kind of the life cycle of technology in the infancy of solar? You're saying this can be paid off in 10 years. Is it something that, in 5 years is going to cost half of what it will cost now?

Mr Weckbach - I think what we're coming up against right now is supply and demand. So, in the early stages of solar, the panels were really only good for 5 up to 10 years. And if you had a small little dent or crack, the panel didn't work properly. Now it's come to a place where technologywise, it isn't an issue.

Ms Ulrich - What's the longevity of those batteries and is there something in the contract that they would replace them?

Mr Weckbach - Usually the warranties are about the same for the batteries as they are for the panels.



Mr Wahlert - I think that, and again I'm not an expert in this at all, I think the added kind of value to what Elon Musk is doing is not in the electric vehicle, it's in the battery. And one day that battery can translate to homes. So my concern is that you keep your powder dry somewhat and spend it too early, you're spending too much.

Mr Weckbach - And \$76,000 is not a small amount of money. Compared to what the cost would be for the entire facility, comparative wise is lower.

Mr Unger - Intermittent power is good, intermittently when it's working. If we are to be a facility that is designed for emergency use of the building, for a disaster event or whatever, we probably need to get a generator over there. When this came up, back in January when we discussed the budget, I did a little bit of research and I wasn't able to find a whole lot of commercial buildings here in Colerain Township that have taken this step. Even Rumpke doesn't have any solar incorporated into their building.

Mr Weckbach - I know Jarod Alig has been tracking in his monthly reports how many solar permits do come through. There are some, but definitely not the vast majority.

Mr Weckbach - So in terms of next steps, am I hearing we need to take a pause on this or how would you like us to proceed?

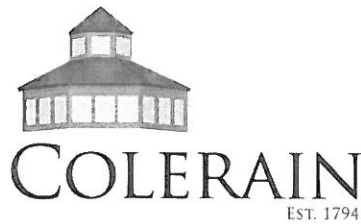
Mr Unger - I would say, look into putting a generator at the other building.

Mr Wahlert - My point would be to, your timeline is fine with me and we vote on abid document approval on April 12th and at that point we say yea or nay.

7. Citizens Address

Stephanie Wright - Tonight we have compensation of administrator and compensation of assistant administrator on the agenda and I'd like to know if you have talked about this before tonight. I received the merit pool increase and was that in consideration of those? Will the position of assistant chief will be an ongoing position? I would like to know from each trustee what knowledge you have gained from the discussion regarding the gun range. I noticed that the halls were closed in the community center for rent and was wondering when that was decided and what the plan is for the building. I have asked for the signed contract with Rumpke and 1-800 Got Junk on two different occasions. I asked for it on 2-22 and 3-7 and I have not received it. What is the status of impound fees? Who will be in charge of enforcing the food truck resolution? As of 2-17, nothing has happened with the charitable donation boxes.

Kathy Mohr - I had brought to your attention the 2018, 2019 and 2020 audits that the township has not taken any action on the gift policy. You approved the donation policy, but neglected to act on the gif policy. What is your reluctance to having a policy for that? I question again your policy on public records. It states that records of a CPA or public accountant in the performance of an audit of the public office are excluded as public records. Those records are public records. I request that be corrected. I sent a request to Mr Baker for the new salary list and it says on there effective, pay period, so I asked if that was not in affect right now, because it has new wage. So is that the wage that will be given on the paper? As far as the compensation of the administrator, it says potential action. It



appears this has already taken place.

Bruce Peirano - In my opinion, green energy looks great on paper, it's touted and economic etc, but there are a lot of downsides. You can't rely on it during emergencies. The batteries are as dangerous as you get. I attended the Feb 22 meeting on the gun range. After looking at the schematics, I believe that the residents will hear less noise than they currently do. I agree with the moratorium on vaping shops. The issue of crime in the township is a bigger one than the trash. Bail reforms need to be reversed. Some people don't deserve bail.

Bernie Fiedeldey - This whole thing you guys advertised was for other people and not the residents. It acts like it was for residents. Mr Fiedeldey then read read the invitation that was sent in multiple forms to Colerain residents regarding the 2-22-22 presentation by the city of Cincinnati and Hamilton County for the expanded gun range on East Miami River Rd. The gun range on East Miami River Rd. cannot happen.

8. **Administrative Reports**

Mr Milz -

Mr Wahlert - I have a page and a half of questions. Do you want me to go through the questions or do them as you have them?

Mr Milz - either way. Whatever you like.

Mr Wahlert - I think that I have them all so I'll go through them. So the Merit Pool increase for administrator and assistant administrator was for assistant, there was, part of that merit increase was for a person that does not cover assistant administrator. The Chief of Police, is it on going? Well that's a discussion. It was created for the movement, for Chief to retire. And we will look at that again.

Mr Milz - Sure, it was intended to sunset.

Mr Wahlert - The event hall. I know that you did some budget work from that.

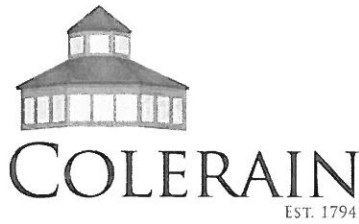
Mr Milz - Yes, when we were putting together our budget, we take a look at all of our operations and we lose money on every rental. And so when you lose money on every transaction, you don't make that up in volume. So the idea is, we took a look at something that was losing money and said let's pause this. We paused it, there hasn't been a huge demand so with the last budget it was transitioned to dormancy and we'll re-evaluate it.

Mr Wahlert - Public safety impound records, that's the one that still needed some legal handling. Mobile food service agreement application?

Mr Milz - The board of trustees amended the zoning resolution at the last meeting. So if you violate that section of the zoning resolution, it's a zoning violation. It's treated as any other zoning violation. Typically zoning violations are handled by Chris Cavalaro and the police department. It's also in conjunction with our zoning administrator, Mr Jarod Alig.

Mr Wahlert - the status of the charitable donation applications?

Mr Milz - We met on this recently. Currently we are in the process of inventorying



locations of all of these. We've identified twelve. The second step is to let the business owners know the law has changed and give them a date to be compliant.

Mr Wahlert - Pro-Champs, I asked for the same document.

Mr Milz - we received a check for I think \$800 and like \$5600 or something like that. We've received more revenue in the last two months than the entire year of 2021.

Mr Wahlert - The shooting range and the statement of there being a secret meeting.

Mr Milz - Mr Feideldey was reading from the article that we published, inviting the citizens of Colerain to attend.

Mr Wahlert - from what I understand, and this is something that's been, you and I have discussed on multiple times, there's not a vote a coleraine township trustee can make.

There's not a decision a coleraine township bureaucrat can make. Is that correct?

Mr Milz - That's correct. I don't know what Bernie is referring to.

Ms Ulrich - Bruce was very informative at the meeting.

Mr Peirano - It was announced several times so anyone who wanted to show up, could've shown up. We were surprised that so few people showed up. I have a lot of interest in this as someone with training and experience and being around ranges.

Mr Milz - We had another terrific month in the township. We received some news regarding the future of Colerain Park. There's more to come there.

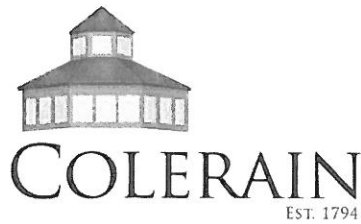
Chief Walls - For the month of February we had 726 EMS incidents, 129 Fire incidents, 42 responses into Springfield Township. We had a 5:31 average response time.

Chief Denney - For the month of February, officers responded to 3273 calls for service. The average response time for emergency calls was 2.04 minutes. There were 95 traffic stops and 10 DUI arrests. We made 140 physical arrests with 3 uses of force.

Jeff Weckbach - Park visitorship is something we want to make sure is growing over a three year average. We are on track, but not quite where we want to be. We spent a lot of time plowing in the month of February. Which also meant we spent a lot of time getting the vehicle prepped and washed after use. To prevent rust, we have to get all of the salt off the trucks. We were able to get some of the trash cans we contracted with Rumpke out on the roads. We are hiring part-time summer help.

Mr Miller - We've had some meetings regarding donation bins. We have a work session planned for food trucks. In 2021 the township produced a great comprehensive plan. The most important part of the plan was the part that addresses economic development. What I'd like to propose is a work session in April. I'd like to be certain where we are now compared to where we want to be. There will be 92 new homes built on the old Bevis School site.

9. Trustees' Report



Mr Unger - In response to "what did I learn" at the meeting on 2-22-22 about the expanded gun range. It's going to be a vastly upgraded facility from what is now in Lincoln Heights. I think fire arms training is important to have if your going to be using fire arms. It's a county project and the county is going to do what the county wants to do with the gun range. There was quite a collection of people from Colerain at the meeting on February 22. I thought it was quite interesting. It's probably not going to happen tomorrow. The business on Colerain Avenue last Friday, did not go well for anyone. The people have spoken and they've put a lot of judges in there that are letting people out.

Ms Ulrich - I was impressed with the presentation with Hamilton County regarding the gun range. And as Bruce said, the sound is going to be much better than it was.

Mr Wahlert - I got contacted by a resident with regard to putting up handicap signs on the street and that's covered in our policy book. Part of the issue, and I'm more than happy to look at anything in the policy book and reconsider it. Part of the issue is, I've got the numbers coming from our Ohio Drivers License Bureau and Mr Norman that runs it, to get the number of people that do have permits in Colerain Township. The problem is, there's going to be certain places that will be squeezed and that we won't be able to give everybody one. With regard to the community conversation sponsored by the county, and I kind of put it bluntly, you had federal representatives and county and city and I was there to get something for Colerain Township. It's a county decision but they've said if we're against it they don't want to do it.

10. New Business

Public Safety

a. Motion to Issue Noise Resolution Permit

Chief Denney recommends ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: Club Trio requests outdoor permit from May 1, 2022 until 10/31/2022.

Also seeking individual 8 hour permits on March 12, 2022 and March 17, 2022. The application for the noise permit can be found in the agenda packet on line.

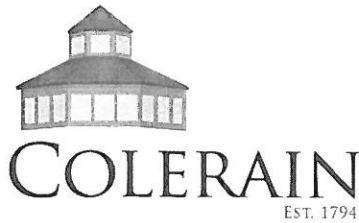
Motion to approve all three items Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich.

No discussion. All voted Yes. All Motions approved.

b. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle

Recommend ADOPTION of Resolution #17-22.

Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 2336 Lincoln Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45231 – Parcel ID 510-0031-0519-00 White, Pontiac, Sunfire, EJY-6075 (Ohio) Teal,

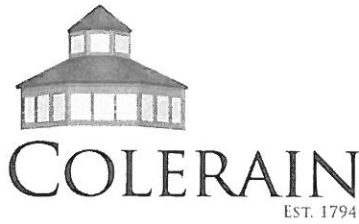


Kia, Rio, HGR-5670 (Ohio)
Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert
No Discussion:
Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.
Resolution passed.

c. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle
Chief Denney recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #18-22.
Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property:
3217 McGill Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45251 – Parcel ID 510-0093-0083-00 Red, Chrysler, PT Cruiser, no plates Dark Blue, Dodge, Caravan, no plates.
Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger
No Discussion:
Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes
Resolution passed.

d. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle
Chief Denney recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #19-22.
Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property:
7954 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45002 – Parcel ID 510-0440-0068 Red, Ford, Taurus, Year N/A, no plates.
Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich
No discussion:
Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes
Resolution passed.

e. Resolution Declaring Nuisance and Ordering Abatement
Chief Denney recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #20-22.
Rationale: This resolution allows for the removal of uncontrolled vegetation and/or refuse at the following properties:
2870 Byrneside 510-0074-0035-00
9871 Capstan 510-0111-0143-00
8240 Pippin 510-0063-0185-00
3713 Poole 510-0092-0032-00
All properties that are abated by the Township will have their property taxes assessed in order to reimburse the Township for the abatement services. This resolution and the Township's abatement process comport with the Ohio Revised Code for nuisance violations.



Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert
No discussion:
Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.
Resolution passed.

- f. Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Purchase a Ninhydrin Fingerprint Processing Chamber

Chief Denney recommends ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: This item will be used to assist the Police Department in providing state-of-the-art evidence processing on all criminal investigations. The cost of the chamber is \$19,994.83. The purchase is included in Final Appropriations. The cost of the chamber is \$19,994.83.

The quote can be found in the agenda packet on line.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

Discussion:

Mr Unger - Does this replace an existing piece of equipment or is this new technology?

Chief Denney - This is new technology for us.

All Voted Yes, Motion approved.

- g. Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Execute a Purchase Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Additional Body Cameras

Chief Denney recommends ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: With the approval of five additional officers for the Police Department in 2022, equipment costs were projected and anticipated. This purchase agreement would provide us with the needed body cameras, storage and licenses for all Police Officers and School Safety Officers. Our body cameras are a proprietary device owned and operated by Axon Enterprises, Inc. The total cost of this contract is \$22,646.50.

The quote can be found in the agenda packet on line.

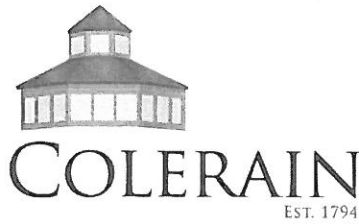
Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

Discussion:

Mr Wahlert - Chief, I've seen about 5 different body cam footages in the last week from different jurisdictions. Is Axon the only one?

Chief Denney - They are by far the forerunner.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.



Public Services

a. Motion Accepting 2021 Road Mileage Certification

Mr Weckbach recommends ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: The signed mileage certification form is submitted to ODOT per Ohio Revised Code, Section 4501.04. The form is prepared by the County Engineer and reflects all changes to the total mileage for Colerain Township. At the end of 2021 the total miles certified for the Township is 115.572 miles.

The Ohio Dept of Transportation certification can be found in the agenda packet on line.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No discussion:

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

b. Motion to Issue Request for Quotes for HVAC Controls Upgrade at Administration Building

Mr Weckbach recommends ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: The 4200 Springdale Road building has had a number of issues with the communication between the HVAC, Chiller, and other systems. This has led to sporadic temperatures in many of the Township offices and the Police Department. In order to fix this system, the Township can consider: 1. Purchasing a New Chiller 2. Purchasing a New Controller 3. Upgrading the Existing Controller Issuing the attached Request for Quotes will allow the Township to evaluate option two listed above. This option is preferable as it will not commit the Township to any project and provide the most long term flexibility. The Trustees may reject all quotes at the end of this process if the costs are not reasonable for the existing budgets. Upgrading the existing controller would require the purchase of a proprietary Trane system and may not allow the Township to have long term flexibility in future HVAC equipment. A new chiller was purchased in 2018 and replacing a four-year-old system is not cost effective.

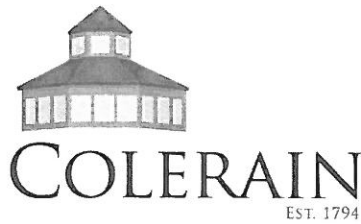
A copy of the Request for Quotations can be found in the agenda packet online.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

Discussion:

Mr Unger - We really need to avoid getting too married to a proprietary system. I think part of the problem is the vendor that you can never stop once they get ahold of your system, it's really hard to get any other equipment in there.

Mr Wahlert - This price is presumably different solutions too?



Mr Weckbach - Yes and so, as part of the request for quotes, I think we put in there that they will quote on some of the other upgrades as well.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

Development

- Resolution Imposing a One-Year Moratorium On New Establishments That
- Primarily Sell Or Distribute Electronic Smoking Devices And/Or Vapor Products Within Colerain Township.

Mr Miller recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #21-22.

Rationale: There has been an increase in the number of vaping shops that have opened in Colerain Township in recent years. The proposal is to extend the existing moratorium on any new vaping establishments as well as additions to existing vaping shops for one year. The moratorium will provide time to allow the Township and Board of Trustees to review pertinent state and federal legal codes pertaining to vaping sales establishments as well as to enact reasonable regulations as to size, number, and location of said businesses in Colerain Township. This resolution will impose a one (1) year moratorium on the issuance and processing of permits requested by establishments proposing to sell or otherwise distribute, as one of the primary purposes of that establishment, electronic smoking devices, vapor products, alternative nicotine products with characterizing flavor, flavored electronic smoking devices, and/or flavored vapor products and/or the issuance and processing of certificates for any building, structure, use or change of use that would enable the electronic smoking devices and/or vapor products related businesses and uses. Over the past year, staff has not received any inquiries related to vaping shops or vape stores.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

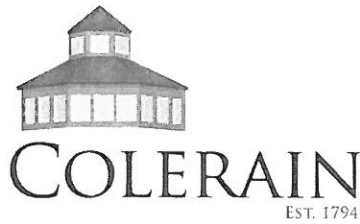
Discussion:

Ms Ulrich - How many approximate stores do we have right now?

Mr Milz - That's a good question. I would say a half dozen.

Mr Unger - When we discussed this a year ago, my concern was, you can buy these products at places like UDF, Krogers and everywhere else and I just didn't think it was fair to single out. If you're getting rid of them totally that's one thing, but we're singling out those particular businesses that want to start up new. I think the products are terrible, but they do exist.

Mr Wahlert - This is something that I first brought over a year ago. I think there tends to be a nuisance in these, I guess I put them on the same level as Cash Advance, that I believe we also have a moratorium on as well. And if we want to grow development, we don't want to row development around certain types of businesses. And I think we



have a compelling interest to, for these to be frozen as to where they're at.

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - No, Mr Wahlert - Yes.
Resolution passed.

b. Resolution for Demolition of the Property at 9929 Capstan Drive

Mr Miller recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #22-22.

Rationale: This is the initial Resolution for the demolition of the property at 9929 Capstan Drive due to it being vacant, unsafe and insecure, and is negatively impacting the adjacent properties.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

Discussion:

Mr Unger - The place is a mess. I was over there helping to clean it up three years ago. The water hasn't been paid since 2018. It's boarded up and someone keeps getting into it.

Ms Ulrich - The neighbors will be happy to get rid of that. Talk about a dumping ground.

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.
Resolution passed.

c. Resolution for Demolition of the Property at 7954 Harrison Avenue

Mr Miller recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #23-22.

Rationale: This is the initial Resolution for the demolition of the property at 7954 Harrison Avenue due to it being vacant, unsafe and insecure, and is negatively impacting the adjacent properties.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

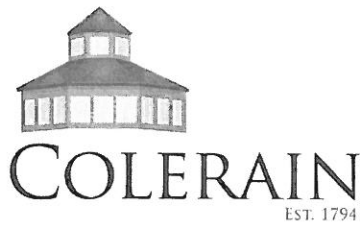
No discussion:

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.
Resolution passed.

d. Resolution for Demolition of the Property at 9970 Hollis Drive

Mr Miller recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #24-22.

Rationale: This is the initial Resolution for the demolition of the property at 9970 Hollis Drive due to it being vacant, unsafe and insecure, and is negatively impacting the adjacent properties.



Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

Discussion:

Mr Unger - The neighbor across the street from there has been incredibly patient.

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.

Resolution passed.

e. Resolution for Demolition of the Property at 2864 Houston Road

Mr Miller recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #25-22.

Rationale: This is the initial Resolution for the demolition of the property at 2864 Houston Road due to it being vacant, unsafe and insecure, and is negatively impacting the adjacent properties.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger -Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.

Resolution passed.

f. Resolution for Demolition of the Property at 8806 Nabida Drive

Mr Miller recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #26-22.

Rationale: This is the initial Resolution for the demolition of the property at 8806 Nabida Drive due to it being vacant, unsafe and insecure, and is negatively impacting the adjacent properties.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion:

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.

Resolution passed.

g. Resolution for Demolition of the Property at 3483 Niagara Street

Mr Miller recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #27-22.

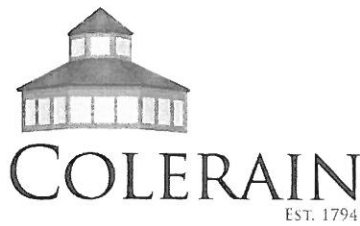
Rationale: This is the initial Resolution for the demolition of the property at 3483 Niagara Street due to it being vacant, unsafe and insecure, and is negatively impacting the adjacent properties.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion:

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.

Resolution passed.



h. Resolution for Demolition of the Property at 3484 Niagara Street

Mr Miller recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #28-22.

Rationale: This is the initial Resolution for the demolition of the property at 3484 Niagara Street due to it being vacant, unsafe and insecure, and is negatively impacting the adjacent properties.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger, Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.

Resolution passed.

Administration

- a. Motion Authorizing the Township Administrator to Execute a Contract with Dunrobin Associates, LLC for ROW Consulting Services

Mr Milz recommends ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: As the Colerain Ave. Streetscape project moves closer to its expected construction date in 2023, it is time to begin to acquire the necessary right-of-way to construct the project. The process of negotiating the acquisition of temporary and permanent right-of-way is a specialized skill. The Township solicited proposals for professional services and received proposals from two firms. Dunrobin Associates, LLC represents the lowest and best proposal.

The cost proposal can be found in the agenda packet online.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

Discussion:

Ms Ulrich - Is this for all the five ways up and down Colerain correct?

Mr Milz - This is for Shadycrest to Jonrose in Groesbeck.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

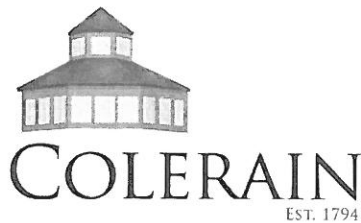
- b. Resolution Adopting 2022 Permanent Appropriations

Mr Milz recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #29-22.

Rationale: Permanent appropriations must be adopted before April 1st of each year. Final appropriations represent \$40,921,320.05. This represents a 2.5% or \$1,006,000 increase from temporary appropriations. Below is a summary level breakdown of the changes in expenses (please note this is not an exhaustive list of all changes): -

\$580,000: Appropriation of fund balance in road funds (2011, 2021, 2031, and 2231) to meet carry over obligations from the prior year - \$34,000: Fund 2904:

Appropriating the fully expected portion of TIF proceeds for 2022, including the



payment to the NWLSD. -\$45,000: Fund 1000: Reallocation of dollars set aside for branding in 2021. The project did not commence until 2022. -\$50,000: Fund 1000: Additional dollars for the 275 Gateway Streetscape Project -\$201,000: Fund 2081: Accounting change to post the revenue and expense for the cruiser leases. - Fuel prices for 2081 and 2111 have been adjusted to account for the rapid rise in costs over the past three months.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

Discussion:

Mr Unger - Thank you for your work on the project. I realize there's a lot of factors in play in the rampant inflation that has come to visit us in the last few months.

Mr McElravy - Thank you. There are many hands involved in putting this together. All the department heads supported by a lot of folks in the departments.

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.

Resolution passed.

c. Compensation of Assistant Township Administrator

Staff seeks direction from the Board.

Rationale: A discussion and potential action related to the compensation of the Assistant Township Administrator.

Discussion:

Mr Unger - Mr Weckbach does an awful lot of things around here. And a lot of it, the policy book and so much of that. And so much of the backwork that goes into putting together these budgets. In addition, over the last several months, he has also taken on the challenge of managing the public works department. I really appreciate having you around.

Ms Ulrich - I'm going to agree with you. He's always been there to answer all my questions. He's provided me with all the information I needed, being so new.

Mr Wahlert - He's saved us more money than we could ever imagine by moving over to public works. And making it so that we don't need to hire somebody just to hire somebody to fill that.

Motion to increase salary by \$5,000 Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

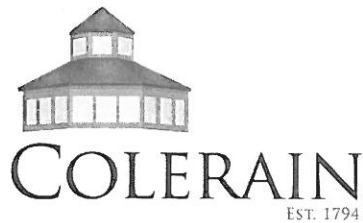
Mr Wahlert - Can we get his current salary?

Mr Milz - \$106,180.20

All voted Yes. Salary increase approved.

d. Performance and Compensation of Township Administrator

Staff seeks direction from the Board. Rationale: A discussion and potential action



related to the performance and compensation of Township Administrator.

Discussion:

Mr Wahlert - I'll go over the highlights of the nine categories used in the township administrators' performance evaluation:

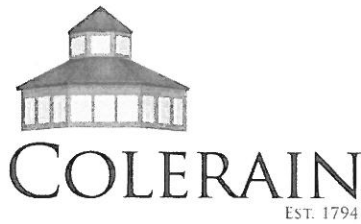
1. Strategic Plan - The alignment around the organization for the strategic plan is fantastic and moving township in the right direction.
2. Attendance - Always available answering calls from the trustees at all hours. Many after hours meetings on a host of topics.
3. Work Ethic - The work ethic is fantastic. He works around the clock to improve Colerain.
4. Customer Service - always respectful and treats the staff professionally. Takes time to work with his staff and listens to and addresses their concerns. Excels at working with residents.
5. Achieves extraordinary results - realignment of code enforcement to the police department. Re-organization of planning and zoning to focus on economic development. Despite COVID, was able to keep the township functioning at all levels. Currently, no general obligation debt for the township.
6. Builds and leverages relationships - leveraging state funding to cover costs to Colerain. manages effectively both externally and internally. Partners with the county to achieve township goals.
7. Innovation - Self insurance for healthcare and a savings to the township as a result. TIF district creations in 2021 and the long term financial flexibility this provides for the township.
8. Drives and accepts change - policy book is continually renewed for updates. Focuses on prioritizing and balancing the requests of the board of trustees, which projects into the strategic plan.
9. Leadership presence - focuses of mentoring and training employees throughout the organization. Has respect and support of internal staff at all levels.

Motion to increase the yearly salary of the Administrator from \$132,612.50 to \$150,000 effective April 1st, 2022 Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

Mr Unger - I would comment that one of things we did discuss was, and it's very important to me, that we are out of debt. Because it makes the operation a lot more flexible. And it makes us able to handle emergencies better. We went all the way through COVID without having to layoff a single employee.

Ms Ulrich - My big 68 days in office, I didn't have a whole lot to goof from last year for Geoff's evaluation. But what I did was, I did go to the firehouses and the police stations and hang around the administrative people here and they all admire Geoff (Milz) and Jeff (Weckback), and there is an ease of relationship and they all rely on each other. I think he's done a great job.

Mr Wahlert - I'll just add that I agree. I think you do a great job, and I guess I'm optimistic of the plans we have moving forward. I think that keeping that continuity is important. You have an interesting view towards government because you know all of



the latest stuff, but you also understand that we're more of a traditional community and you understand how to keep a finger in both of those pots.

Mr Unger - I would motion to amend the increase to make it effective April 1st, seconded Mr Wahlert.

All voted Yes. Motion amended to be effective April 1st, 2022.

All voted Yes for salary increase. Salary increase approved.

- e. Motion to Authorize Township Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for Gas Aggregation at or Below \$0.56 per ccf per Month for a period of 24 Months
Mr Milz recommends ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: Our existing contract for Gas Aggregation is set to expire in May of 2022. Energy Alliances has shopped various prices for the Township and believes that they will be able to secure a rate of \$0.56 ccf for a period of 24 months. Due to the volatile nature of gas prices (prices change daily), the request is to authorize the Township Administrator to have the authority to enter into an agreement at a rate of \$0.56 ccf or less as soon as a contract is finalized. This would be a fixed rate for two years that would provide residents with a stable gas supply charge. Consistent with prior aggregation agreements, residents would be able to opt out of the program at no charge and at any time. The final contract will be brought forward for review and approval on a future consent agenda.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

Discussion:

Mr Wahlert - I'm a little confused. Should the price go down, do we lose leverage?

Mr Milz - So this would lock us in for 2 years. The only way we can change this price in the future, is if we extend the term.

Mr Wahlert - but during the negotiation?

Mr Milz - Yes, if it goes down before we sign a contract, it would be at or below.

Mr Unger - On your utility bill it says right on there, the rate to compare.

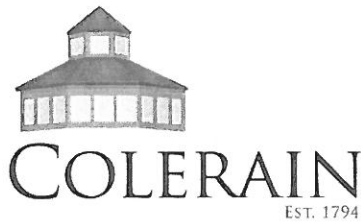
All voted Yes. Motion approved.

11. Old Business

12. Consent Items

- a. Donation Acceptance - Police Department - \$900.00

Donation from Moose Lodge #2 makes an annual donation to the Police



Department.

b. Donation Acceptance - Department of Fire & EMS - \$900.00

Colerain Township Department of Fire & EMS is grateful for a \$900.00 donation from Cincinnati Moose Lodge Number 2 in appreciation of Colerain Fire & EMS.

c. Donation Acceptance - Department of Fire & EMS - \$200.00

Colerain Township Department of Fire & EMS is grateful for a \$200.00 donation from the family of Verldon Campbell in appreciation for emergency medical service care rendered to Mr. Campbell.

d. New Hire - Communications Specialist - Administration Department

The position of Communications Specialist was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Helen Tracey. The wage for this job is \$31.25 per hour for 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, she would be eligible to begin work on March 9, 2022.

e. Contract - TrafficLogix - Radar Speed Signs

On January 11, 2022, the Board of Trustees moved to purchase three radar speed signs.

f. Donation Acceptance - Public Services - \$3,500

Colerain Township Public Services is grateful for a \$3,500 donation from New Foundation Savings Bank to serve as the title sponsor for our summer concerts and movies in the park.

Mr Milz recommends approval of all consent items

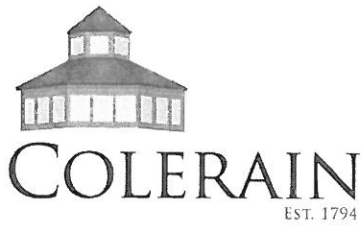
Motion to approve all consent items Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

All voted Yes. All consent items approved.

13. Fiscal Office Report

The final completion of the 2021 financials are done. We couldn't complete January of 2022 until 2021 was completed, so that should be on the website shortly. I've taken my daughters to Colerain Park recently, and I think when we look at park usage numbers, we'll see a vast increase in Colerain Park. The new playground is great. Lastly, in response to the comment earlier about the public record request for the Rumpke contract, someone



mentioned they requested it a couple different times and haven't received it. When, in fact that was requested yesterday and fulfilled today. That would be in their inbox. So that was a one day turnaround time. The contract itself was signed on February 17th.

14. Executive Session – if needed

Mr Milz recommends the board of trustees go into executive session in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and also in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending or imminent litigation with the township attorney and also in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(4) to discuss collective bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation and also in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss the employment and compensation of public employees.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich.

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes.

Executive session convened at 10:11pm.

Mr Wahlert called the meeting back to order at 11:11pm.

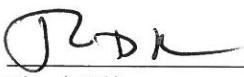
All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

Mr Milz had nothing to report from executive session.

15. Adjournment

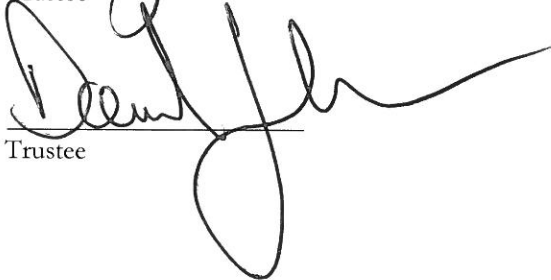
Motion to adjourn Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

All voted Yes. Meeting adjourned at 11:11pm


Fiscal Office


Trustee


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**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS CLERK, EDWARD C. SMITH**

Hamilton County, Ohio

Be It Proclaimed *by the Township Trustees of Colerain Township, that*

WHEREAS, Edward C. Smith has provided dedicated and outstanding service to the employees of the Colerain Police Department and to the citizens of Colerain Township for more than 21 years; and

WHEREAS, Edward C. Smith served as a tireless volunteer for the Colerain Police Department prior to his employment; and

WHEREAS, Edward C. Smith was the very first applicant and graduate of the first Colerain Police Department Citizens Police Academy and has served as an ambassador for this program; and

WHEREAS, Edward C. Smith was the face and heart of the Colerain Police Department for over two decades and provided outstanding service through his compassion, skill and experience; and

WHEREAS, Edward C. Smith retired on December 31, 2021 after 50 years in the workforce and 21 years serving Colerain Township. We wish Mr. Edward Smith all the best and thank him for his tireless dedication to the men and women of the Colerain Police Department and the citizens and visitors of Colerain Township.

Be it Proclaimed

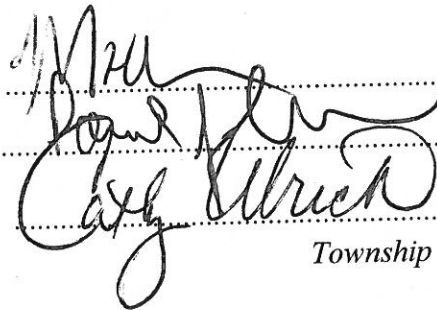
that the Colerain Township Board of Trustees does hereby recognize Edward C. Smith for his years of outstanding dedication and service to the residents of Colerain Township.

Adopted the 8th day of March, 2022

Attest



Fiscal Officer



Township Trustees

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 20, 2022 AS
KATHY'S HAPPY ORGANS & PIANOS DAY
IN COLERAIN TOWNSHIP**

Hamilton

..... County, Ohio

Colerain

Be It Proclaimed by the Township Trustees of Township, that

WHEREAS, Kathy Schwartz, owner of Kathy's Happy Organs & Pianos has been in the music business for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Kathy began the program "S.O.N.G.", Supporting Organists for the Next Generation, which provides free organs to young music students taking organ lessons with the goal of assuring there will be church organists into the future; and

WHEREAS, in addition to lessons, Kathy's Happy Organs & Pianos has professional concerts throughout the year, offers workshops, and customizes private group lessons and parties to help celebrate a special occasion for the group; and

WHEREAS, Kathy's Happy Organs & Pianos has been a pillar of the community. We congratulate Kathy on her 20th anniversary in Northgate Mall and thank her for her contributions to Colerain Township.

Be it Proclaimed that the Colerain Township Board of Trustees does hereby recognize
March 20, 2022 as Kathy's Happy Organs & Pianos Day in Colerain Township.

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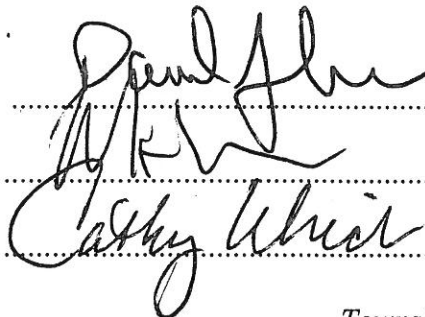
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Adopted the day of

Attest



Fiscal Officer



Township Trustees