



Minutes

October 25, 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 6PM

Mr Weckbach recommended the board 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)(4), to discuss collective bargaining sessions with public employees.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion. Executive session convened at 6:01pm.

Mr Wahlert called the meeting back to order at 7:00pm.

All trustees and the fiscal officer were present.

Mr Weckbach had nothing to report from executive session.

3. Pledge of Allegiance 7PM

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Meditation (Moment of Silence)

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the board of trustees meeting on October 11, 2022

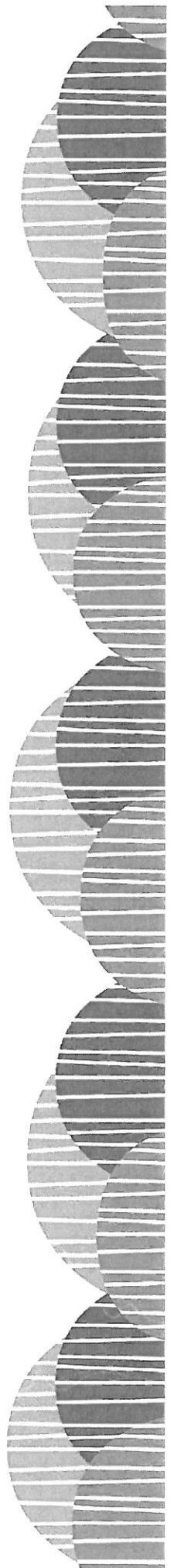
Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion. All voted Yes. Minutes approved.

6. Presentations

- a. Presentation by Chief Walls Introducing and Swearing-In Newly Promoted Employees

Chief Walls introduced and administered the oath of office to Newly Promoted Full-time Firefighters:





1. Sam Woodward
2. Andrew Harrington
3. Linnea Wood

- b. Presentation by Chief Cordie Introducing and Swearing-In Newly Hired Police Officers

Chief Cordie introduced and administered the oath of office to newly hired Police Officers: Jordan Shannon and Michael Mondillo.

- c. Proclamation - Recognizing Diwali in Colerain Township

Diwali is a day of significance for all Hindus across the globe. Colerain has a large population of Hindu residents and it is of importance to the Trustees to recognize and celebrate this day of significance. Diwali occurs on October 24, 2022.

Mr Wahlert read the proclamation into the record.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

Proclamation approved.

- d. Presentation on Township Litter Program by Township Administrator Weckbach

Township Administrator Jeff Weckbach gave an update and overview of the efforts of the Township's Litter Program.

- e. Presentation on Traffic Calming by Township Administrator Weckbach

Township Administrator Weckbach provided a presentation on traffic counts related to the 2023 Road Program.

7. Citizens Address

Bruce Peirano - Spoke about the elections coming up. In particular, his opposition to the school levy. He mentioned the NWLS district has cooked the books in how well they are doing. He said buildings are not always the way to go, but hiring good teachers is.

Rich McVay - He mentioned that fire trucks are always dispatched on every EMS call, and re-thinking that would lower costs. He mentioned the school levy and taking on more debt were not a good idea at this time.

8. Administrative Reports



Jeff Weckbach - He mentioned that elections are important and asked for everyone who can to go out and do so. He spoke about the PWC Give Back Day and the more than 300 people who came out to help.

Chief Walls -He addressed the fire truck being sent on every EMS call. He mentioned that is false. Each call is triaged to determine if additional assistance is needed.

Mr Miller - He gave the trustees an update on the zoning meeting scheduled for November 15th.

Mr Wahlert motioned to postpone the November 8th trustee meeting to November 15th at 6:00pm, Seconded Mr Unger

No discussion:

All voted Yes. The November meeting moved to November 15th at 6:00pm.

9. Trustees' Report

Ms Ulrich - She mentioned that October is fire safety month. We have fire safety tips on our website. She reminded everyone that trick or treating is this coming Monday.

Mr Wahlert - Reminded everyone to vote on November 8th. Thanked everyone who participated in the "Give Back Day". Asked for everyone to be careful on Halloween. He talked about the out of control auto speeding. He mentioned a number of cuts that he has recommended being cut out of the budget.

Mr Unger - He said our litter clean up program is going very well. He appreciates our trash investigator and Chief Cordie working together. He talked about the Smart 911 program. He talked about the increase 5 years ago in the senior levy.

10. New Business

Public Safety

a. Resolution Declaring Nuisance and Ordering Abatement

Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #113-22.

Rationale: This resolution allows for the removal of uncontrolled vegetation and/or refuse at the following properties:

6620 July Ct 510-0081-0246-00



10269 Pottinger Rd 510-0113-0189-00

10147 Windswept Ln 510-0042-0056-00

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 Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

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

Resolution passed.

b. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle

Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #114-22.

Rationale: The following junk vehicle was found at 6834 Hillary Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45239 – Parcel ID 510-0074-0391-00: 2001 Blue, Chevy, Venture (OH) CMN3162.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No Discussion:

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

Resolution passed.

c. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle

Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #115-22.

Rationale: The following junk vehicle was found at 2716 Brampton Dr, Cincinnati, OH 45251 – Parcel ID 510-0043- 0239-00 2009 White Dodge Journey, (OH) GTV4147.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

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

Resolution passed.

d. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle

Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #116-22.

Rationale: The following junk vehicle was found at 6834 Hillary Dr, Cincinnati, OH 45239 – Parcel ID 510-0074-0391- 00 2002 Red Ford Explorer (OH) HBY5110.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

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

Resolution passed.

e. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle



Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #117-22.

Rationale: The following junk vehicle was found at 3281 Banning Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45239 – Parcel ID 510-0081-0417- 00 2006 White Bantam Trailer (OH) SYM6089.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion:

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

Resolution passed.

f. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle

Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #118-22.

Rationale: The following junk vehicle was found at 3437 Hollyglen Ct. Cincinnati, OH 45251 – Parcel ID 510-0111- 0216-00 2007 Blue Nissan Altima (OH) HSX8021.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

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

Resolution passed.

Public Services

a. Motion to Adopt Updated Five Year Plan for Road Repairs

Staff seeks direction from the Trustees on modifying the five year road plan to include traffic calming.

Rationale: Staff deployed speed signs along the majority of the streets that are set to be paved in 2023. These signs were installed in covert mode and collected data for one to two weeks. Below is a summary of the average speeds on the streets measured:

☐ Butterwick: 17.7 mph

☐ Tripoli: 17.1 mph

☐ Haverknoll: 20 mph

☐ Westerly: 23 mph

☐ Menominee: 25 mph

The posted speed on these streets is 25 mph.

Discussion:

Mr Unger - Menominee is on the road program for next year.

Mr Wahlert - What about Tripoli? I don't feel at ease on these because I don't travel these streets.

Mr Weckbach - Maybe the goal is to control the really high speeders.

Mr Wahlert - Are these the visible speed signs?

Mr Weckbach - These are invisible. We know that has an affect.

Ms Ulrich - 90% are going below the speed limit on a couple of these streets.

Motion to install on Menominee Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert



All voted Yes. Motion approved.

b. Resolution Adopting Right of Way Utility Policy

Mr Weckbach recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #119-22.

Rationale: A first reading on this item was conducted at the October 11, 2022 Board of Trustee meeting. Since that time, the Township has continued their conversation with Duke Energy and no changes have been recommended by Duke on this policy. Below is a copy of the text from the October 11, 2022 meeting for reference: This policy was identified in the 2022 Strategic Plan as an item to address. This policy will accomplish two primary objectives: 1. Align and coordinate calendars among utility companies in Colerain. 2. Penalize companies that destroy a roadway shortly after the completion of Township work in the right of way. Often, residents become frustrated when a utility company comes through and performs routine infrastructure improvements shortly after the Township has repaved a roadway. This policy should help to reduce this frustration in the future and will provide Colerain with an opportunity to invoice those agencies for damage done to the roadway for a full replacement to Township standards. Members of the Public Services team work shopped this policy with the Metropolitan Sewer District and Greater Cincinnati Water Works.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

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

Resolution passed.

Development

- a. Motion to Set Public Hearing - Demolition of 4519 Poole - Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7pm

Mr Miller recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: The property at 4519 Poole Road should be demolished due to it being vacant, unsafe and insecure, and is negatively impacting the adjacent properties.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

Administration



a. Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of Amended Appropriations

Mr McElravy recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #120-22.

Rationale: At its last meeting, the Board of Trustees reduced appropriations for Fund 2906- Sidewalk Waiver to zero. There was one payment made out of the fund, however, so appropriations need to be aligned with that expense. This Resolution would increase appropriations in the fund to \$852.50. The expense was for a certified budget to build sidewalks along Poole Road between Colerain and Cheviot, which was a requirement of a \$265,000 grant application that we expect to receive through OKT's Transportation Alternatives program.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

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

Resolution passed.

b. Resolution Requesting the Auditor's Approval to Create Capital Project Funds and Debt Service Funds

Mr McElravy recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #121-22.

Rationale: In order to account for the financial activity associated with the replacement of Fire Stations 26 and 102, it is necessary to create new capital project funds and debt service funds. The Township, however, does not have the authority to create those Funds on its own. It must receive approval from the Auditor of State. This Resolution directs the Fiscal Officer to seek approval to create the Funds, and to do so upon approval. Staff is exploring whether it is better to have one capital project fund and one debt service fund for each project or if both projects should be accounted for in one pair of Funds. This Resolution allows the flexibility to implement either option.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

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

Resolution passed.

c. Discussion - ARPA

Staff seeks direction from the Board of Trustees. Rationale: As part of the 2023 Budget process, it is important for the Trustees to provide clear guidance on their intended use of the ARPA dollars awarded by the federal government.

Discussion:

Ms Ulrich - Listening to the residents survey, if we can appropriate some of these funds to lower the bond amount for a potential levy, I believe we should.

Mr Wahlert - I took a look and compared our taxes to Green Township and our taxes are so different (higher) it's scary. If we can lower a potential bond issue amount, we

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should do that for our citizens.

Mr Unger - I would say we take a third of that and put in our road program. We should do the 2023 and 2024 road program with a third of the funds.

Mr Weckbach - My goal would be to get some consensus from the board.

Ms Ulrich - Can you tell the public about the three functions of road program revenue generating?

Mr Weckbach - Yes so there's the gas tax, there is the motor vehicle license tax, there is an inside millage property tax levy.

Mr Unger - My idea is to put a third of it to our road program.

Motion to increase 2023 road budget by \$2,000,000 Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert
No discussion:

All voted Yes. Motion to increase road budget by \$2,000,000 approved.

11. Old Business

a. Resolution Establishing Rental Registration

Staff seeks direction in order to draft a final resolution for adoption at the November Board of Trustee meeting.

Rationale: This resolution #122-22 was first introduced at the September 27, 2022 meeting and would establish a rental registration program for Colerain Township. A second reading on this item occurred on October 11, 2022 and the item was tabled to this meeting. The Township is currently working through the logistics for implementing a program like this effective 1/1/23. The vendor that currently operates the Township's vacant and foreclosed building program has the capabilities to administer a rental registration program as well. Since the October 11, 2022 meeting, Township staff has reached out to Boardman Township, who has adopted a similar resolution. In conversation with Boardman and reviewing the resolution, their recommendation was to not waive fees under any circumstance and to dedicate funds to pursue legal action against any non-compliant rental units.

Motion to table resolution Mr Wahlert

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

Resolution tabled.

12.

Consent Items

a. Contract - Spring Grove Cemetery - Indigent - \$795

The attached contract with Spring Grove is for the burial of an indigent Township



resident. It will cost \$795.

- b. New Hire - Management Analyst - Administration - Caleb Peterson - \$21.64 per hour

The position of Management Analyst was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Caleb Peterson. The wage for this job is \$21.64 per hour for 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, he would be eligible to begin work on October 26, 2022.

- c. New Hire - Firefighter/EMT - Department of Fire and EMS - Gavin Shannon - \$18.20/hr

New Hire - Firefighter/EMT - Department of Fire and EMS - Gavin Shannon - \$18.20/hr for 53 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, Gavin would be eligible to begin work on November 15, 2022.

- d. New Hire - Code Enforcement Officer - Police Department - Stanley Schmale - \$23.08

The position of Code Enforcement Officer was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Stanley Schmale. The wage for this job is \$23.08 per hour for 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, he would be eligible to begin work on October 26, 2022.

- e. New Hire - Code Enforcement Specialist - Police Department - Nick Hopewell - \$15.00

The position of Code Enforcement Specialist was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Nick Hopewell. The wage for this job is \$15.00 per hour for 20 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, he would be eligible to begin work on October 26, 2022.

- f. New Hire - Police Cadet - Police Department - Zach Getz - \$15.00

The position of Police Officer was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Zach Getz. Zach comes to the Police Department as a lateral hire from the State of Kentucky. Zach will start with the Police Department as a Police Cadet. He will hold this role of Police Cadet until completion of the required OPOTA courses and the final state test. The wage for this job is \$15.00 per hour for 30 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, he would be eligible to begin work on

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October 26, 2022. Upon passing the state of Ohio OPOTA test, Zach will assume the role of a Police Officer. The wage for this job is \$30.29 per hour for 40 hours per week.

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

No discussion:

All voted Yes. All consent items approved.

13. Fiscal Office Report

Mr Baker mentioned the hard work being done providing public records requests. The department received 17 public records requests alone on Oct 17th from one person. All of those have already been provided to the requester. In comparrison, Green Township hasn't received 17public records requests combined all year.

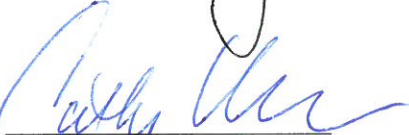
14. Executive Session – if needed

Not needed

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

All voted Yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm


Fiscal Officer
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee

**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING DIWALI IN COLERAIN TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 24, 2022**

Hamilton

..... County, Ohio

Colerain

Be It Proclaimed by the Township Trustees of Township, that

WHEREAS, the Hindu American Foundation and over one billion Hindus worldwide observe the festival of Diwali, the "Festival of Lights"; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the historical significance of Diwali, the US Congress passed a resolution in 2007 to celebrate this day of significance, which has been a part of official White House celebrations since 2007; and

WHEREAS, Diwali renews the commitment to upholding the values of truth, non-harm, charitable giving, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Diwali is a time to recognize the light in our lives that manifest itself in the form of knowledge, peace, compassion, and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, there is a sizable population of Hindus that have made Colerain their home, many of whom originate from Bhutan, Nepal, and India; and

WHEREAS, Colerain wishes to recognize all of those with a Hindu American heritage and proudly resolves to celebrate Diwali every year.

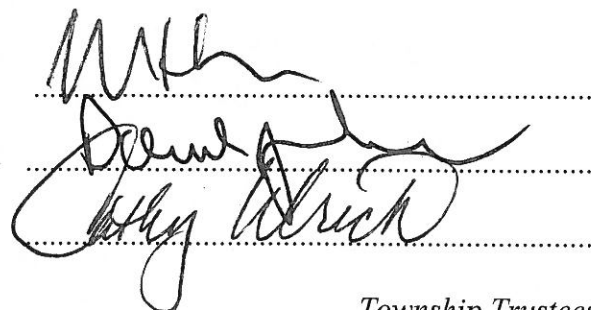
Be it Proclaimed that the Colerain Township Board of Trustees does hereby recognize October 24, 2022 Diwali in Colerain Township and supports its message of the victory of good over evil, which resonates with the American spirit.

Adopted the 25th day of October 2022

Attest



Fiscal Officer



Township Trustees