

Minutes

February 14, 2023

1. **Opening of Meeting**

Ms Ulrich called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
All trustees and the fiscal officer were present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance 7PM**

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the board of trustees from January 10, 2023
Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert
All voted Yes. Minutes approved.

5. **Presentations**

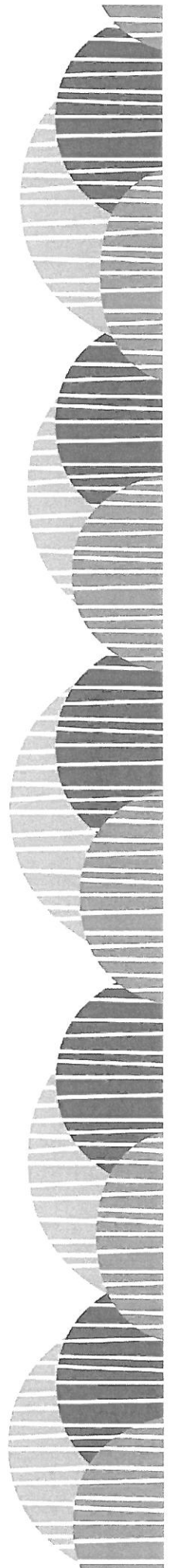
- a. Presentation by Chief Cordie Introducing and Swearing-In Newly Hired Officers
Chief Cordie introduced and administered the oath of office to
Police Officer Travis Studzinski
Police Officer Zack Getz
Police Officer Brandon Wilson.

6. **Citizens Address**

Bruce Peirino - Agrees with the moratorium on vape shops. Spoke about the plans for the new gun range. He thinks the sound the neighbors hear will be less than they hear now. Mentioned that the amount of pledges for the build out mean nothing. He says the clean up of the Evendale site will be the real problem. It will be up to \$50 Million.

Sean Spencer - He spoke about the problem with litter in Colerain Township. He compared the pay for various workers within Colerain Township.

Janet Geyer - Spoke about her opposition of the enhancement to the firing range. Says the noise on Dry Ridge Road is bad. She thinks the noise will be worse if the range is expanded.





Rich McVay - Discussed, again, the cost per run for the fire department. Spoke about the the proposed service agreement that is on the agenda regarding Mt Heathy and Springfield Twp. Spoke about proposed employee additions.

Stephanie Wright - Spoke about the wage increases. She mentioned bids that are on the agenda. Talked about an email she sent in 2019 regarding vacant properties. Asked about the status of the cleaning company the Twp will be using. Asked about the street sweeper. Spoke about abated properties.

7. Administrative Reports

Fire Chief Walls - For the month of January we had 827 EMS incidents, 162 fire incidents, 48 responses into Springfield Township. There was a swift water rescue on the Whitewater River. We had a 5:08 average response time for first units.

Police Chief Cordie - 3573 calls for service, 115 calls per day. 2:59 average emergency response, 160 traffic stops with 6 OVI arrests with 151 arrests total. Code enforcements, we had 137 violations in January, we inspected 227, closed 75 violations, 3 were referred to housing court. We had 10 litter investigations.

Assistant Admin. Mays - Pippin Road sidewalk project. We are securing right of way acquisitions now. We should see some work start in mid summer. Phase 3 playground news will be coming tonight in new business. The summer concert series has been completed.

Mr Miller - There is a lot going on in development. The mall is our most important economic asset. We have had a number of reports of infrastructure failures there and they have been notified. Rental registrations will be a companion to our nuisance resolution. We're putting together a couple of round tables with real estate agents.

Mr Weckbach - read the parliamentary rules for meetings in relation to Roberts Rules of Order. He highlighted the Kick off to Kindness event.

8. Trustees' Report

Mr Wahlert - Mr Wahlert read a statement as his trustee report and that report is included in the minutes.

Mr Unger - Regarding the police officer who died in Cincinnati. You never know what people are going through. Northgate Mall has been here a long time. The purpose for the mall has to be a market-based investment. I believe we have the best police department here in Colerain. We had a speaker tonight who said that being a trustee a 12 hour a month job. This is not a 12 hour a month job. In regards to the gun range, the rough plans for the new facility will make the range less noisy. We have 3 employees who do nothing but pick up trash.

Ms Ulrich - I let Mr Weckbach know that Northgate Mall looked terrible and we had litter



removed from there. People have to start being responsible for their own trash. I'm meeting with the commissioners regarding the gun range. If you have questions out there you can talk to or email our department heads. At the OTA meeting I was at last month, I spoke with a lot of other trustees and the consensus was that citizens address is usually kept to agenda items. Also, in regards to the public records requests, I spoke with some townships who rarely get them to 11 per year or at the most 70 per year. We were well over 300 for 2022 and I want to take this time to thank Jeff Baker and all of the employees who help out with that.

9. New Business

Public Safety

- Motion Authorizing the Township Administrator to Execute an Agreement with
- a. Springfield Township to Provide EMS Services to West College Hill and Golfway Area

Fire Chief Walls recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: The agreement between Springfield Township and Colerain Township is for the provision of first-responder emergency medical services into Springfield Township's West College Hill neighborhood and Golfway area from Fire Station 26 on West Galbraith Road for a trial period from February 1 – December 31, 2023. The department will be paid \$350.00 for each emergency medical first response incident in the West College Hill neighborhood.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No discussion

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

- b. Motion Authorizing the Township Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Springfield Township to Provide EMS Services to Pleasant Run Farms

Fire Chief Walls recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: The agreement between Springfield Township and Colerain Township is for the provision of first-responder emergency medical services into Springfield Township's Pleasant Run Farms neighborhood in the annual amount of \$84,000.00 from February 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

Discussion:

Mr Wahlert - This is a little bit different for me. Pleasant Run has a lower count and this will help subsidize this.

Mr Unger - Under item 18 of compensation, it states we would receive 4 payments of \$21,000.

Chief Walls - Correct.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.



- c. Motion Authorizing Pay Increase for Department of Fire and EMS Recruits - \$16.50 per hour.

Fire Chief Walls recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: I respectfully request the Board of Trustees consider the approval of a \$2.00 an hour increase for all part-time Department of Fire and EMS Recruits. The current pay rate for Recruit is \$14.50 per hour and following successful approval of a collective bargaining agreement with represented part-time employees, Recruit pay is in need of adjustment. If approved, the increase (\$16.50 per hour) would be retroactive to January 9, 2023, with the exception of Kylie Herndon and Jacob Jones, which would be retroactive to February 7, 2023.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No discussion:

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

- d. First Reading: Drone Policy

This is the first draft of the Drone policy, known as Policy 6.62 Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS). This policy was created as the first step in our drone program. Costs are as projected as below: - Training - \$50.00 per pilot, additional training to be completed during shifts, during scheduled training days. - License - \$175.00 per pilot - Call outs - either on-duty or overtime - Mutual Aid - Our officers entering into neighboring jurisdictions to provide aid - Covered by Hamilton County Mutual Aid Agreement which was approved by Colerain Township Trustee Resolution 32-10. - Drone initial start up costs - \$20,000 - Drone yearly costs to maintain - \$3,000. Chief Cordie mentioned he would not be looking into this policy until at least 2024.

- e. Resolution Declaring Nuisance and Ordering Abatement

Police Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #13-23.

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

3455 Redskin Dr. 510-0111-0137-00
9173 Coogan Dr. 510-0053-0036-00
10104 Sturgeon Ln. 510-0044-0166-00
2716 Brampton Dr. 510-0043-0239-00
2505 Byrneside Dr. 510-0073-0157-00
3217 McGill Ln. 510-0093-0083-00
2430 Chopin Dr. 510-0053-0118-00
9178 Orangewood Dr. 510-0053-0092-00
2713 Sandhurst Dr. 510-0074-0227-00

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2674 Niagara St. 510-0051-0299-00
9295 Coogan Dr. 510-0053-0184-00
8532 Sunlight Dr. 510-0063-0284-00
2610 Sandhurst Dr. 510-0074-0235-00
2588 West Galbraith Rd. 510-0061-0004-00
8876 Planet Dr. 510-0062-0068-00
7314 Boleyn Dr. 510-0083-0455-00
7127 Thompson Rd. 510-0380-0052-00

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. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle - 2520 Springdale Rd.

Police Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #14-23.

Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 2520 Springdale Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45231 1. (OH) M659076, 1986, Red, CHEVY, CAMARO.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No Discussion.

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

Resolution passed.

g. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle - 3130 Springdale Rd.

Police Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #15-23.

Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 3130 Springdale Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45251 1. (OH) P879454, 1999, WHITE, INTERNATIONAL, 4700.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No Discussion.

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

Resolution passed.

h. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle - 3280 W. Galbraith Rd.

Police Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #16-23.

Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 3280 West Galbraith Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45239 1. (OH) HCP8746, 2006, WHITE, FORD, F150.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion.



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

i. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle - 4671 Dry Ridge Rd.
Police Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #17-23.
Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 4671 Dry Ridge Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45252 1. (OH) SLOW BO1, 1995, WHITE, MAZDA, MIATA 2. (CA) 4EJ7707, 2003, CARGO CHUTTLE, ENCLOSED TRAILER.
Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger
No discussion.
Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes
Resolution passed.

j. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle - 7238 Boleyn Dr.
Police Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #18-23.
Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 7238 Boleyn Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45239 1. (OH) N/A, 2006, BLACK, KIA, SPECTRA.
Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger
No discussion.
Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes
Resolution passed

k. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle - 7256 Boleyn Dr.
Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #19-23.
Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 7256 Boleyn Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45239 1. (OH) FXD8494, 2005, GOLD, GMC, YUKON.
Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert
No discussion.
Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes
Resolution passed.

l. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle - 7264 Boleyn Dr.
Police Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #20-23.
Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 7264 Boleyn Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45247 (OH) N062569, 2003, SILVER, HONDA, ODYSSEY.
Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich
No discussion.
Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes
Resolution passed.

m. Motion to Issue Noise Resolution Permit to Club Trio Lounge



Police Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #21-23.

Rationale: This is the first request for a permit in 2023 for this business. The request for the permit is from May 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023, and to also included March 11th and March 17th .

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No discussion.

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

Resolution passed.

n. Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Renew the Personal Services Agreement with James Love

Police Chef Cordie recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: Pastor Jim Love has served as the Police Department's Public Information Officer (PIO) since 2014. This renewal is a one-year agreement. The rate of compensation is \$1,200.00 per month for the length of the agreement. Pastor Love's role as the Police Department PIO allows the department to have a point of contact for all media inquiries 24 hours a day. This role of PIO is one that handles the immediate need for information as soon as an incident occurs. The PIO needs to be available all hours of the day and all days of the week. For the past 9 years, Pastor Love has been that person while attending countless community events, such as Public Safety Day, Open House, Coffee with the Chiefs, neighborhood meetings, just to name a few.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No discussion.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

o. Motion to Approve the Colerain Township Police Law Enforcement Recruitment Initiative

Police Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: The Colerain Township Police Law Enforcement Recruitment Initiative was first established in 2015, and provided a scholarship program to attract qualified applicants. Since 2015, we have attracted and sponsored three candidates by paying for their training at Peace Officer Basic Training Academy through Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA). As stated, in 2015, this program was first established. As we continue to grow, and face the overwhelming challenge of recruiting, it was decided to finalize the initiative and put it into an established program. The world of law enforcement is ever changing and facing new obstacles to recruiting every year. This program will allow Colerain Police Department to recruit the most qualified person for the job, not the most qualified person that has an OPOTA certificate. Attached is the established program.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

Discussion:

Mr Unger - #5 states a five-year commitment

Chief Cordie - The goal is 66 months.



All voted Yes. Motion approved.

Public Services

- a. Motion Authorizing the Township Administrator to execute a contract with Adleta Construction for the 2023 Road Program

Ms Mays recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: The project was prepared for formal competitive bidding on Bid Express from December 21, 2022 through January 13, 2023, with a total of four (4) bids received. Staff recommends that the contract be awarded to Adleta Construction, which was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$3,234,158.96 with a bid alternate in the amount of \$23,400.00 (also the lowest). Bid tabulations are summarized on the attached sheet. This project has been identified in the 2023 Capital Schedule.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

Discussion:

Mr Unger - The total amount had \$3.6 million in the budget.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

- b. Motion to increase the capital budget for the Colerain Park Playground Phase III project to \$480,878.75

Ms Mays recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: Public bidding for the Colerain Park Playground Phase III was conducted from January 12 through February 3, 2023. Four (4) bid packages were submitted, which ranged in price from \$480,878.75 to \$645,485.00. Staff has formally reviewed the bids and supporting documents and is recommending the lowest bidder for the project, however, the estimate is \$80,878.75 over the budgeted amount of \$400,000, of which, \$392,000 is funded by a State Capital grant. In order to complete the project in a timely manner, to take advantage of the current pricing, and to meet the State Capital Grant deadline, it is recommended that the capital budget is increased to, but not to exceed, the bid amount of \$480,878.75.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

Discussion:

Mr Wahlert - My position is to move ahead without the \$80,000

Ms Ulrich - You said you could see what they could cut?

Ms Mays - There is some value engineering that we can move forward with.

Mr Weckbach - In reality we'll have to look into things like landscaping.

Mr Unger - Im trying to figure out what was off.

Mr Weckbach - The synthetic turf seems to be what was most off.



All voted Yes. Motion approved.

- c. Motion authorizing the Township Administrator to execute a contract with Logan Creek, LLC for the Colerain Park Playground - Phase III project

Ms Mays recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: The project was prepared for formal competitive bidding from January 12, 2023 through February 3, 2023 with a total of four (4) bids received. Staff recommends that the contract be awarded to Logan Creek, LLC which was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$480,878.75. Bid tabulations are summarized on the attached sheet. The bid package includes the construction of the final phase of the Megaland reconstruction project that began in 2019. Staff has secured grant funding in the amount of \$400,000 through the State Capital Grant program for this project. The completion of this project will finalize the renovation of a state-of-the-art play feature that will serve the community for decades.

Motion to authorize \$400,000 Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

- d. Motion Accepting 2022 Road Mileage Certification

Mr Weckbach recommended 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 2022 the total miles certified for the Township is 115.572 miles.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

Motion to take a five minute break Mr Wahlert

Development

- a. Motion Authorizing Township Administrator to Execute Grant and Loan Agreement with Hamilton County for \$300,000

Mr Miller recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: In 2022, the Township applied for \$300,000 from Hamilton County to serve as funding for the Colerain Avenue Sidewalk project from Jonrose to Shadycress. This request was funded in full. Half of the request is being structured as a 0% loan that is repayable over six years. The Township will have the option of using revenues from the Duke TIF to repay this loan.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion:



All voted Yes. Motion approved.

- b. Motion to Appoint James Joseph Sidow to Permanent Member of the Colerain Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

Mr Miller recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: James Joseph Sidow has previously been appointed as an Alternate Member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Due to a vacancy on the Permanent Board, it is recommended that Mr. Sidow be appointed to this vacancy.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

- c. Motion to Appoint Carl Werner Hauser III to an Alternate Position on the Colerain Township Zoning Commission (ZC)

Mr Miller recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: Mr. Hauser is a long-time resident of Colerain Township who desires to serve the community on the Zoning Commission.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No discussion,

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

- d. Motion to Set a Public Hearing on March 14, 2023 at 7:00pm for Zoning Commission Case ZA2023-01, as a Major Amendment to Case ZA2005-003

Mr Miller recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: The Colerain Township Board of Trustees must hold a Public Hearing to consider Recommendations by the Zoning Commission on Major Amendments to Final Development Plans.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No discussion.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

- e. Motion to Accept Bid by Battle Axe Construction for the Demolition of Three (3) buildings that have become unsafe, insecure and unfit for human habitation

Mr Miller recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: Several residential buildings in Colerain Township's neighborhoods have become unsafe, insecure and unfit for human habitation and need to be demolished. The Township will receive matching funds through the State of Ohio and the Hamilton County Port Authority to assist with the demolition projects. The properties to be demolished are:

- 9929 Capstan Drive, Colerain Township, OH 45251 (Hamilton County Auditor



Parcel ID# 510-0111-0156-00)

- 2864 Houston Road, Colerain Township, OH 45251 (Hamilton County Auditor

Parcel ID# 510-0024-0288- 00)

- 8806 Nabida Drive, Colerain Township, OH 45247 (Hamilton County Auditor Parcel ID# 510-0342-0013-00).

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

Resolution to Extend Moratorium on New Establishments That Primarily Sell Or
f. Distribute Electronic Smoking Devices And/Or Vapor Products Within Colerain
Township by One-Year

Mr Miller recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #22-23.

Rationale: In 2022, the Board of Trustees approved a contract for a comprehensive rewrite of the Colerain Township Zoning Resolution. It is anticipated that this project will be completed by the end of 2023 or at the beginning of 2024. Given the significant complexities of the rewrite with its stated goal of aligning the new zoning resolution with the recently approved Comprehensive Plan: Imagine Colerain, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees extend the Moratorium on New Establishments that Primarily Sell or distribute Electronic Smoking Devices and/or Vapor Products within Colerain Township, Ohio for one (1) additional year. This will provide the opportunity to ensure that the new zoning resolution properly addresses any new regulations regarding zoning, prohibition and/or limitation of the distribution of electronic smoking devices and vapor products.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

Discussion:

Ms Ulrich - There are plenty of places where you can buy these products.

Mr Wahlert - I feel strongly about this is to take care of the health and welfare of the citizens

Mr Unger - There are a lot of other businesses that sell these products. I recommend you don't buy this stuff. In all fairness, we shouldn't stop these businesses.

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - No, Mr Wahlert - Yes

Resolution passed.

Motion to amend agenda Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich to set public hearings on
March 14, 2023 at 7:00pm

All voted Yes. Agenda amended

Motion to set a public hearing for Medical Marihuanna Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion. All voted Yes. Public hearing set.

Motion to set public hearing for micro breweries Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion. All voted Yes. Public hearing set.

Motion to set public hearing for Fireworks Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion. All voted Yes. Public hearing set.



Administration

- a. Motion Authorizing Township Administrator to Execute a Service Agreement with Zix

Mr McElravy recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: This Service Agreement replaces the one that the Township entered into in October 2022. It allows for the Police Department to upgrade its licenses for Microsoft Office 365 to Business Standard. The additional cost is \$3,952.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

- b. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Township Moneys to Other Township Funds

Mr McElravy recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #23-23.

Rationale: At its January 3, 2023 meeting, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 2-23, which authorized the transfer of \$800,000 from the Fire Fund (2111) to the Special Assessment Fire Bonds Fund (3301) to service the debt. Fund 3301 was created for a prior debt issuance. The Fund that was authorized to be created for this issuance is the Bond Retirement Fund (3101). This Resolution clarifies that the transfer should be between Fund 2111 and Fund 3101. Later this year, staff will return to the Board for authorization to transfer a portion of the bond premium from the Capital Project Fund to the Bond Retirement Fund.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion:

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

Resolution passed.

- c. Motion Authorizing Township Administrator to Execute an Electric Aggregation Agreement at a Rate not to Exceed 7.5 cents per kWh for a Period of Up to Two Years

Ms Mays recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: Colerain Township has an electric aggregation program with Dynegy that is set to expire in May of 2023. The current rate is 4.99 cents per kWh. Duke Energy runs two auctions a year which are used to set their default supply rates for those that are not with an alternative electric provider. Those on the aggregation bypass those default supply rates and pay the aggregation rate instead. Duke's fall auction returned a yield of 11.5 cents per kWh, which represents 20% of their total supply for this coming year. This indicates that rates are trending high and Duke's rate to compare will be trending



closer to 9.5 cents per kWh. As with past aggregation renewals, the final contract will not be prepared until the rates are set. The market moves daily and the Township needs the flexibility to sign the agreement when rates reach their lowest. This motion would allow the administrator to sign a contract with a rate maximum of 7.5 cents per kWh. The final agreement will be brought back to a future Trustee meeting as a consent agenda item. The contract will maintain the ability for residents to opt out without penalty.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

Discussion:

Mr Unger - This is just one more example of how our national energy situation is hurting us.

Mr Wahlert - I still think we have a hard time getting this across to our citizens.

Mr Weckbach - At times we've pushed out comparative info.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

d. Resolution Modifying Organizational Chart

Ms Mays recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #24-23.

Rationale: This resolution contemplates the following changes in the organizational chart:

- Change from Administrative Assistant to EMS Coordinator
- Change from Part-Time Fire Inspector to Part-Time Public Educator
- Addition of Community Paramedic
- Addition of Planner

Additional details on the changes in Fire personnel can be found in the attached proposal. The need for the additional planner role has been identified by the Department through a high level review of workload and tasks from the prior year. Zoning requests and permits reached an all time high in volume in 2022. Given the ongoing development throughout the Township, this will not likely slow down in the short term. In addition, this role will give the Zoning Administrator additional time to focus on big picture issues, such as compliance with the zoning resolution on planned developments and other developments.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion:

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

Resolution passed.

10. Old Business

11. Consent Items



- a. Promotion - Battalion Chief - Department of Fire and EMS - Captain Eric Dauer - \$36.08 per hour

The recommendation to promote Captain Eric Dauer to Battalion Chief in the department's Operations Bureau is to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Assistant Chief Shane Packer. Captain Eric Dauer was the successful candidate following an internal and competitive process. Contingent upon the adoption of the motion to promote Captain Eric Dauer, he would assume the role of Battalion Chief at an hourly rate of \$36.08 effective March 5, 2023.

- b. Promotion - Fire Captain - Department of Fire and EMS - Lieutenant Ryan Frank and Lieutenant Scott Becker - \$34.51 per hour

The recommendation to promote Lieutenant Ryan Frank and Lieutenant Scott Becker to the position of Fire Captain in the Operations Bureau is to fill current vacancies. Contingent upon the adoption of the motion to promote Lieutenant Ryan Frank and Lieutenant Scott Becker, they would assume the role of Fire Captain at an hourly rate of \$34.51 effective February 19, 2023.

- c. Promotion - Fire Lieutenant - Department of Fire and EMS - Firefighter/Paramedic Alex Siemer and Firefighter/Paramedic David Derbyshire - \$32.94 per hour

The recommendation to promote Firefighter/Paramedic Alex Siemer and Firefighter/Paramedic David Derbyshire to the position of Fire Lieutenant in the Operations Bureau is to fill current vacancies. Contingent upon the adoption of the motion to promote Firefighter/Paramedic Siemer and Firefighter/Paramedic Derbyshire, they would assume the role of Fire Lieutenant at an hourly rate of \$32.94 effective February 19, 2023.

- d. Promotion - Full-Time Firefighter/EMT - Department of Fire and EMS - Nolan Thorner - \$20.86 per hour

The position of Firefighter/Paramedic was posted, applications were received, and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: • Nolan Thorner The wage for this job is \$20.86 per hour. Contingent upon Board approval, Nolan Thorner would be eligible to begin work on February 19, 2023.

- e. Promotion - EMS Coordinator - Department of Fire and EMS - Administrative Training Assistant Jennifer Ploeger - \$30.88 per hour

The promotion of Jennifer Ploeger from the Administrative Training Assistant role to an EMS Coordinator role is multifaceted. First, the hiring of a Fire Department Executive Assistant allowed a role and responsibility shift from the Administrative Training Assistant. Some of those duties include, but are not limited to, hiring responsibilities, public records requests, and a host of secretarial duties. Secondly, the EMS Division is in need of additional support. Specifically, there is needed support in program development and implementation, training, policy development, and data analysis. This has become particularly important as we look to enhance the quality of



our EMS delivery system. The new EMS Coordinator role would assume these needed responsibilities. The capacity to do so comes from the shift of job responsibilities from the Administrative Training Assistant to the Executive Assistant. Hence, the promotion of Jennifer Ploege to EMS Coordinator at an hourly rate of \$30.88 per hour.

- f. New Hire - Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic - Department of Fire and EMS - Ed Shannon - \$24.72 per hour

The position of Firefighter/Paramedic was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: • Ed Shannon. The wage for this job is \$24.72 per hour. Contingent upon Board approval, Ed Shannon would be eligible to begin work on February 19, 2023.

- g. Promotion - Lieutenant - Police Department - Sgt. Jamie Penley - \$50.00 per hour

The position of Lieutenant was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. Sergeant Jamie Penley was selected. The wage for this position is \$50.00 per hour for 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, he would be eligible to begin work on February 19, 2023. This position will carry a one-year probationary period. Upon successful completion of his probationary year, the wage for this position will be \$53.00 per hour.

- h. Promotion - Lieutenant - Police Department - Sgt. Jon Middendorf - \$50.00 per hour

The position of Lieutenant was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. Sergeant Jon Middendorf was selected. The wage for this position is \$50.00 per hour for 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, he would be eligible to begin work on February 19, 2023. This position will carry a one-year probationary period. Upon successful completion of his probationary year, the wage for this position will be \$53.00 per hour.

- i. Promotion - Sergeant - Police Department - Officer Zach Meyer - \$43.62 per hour

The position of Sergeant was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. Police Officer Zach Meyer was selected. The wage for this job is \$43.62 per hour for 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, he would be eligible to begin work on February 19, 2023.

- j. Promotion - Sergeant - Police Department - Officer William Hane - \$43.62 per hour

The position of Sergeant was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. Police Officer Bill Hane was selected. The wage for this job is \$43.62 per hour for 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, he would be eligible to begin work on February 19, 2023.

- k. New Hire - Police Officer - Police Department - Anthony Mountjoy - \$37.50 per hour

The position of Police Officer was posted, applications were received and interviews



conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Anthony Mountjoy. The wage for this job is \$37.50 per hour for 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, he would be eligible to begin work on February 19, 2023.

- l. New Hire - Police Officer - Police Department - Logan Kestermann - \$33.65 per hour

The position of Police Officer was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Logan Kesterman. The wage for this job is \$33.65 per hour for 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, he would be eligible to begin work on February 19, 2023.

- m. New Hire - Police Officer - Police Department - Tyler Large - \$33.65 per hour

The position of Police Officer was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Tyler Large. The wage for this job is \$33.65 per hour for 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, he would be eligible to begin work on February 19, 2023.

- n. New Hire - Police Cadet - Police Department - Jack Yelmgren - \$15.00 per hour

The position of Police Officer was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Jack Yelmgren. Jack comes to the Police Department as a new hire who is currently attending Scarlet Oaks Police Academy. Caleb 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 February 19, 2023. Upon passing the state of Ohio OPOTA test, Jack will assume the role of a Police Officer. The wage for this job is \$33.65 per hour for 40 hours per week.

- o. New Hire - Police Records Clerk - Police Department - Megan Godbey - \$15.00 per hour

The position of Police Records Clerk was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Megan Godbey. The wage for this job is \$15.00 per hour for 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, she would be eligible to begin work on February 19, 2023.

- p. Donation Acceptance - Department of Fire and EMS - Joan Liebenthal - \$100.00 (Cash)

Colerain Township Department of Fire and EMS is grateful for a \$100.00 donation (Cash) from resident Joan Liebenthal in appreciation for the service provided by the Department of Fire and EMS.

- q. Donation Acceptance - Department of Fire and EMS - Paul and Lindsey Applegate -



\$150.00 (Kroger Gift Card)

Colerain Township Department of Fire and EMS is grateful for a \$150.00 donation (Kroger Gift Card) from Paul and Lindsey Applegate in appreciation for service provided by the Department of Fire and EMS.

r. Contract - gWorks - Fleet Maintenance Software - \$4,000 -NoEXP

Colerain Township entered into an agreement with a company known as PubWorks several years ago. This vendor provided our fleet services division of the fire department with software that allowed them to track inventory, log preventative maintenance, log emergency maintenance, and to develop automatic preventative maintenance schedules. PubWorks is now gWorks and the attached Master Services Agreement & Terms of Service reflects the updated vendor. This cost is less than \$4,000 annually.

s. Contract - Standard - Part Time Fire Life/AD&D

The Board of Trustees approved a collective bargaining agreement with the Part-Time Firefighters. As part of this agreement, the Township will provide these employees with life insurance and accidental death/dismemberment, which is equivalent to the amount of coverage offered to full-time employees (\$50,000). This agreement amends our current policy to provide coverage for these employees.

t. Contract - Seasongood Foundation - Grant for Intern - \$5,760

The Seasongood Foundation has awarded the Township with a grant for \$5,760 to cover a portion of the cost of the Township's Management Analyst Internship.

u. Engagement Letter- Plattenburg - Accounting Services - \$3,000

In 2018, the Township issued \$1,980,000 of Special Obligation Development Revenue Bonds to finance the construction of roadway improvements. The Township engaged Huntington Bank to serve as trustee for the bonds. Although Huntington manages the funds, the Township is required to report the activity in those accounts as part of its regular reconciliation process. In 2021, it appears that there may have been a variance between what was reported by Huntington and what was posted to the Township's accounting software. There were no variances in 2022. To determine if there was in fact a variance, and if so how to make the adjustments to correct it, staff sought the assistance of our outside accounting firm, Plattenburg. This engagement letter would authorize them to perform up to \$3,000 of work to resolve the issue and allow the Township to submit its financial statements for 2022 before the deadline at the end of the month.

v. Contract - Terracon - Geotechnical Services at Station 26 Site - \$8,650

This contract is for soil testing at the proposed Station 26 construction location. The cost of this contract is \$8,650.

w. Contract - Terracon - Geotechnical Services at Station 102 Site - \$8,650

This contract is for soil testing at the proposed Station 102 construction location. The cost of this contract is \$8,650.

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x. Contract - Axon - Redaction Software Trial - \$0

The attached is a no cost agreement with Axon to allow our Police Department to test their video redaction technology for a period of 90 days.

y. Contract - PowerDMS - Police Training Software - \$117.65

PowerDMS is the software platform that is used by all Police Officers for internal procedures and for trainings. This increase is to accommodate the additional slots approved as part of the 2023 budget.

Motion to approve all consent items Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger.

No discussion

All voted Yes. All consent items approved

12. **Fiscal Office Report**

We are still working on the December financials. Everything has balanced, we're just working on some year end stuff. The financials should be completed shortly.

I also attended the OTA conference and one thing I took away from it is that there could be some long awaited legislation that could help townships out.

We have completed 60 public records requests so far this year.

13. **Executive Session – if needed**

14. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

All voted Yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:02pm.



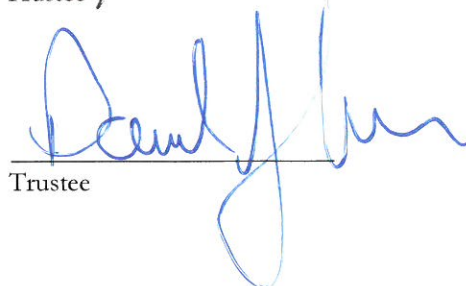
Fiscal Officer



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Trustee

In place of a Trustee Report – I would like to make a statement regarding Hamilton County's desire to construct a regional safety complex in Colerain Township on East Miami River Road

As many people know, the manner in which American government is constructed makes it very difficult for townships to tell counties what to do and counties to tell states, etc. In addition, the property in question on East Miami Road is already owned by Hamilton County and currently serves as a gun range. The other complication is that the County must continue to operate an outdoor range – an indoor range would fall short of their requirements.

As Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati began to reach out regarding a new gun range, I immediately wanted to know the Township's options in accepting or blocking this project. After lengthy discussions with multiple sources, I found those options to be limited to non-existent. It became crystal clear that the most optimal route would be to negotiate an outcome with Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati that would (1) mitigate the noise levels from the current

Hamilton County range on East Miami and (2) provide a clear and measurable benefit for the residents of Colerain Township. The only real option in stopping or slowing such a project would be the combined and cooperative weight of public opinion – and that would be very difficult. I met with both city and county officials on many occasions and I turned my focus on actions that would meet the two goals I mentioned above.

I thought it would be helpful for me to review progress toward those goals to date

First, I made it very clear that whatever the county proposed it needed to be more than merely a “gun range” – the idea of simply relocating the range as it currently exists in Lincoln Heights would not be acceptable. In addition, I had no interest in supporting a mere expansion of what we already have with the county facility on East Miami. Ultimately, the county offered a \$35 million Regional Safety Complex --- more than just a gun range.

Next – the County plan would need to provide noise and environmental mitigation

Hamilton County assured the Township a schedule of day hours (although we have not received this in writing yet) and no evening or early morning operating hours. The plans offered by the county also include “bullet containment” mechanisms – as to not leave ordinance behind. As far as noise mitigation, the County plans show earthen berms, manufactured berms, impact berms, and covered ballistic canopies. Those plans show an effort by the county to mitigate noise. However, I believe Colerain still needs to verify the effectiveness of those efforts through independent experts.

The next action would be community feedback and involvement. The city and county provided one “town hall” meeting last February. I am of the belief that one meeting was inadequate to provide a forum for resident concerns and that several more would be needed to be held to allow a full and open dialogue regarding the county plans.

Finally, I asked – in every single meeting with City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County leaders “what’s in it for Colerain.” The rural nature of Colerain Township does not make it the default location for all of the county’s problems. I made it

very clear – Colerain would need to receive measurable and specific benefits linked to solving to what amounts to a 70 year problem. I said in every meeting – including the “town hall” meeting. I am willing to listen to any proposal – but – it must benefit the citizens of Colerain.

In order to keep folks informed of where I stand on this issue I recently purchased the website www.whatsinitforcolerain.com. The site is not yet active but over the next days and weeks I will be updating as to my thoughts and news on the project. Please, please, keep in mind these are my own thoughts and do not necessarily reflect the position of the Township, Township Administration, or other Township elected officials.

All of that said, I was a bit surprised when both the county and city of Cincinnati went public with the narrative that this project is in the final stages of planning and nearly ready to break ground. I have and still do still take the Commissioners at their word when they say they will not go where they are not wanted. I believe the county has some work to do

As we sit now – In order for me to support this project - I find the following actions still necessary

- 1- Colerain needs to have independent experts review facility plans and provide an analysis of noise and environmental mitigation strategies and their potential effectiveness
- 2- Colerain and the county need to agree on the locations's rules – hours, days, etc and those need to be clearly memorialized with policies in place to deal with any possible compliance issues
- 3- The City and County need to hold several more “town meeting” events with the Township to inform as many possible stakeholders.
- 4- I would like to have the City/County work with Colerain Township to create a list of FAQs and answers to distribute and keep all stakeholders informed
- 5- A discussion and negotiation must take place in order to provide an added value for the residents of Colerain

I will be meeting with Cincinnati and Hamilton County representatives later this month to address these issues. Based upon the history of the Lincoln Height's location, I believe these guidelines are fair and offer protection and an added

value for Colerain Township that I necessary for me to support the project. Please note the only real “new” request is the FAQ section. It is still my hope that we can all pursue this project as partners. Just because the County owns the land, just because the County typically trumps Townships on policy issues, and just because a gun range currently exists at the East Miami Road location it is not enough for me to abandon what I think is right for the people of Colerain. It is my hope my fellow trustees and residents of Colerain Township join me in requiring fair treatment by the county.

Statement from Trustee Wahler

Janet Geier
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Cincinnati, OH 45252
513-385-8265

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February 7, 2023

Colerain Township Trustee
4200 Springdale Rd.
Colerain Township, Ohio 45251

Re: Firing Range Renovation

Dear Jeff Baker,

I have been a resident of Colerain Township all my life.

For the last 33 years I have lived with the noise from the Firing Range on East Miami River Rd.

It has been so bad that I have called the police on the noise level. A policeman came. He heard the noise from outside the house and from inside the house. The gun shot noise carries up the valley and the river and is loud enough to wake you up. He was astounded that you could hear the firing range so clearly from my house. He took my report and informed the range officer. After they investigated, he told me they would angle the targets if they could. The noise has never stopped.

I cannot open my windows in the summertime because the rapid fire shots wakes you up in a startled condition when they do "dawn practice." You hear shots during the day and when they have their "dusk" and "night" practices. Plus, it is worse when they have to practice for high risk events.

Now the Cincinnati Enquirer states that there will be over 1,900 with the combined Cincinnati Police and Hamilton County Sheriff Departments plus it could also be used by other law enforcement agencies in the county. **Do you realize the noise from all those guns?**

I invite you to my home to hear the noise when they are doing their shooting practice to understand why I am writing this letter to you.

Trustee Dan Unger: I urge you take time to come to my house to understand what the problem with enlarging the gun range will be.

Very truly yours,


Janet Geier



Stephanie Wright <sarmkar@gmail.com>

Vacant Commercial Property

5 messages

20M

Stephanie Wright <sarmkar@gmail.com>

Fri, May 24, 2019 at 2:14 PM

To: Dan Unger <dunger@colerain.org>

Bcc: sarmkar@gmail.com

Dan

Have you taken the time to look over the CSR for Vacant Property complaints?

Here is a list of some.

10180 Colerain

9595 Colerain

9559 Colerain

3390 Compton

9459 Colerain

9890 Colerain

7079 Colerain

9268 Colerain

9336 Colerain

9450 Colerain

9578 Colerain

9676 Colerain

3515 Springdale

3104 Springdale

9825 Colerain

9812 Colerain

9814 Colerain

9820 Colerain

9890 Colerain

8790 Colerain

8872 Colerain

8876 Colerain

8880 Colerain

8849 Colerain

8421 Colerain

7778 Colerain

Additionally, what progress have you made in the Pippin Road issue?

Stephanie

Sent from my iPhone

Stephanie Wright <sarmkar@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 5, 2019 at 12:35 PM

To: Dan Unger <dunger@colerain.org>

Dan

Have you taken the time to look into any of the vacant commercial properties.

Stephanie

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

[Quoted text hidden]

Stephanie Wright <sarmkar@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 8, 2019 at 3:58 PM

To: Dan Unger <dunger@cclerain.org>

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