

Minutes

September 24, 2019

1. Opening of Meeting

Mr. Rajagopal called the meeting to order at 6:03PM with all Board members present.

2. Executive Session 6:00 PM

Mr. Milz requested the Board conduct an executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §121.22(G)(1) to discuss employment and compensation of public employees, 121.22(G)(2) to discuss the purchase of property, §121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending and imminent litigation with the Township law director, §121.22(G)(4) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, §121.22(G)(8) to consider confidential information relating to specific business strategy and to discuss negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

Mr. Insco made a motion for the Board to conduct an executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §121.22(G)(1) to discuss employment and compensation of public employees, 121.22(G)(2) to discuss the purchase of property, §121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending and imminent litigation with the Township law director, §121.22(G)(4) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, §121.22(G)(8) to consider confidential information relating to specific business strategy and to discuss negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

Dan Unger offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

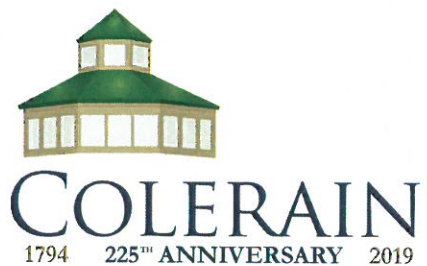
Yes - Greg Insco, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

The Board returned from executive session at 7:00PM. All Board members were present. Mr. Milz said there was nothing to report.

3. Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 PM

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.



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

Mr. Rajagopal asked everyone to join in a moment of silence.

5. **Fiscal Office – Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2019**

Mrs. Harlow requested the Board approve the September 10, 2019, minutes.

Greg Insko made such motion and Dan Unger offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

6. **Presentations**

a. Proclamation Declaring September 28th Heritage Day in Colerain Township

Mr. Milz read the proclamation:

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 AS
COLERAINE HERITAGE DAY
IN COLERAIN TOWNSHIP

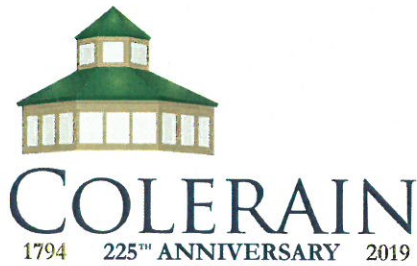
Hamilton County, Ohio

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

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Colerain Township, Ohio desire to honor the Township's rich history and recognize occasions of significance; and

WHEREAS, Colerain, Ohio was settled in 1794, making 2019 the 225th Anniversary of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the 225th anniversary of Colerain Township, Ohio will be celebrated in 2019 with numerous activities and events planned for the citizens of the Township to



come together to celebrate their rich heritage; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Colerain Township, Ohio have contributed several items to be placed in a time capsule that will be buried at Heritage Park; and

WHEREAS, these items provide a snapshot of life in Colerain Township in 2019; and

WHEREAS, this time capsule will be opened on Colerain Township's 250th Anniversary, to be celebrated on or about October 1, 2044; and

WHEREAS, the Colerain Township desires to honor and recognize the Coleraine Historical Society for their hard work, effort, and dedication to the success of the 225th Anniversary celebration.

Be it Proclaimed that the Colerain Township Board of Trustees does hereby recognize September 28, 2019 as Heritage Day in Colerain Township.

Greg Insko made such motion and Dan Unger offered the second.

Mr. Rajagopal said he is so proud of this and the members of the Coleraine Historical Society.

The roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

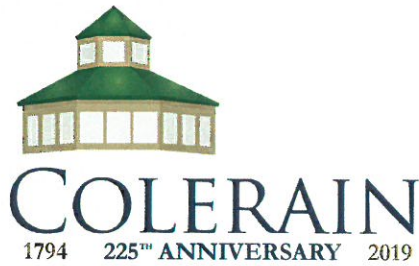
b. Presentation of Donation by Goodtimers

Chief Denney said no one from the organization was in attendance.

7. Citizens Address

Mr. Rajagopal reminded citizens to speak for no more than five minutes. He said we want a meaningful meeting and the Board will listen to the concerns.

Ralph Gubser said he is concerned about the plans to extend Sovereign to Pippin Road. He said there is no up-side to this. He said they are concerned about safety, traffic and crime. He is also concerned about turning the road over to Hamilton County. He said they'd lose snow removal and police protection. He has no objection to the development, but to the extension of the road.



Mr. Milz said many look to be here to talk about the Sovereign Road project. He suggested a community forum to have a dialogue on this.

Mr. Rajagopal said the Board and the administration is very open to the dialogue. He said he respects their concerns.

Nancy Finke said she would pass her time.

Denise Tsibouris said she emailed the Board about concerns with the police department. She said the investigation was not satisfactory and asked the Board for their aid.

Nanci Nease said she received an award for her yard. She read a letter from her daughter, Abby, opposing the Sovereign Road extension, citing traffic, crime and noise concerns.

Cindy Questa said she is a 37-year resident and feels she won't be safe to walk across the street in her neighborhood. She said it will change the character of the neighborhood.

Janice Oxendine said she opposes this because it's a quiet neighborhood. We don't need more rental property. She opposes the TIF and feels it will ruin the neighborhood. She also spoke about dead trees at the end of Sovereign.

Heidi Day said she distributed flyers to the neighborhood and asked volunteers to help. She said the extension will ruin the community feeling of the neighborhood. She is also concerned about lowering property values and increased traffic and crime. She said their neighborhood is strong and asked the Board to not undermine the back bone of their neighborhood. She said she liked the idea of a community dialogue.

Michelle Hardy opposes extension of Sovereign Drive due to the safety issues with increased traffic.

BC Lucken wishes no alteration to Sovereign Drive. He said any development should only have the outlet on Pippin Road. He said there is enough traffic on Sovereign already.

Charlotte Jackson said she agrees with what has been said.

Dan Nease has lived here for 43 years and said the subdivision is well kept. He said if the developer had to live on Sovereign with the extension, he wouldn't live there long. He said the road can't handle more traffic. There are 311 families affected by this decision.

Families have poured their lives in to their homes.

Richard Blue said he's a veteran and retired to Colerain. He said he will move if the proposal on Sovereign goes through. He said the kids he saw grow-up are now moving back to the neighborhood. He asked if on-street parking would still be permitted and if speed bumps would be installed.

Todd Allen, joined by the Allen family, said a year ago the Township rallied together to give their son one more Christmas, in September. He thanked the Township staff and Northbrook volunteers for making this event happen.

Sharon Schwab asked about the trees taken down and if they'd be put back up. Mr. Milz said they would.

Ms. Schwab said she doesn't understand why anyone would consider this cut through on Sovereign.

She spoke about a fire on Friday night and said the fire department did a great job. She said "no parking" signs were put up in her neighborhood, but no work was done

Joseph Magn said he agreed with what has been said. He shares the concerns about safety for the children. He is also concerned about not allowing parking on Sovereign.

Kathy Mohr said she emailed the Board to apologize for her outburst at the last meeting. She read a text she received from Mr. Insko. She said he doesn't get it and doesn't seem to want to follow the ethics law. She said the Board holds no one accountable and citizens don't get answers from them. She said the Board approves expenditures without knowing what they are.

Carrie Davis said Mr. Gubser and Mrs. Day are the leaders for this group. Ms. Davis said they had a meeting on Saturday and they talked about alternatives, like chicane and speed bumps. She said it was unanimous that no alternatives would be acceptable.

Keith Miller said he's proud of everyone getting together, to do the best for their community.

Mr. Rajagopal said he appreciates everyone who has spoken. He said it touched his heart.

8. **Administrative Reports**

Mr. Milz said it does mean a lot that the citizens are here about the proposed Sovereign

Road project. He said we're early in the process. He said they intend to set-up a dialogue with the citizens. He spoke about the Cerkl newsletter and said that's the place we promote meetings and other events.

Mr. Milz said we have received the new senior center bus. He said it's a \$130,000, but with grants we paid \$20,000.

Mr. Milz said he wanted to highlight the collective bargaining agreements on the agenda. He said they are three year agreements, with IAFF (fire) and AFSCME (public works). He said the negotiations went so well because of mutual respect and the willingness to have conversations to solve problems. He said the P6 firefighters took smaller raises to allow the newer folks to get caught up. This is very special.

Chief Denney said he was notified yesterday that the Colerain Police Department is one of only six agencies in the entire State of Ohio to have attained certification in all of the required areas for the Ohio Department of Public Safety Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. Those areas are:

- * Investigation of Employee Misconduct
- * Bias Free Policing
- * Body Worn Cameras
- * Use of Force
- * Use of Deadly Force
- * Employee Recruitment and Hiring
- * Community Engagement

We were the very first agency in Ohio to meet the first set of standards in 2015 and we are actually featured on the Ohio Criminal Justice Services website as a success story. We are now serving as assessors and mentors for other agencies seeking certification.

Chief Denney said we learned today we will be receiving another body armor grant from the federal government in 2020. We also have one from the State of Ohio that pays for 75% of the \$800+ cost of a vest.

Mr. Milz introduced Mike Ionna, the new Planning and Zoning Director. Mr. Ionna said he's happy to be here.

9. **Trustees' Report**

Mr. Insko said he's not sure he'll be here for the Sovereign vote, but said he'd vote for safety. He said he's hosting an event each month to thank the residents. He said tomorrow, from 6:30-7PM, he'll offer free ice cream sundaes at McDonald's near

Northgate Mall. He said Brody Allen Day was one year ago yesterday. He said the power is inspirational.

Mr. Unger said the contractor put the signs on Regal as part of the resurfacing. He said those are put up day ahead to get the cars off the street. Royal Heights is almost done. He said there is a plan to put trees back there. He said all of the contracts and amounts are in the agenda, which is published on Friday afternoon. He said he was challenged to look back at the minutes. He presented his notes from this review. He said he is the most accessible of the trustees and has put his cell phone number on website. This Saturday is recycling day in Colerain.

Mr. Rajagopal thanked the citizens who expressed their concerns. He said we have hosted two town hall meetings and he sees the concerns are safety, building strong neighborhoods, sidewalks and beautification. He said he's working with the state representatives and senator as well as the Lt. Governor and County Engineer about these items. He spoke about Boys and Girls Club and said we'll be meeting with them.

10. New Business

Public Safety

- a. Motion to Permit Township Administrator to Sign Agreement with YWCA.

Chief Denney recommended adoption of a motion to permit Township Administrator Geoff Milz to sign a grant acceptance agreement with the YWCA. The agreement allows the Township to accept \$45,500 in grant money as a sub-recipient. This grant funds our participation with the YWCA's grant from the United States Justice Department Office on Violence Against Women. The Department has partnered with the YWCA for three years as we help develop the Lethality Assessment protocol for domestic violence survivors. The grant also supports our Family Justice Center efforts. Dan Unger made such motion and Raj Rajagopal offered the second.

Mr. Unger offered his thanks for finding the grant.

Mr. Rajagopal said this is an amazing program that our Township needs.

The roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insco, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

Chief Denney requested the Board amend the agenda to take action on employee.
Dan Unger made such motion and Raj Rajagopal offered the second.

The roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

Chief Denney asked the Board to approve a 10-day suspension of Kevin Boyle.
Dan Unger made such motion and Raj Rajagopal offered the second.

The roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

Public Services

a. Motion to Accept Generation Drive

Mr. Milz recommended adoption of a motion to accept Generation Dive as requested by the Hamilton County Engineer's office. The physical improvements as shown on the original improvement plans are complete and were constructed under the inspection of the County Engineer's office. A one year Maintenance Surety Bond and Maintenance contract from the developer begins the same day the streets are accepted. Greg Insko made such motion and Dan Unger offered the second.

Mr. Unger said he's driven on it several times and it, looks good.

The roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

b. Motion to Execute Agreement with AY Mills for Community Center Improvements

Mr. Milz recommended the adoption of a motion to permit the Township Administrator to enter into an Agreement with AY Mills for Community Center Improvements. The Township budgeted \$30,000 for improvements to the Community Center in 2019. The Township solicited bids for this project and received two quotes for the project. The bids were reviewed by our Facility Manager who recommended that the Township award the contract to the low bidder, AY Mills Building.

The scope of the project includes:

Kitchen Renovations - \$24,998.80 (The Township will self-perform the demo of the

existing cabinets)

Hall A wall painting - \$3,192.50

Kitchen wall painting - \$962.70

The total cost of this agreement is \$29,154.

Mr. Milz said since we hired Mr. Dellaposta, he has done an outstanding job on getting this in under budget.

Greg Insko made such motion and Raj Rajagopal offered the second.

Mr. Rajagopal said out citizens need a great place like this.

The roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

Planning & Zoning

a. Resolution Denying Zone Change for Zoning Case ZA2019-05

Mr. Ionna recommended approval of a Resolution Denying Zone Change for Zoning Case ZA2019-05. The Colerain Township Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on August 20, 2019 where the Zoning Commission unanimously recommended for denial of the request. This request was then heard by the Board of Trustees in a Public Hearing on September 10, 2019. Staff supports the recommendation of the Zoning Commission, as the existing The B-1 Neighborhood Business District Zoning is intended primarily for professional office uses, personal service uses and retail service uses, which dispense convenience goods and services directly to consumers on the premises. This district is designed to serve local residential neighborhoods with a highly varied grouping of indoor business services. Changing the Zoning to B-2 would allow the applicant to use the property for any permitted B-2 use. In general, the Township attempts to limit B-2 zoning to arterial roadways and highways.

The Resolution is #41-19, "Case No. ZA2019-05, 2529/2507 Compton Road, Denial of a Zone Map Change From "B-1" Neighborhood Business District to "B-2" General Business, Parcel Nos. 510-0062-0180 and 510-0062-0004."

Dan Unger made such motion and Raj Rajagopal offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Yes - Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - Greg Insko

b. Resolution Declaring Nuisance and Ordering Abatement

Mr. Ionna requested the Board approve Resolution #42-19, "RESOLUTION DECLARING NUISANCE AND ORDERING ABATEMENT."

Mr. Unger said the property at 8265 Georgianna will have a new owner tomorrow. He said the new owner got a tremendous amount of work done already. He'd like to pull this address from the resolution to give him two more weeks to continue clean-up.

Mr. Unger made a motion to amend the resolution, to delete 8265 Georgianna. Mr. Rajagopal offered the second.

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

Mr. Rajagopal said the Zoning people doing a great job along with Judge Bouchard.

The roll was called on the resolution as amended:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

c. Resolution for the Demolition of Property at 6700 Schuster Court

Mr. Ionna recommended adoption of Resolution #43-19, "Resolution for the Demolition of Property at 6700 Schuster. The subject property burned on August 14, 2018 and has been found to be vacant, unsafe and insecure.

Dan Unger made such motion and Raj Rajagopal offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

Administration

a. Motion to Authorize Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME

Mr. Milz recommended approval of a motion to authorize the execution of a Collective

Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME. Colerain Township Administration has negotiated the attached Collective Bargaining Agreement with the AFSCME Union which represents employees in our Public Services Department.

Dan Unger made such motion and Raj Rajagopal offered the second.

Mr. Unger said neighboring municipalities have given larger raises, but we have stayed within budget.

Mr. Rajagopal said the vacation time is on accrual by pay period.

The roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

Mr. Milz said our Public Works Department participated in the Hamilton County Road-eo. Mike Baumer tied for second overall on the obstacle course and Kevin Weisgerber placed third in the backhoe competition.

b. Motion to Authorize Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with IAFF

Mr. Milz recommended approval of a motion to authorize the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with IAFF. Colerain Township Administration has negotiated the attached Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IAFF Union which represents employees in our Fire Department. Mr. Milz said this was within the amounts budgeted and he is very proud of this.

Dan Unger made such motion and Raj Rajagopal offered the second.

Mr. Unger thanked Mr. Milz for his work.

Mr. Milz thanked Mr. Weckbach for his work on this.

Mr. Rajagopal said we have the finest fire department and he's glad it was approved with 93% of the membership in favor.

The roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insko, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

c. Motion to appoint member to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC)

Mr. Milz recommended appointment of Michael Ionna as the Colerain Township representative to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments' Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC). The ICC members provide general technical advice for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as required, and review and comment on technical issues associated with the various studies and recommended plans before submission to the Executive Committee or Board of

Directors. The ICC also advise and assist the Deputy Executive Director and staff in obtaining data required for continuing transportation planning commensurate with the Unified Planning Work Program, and other agreements for all areas of planning. Mr. Ionna is recommended to fill the existing vacancy for the Colerain Township staff representative on this committee. Mr. Ionna has previously served on this committee and on OKI committees in previous roles. As the Planning Director for Colerain Township, he possesses the requisite skill set and insight into this community to be an effective member of this committee.

Dan Unger made such motion and Raj Rajagopal offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insco, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

11. **Consent Items**

Mr. Milz recommended approval of all consent items.

- a. Contract with Anthem for Accident Death and Dismemberment - Correction
Colerain Township currently using Anthem to offer voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment policies to employees. An issue was found with the group structure, where Anthem had previously thought that all employees with Voluntary Life would be counted in the Voluntary AD&D. This contract cleans up the group total for Anthem's underwriters.

Greg Insco made such motion and Dan Unger offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insco, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None

12. **Fiscal Office Report**

Mrs. Harlow said she received word from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control about a stock change request for Colerain Bowl, DBA Colerain Bowling Lanes, 9189 Colerain Ave. She said she spoke to Chief Denney and Mr. Ionna and neither see the need to request a hearing.

Mrs. Harlow spoke about a recent fire in the community and said the home did not have a smoke detector. She encouraged everyone to be sure one is installed in their home and said

the Fire Department can assist with this.

13. Executive Session – if needed

There was no need for executive session.

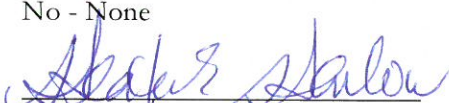
Mr. Insco thanked the citizens for attending the meeting.

14. Adjournment

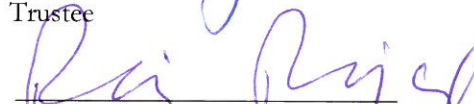
With no further business to come before the Board, Dan Unger made a motion to adjourn and Raj Rajagopal offered the second. The roll was called:

Yes - Greg Insco, Raj Rajagopal, Dan Unger

No - None


Fiscal Officer


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee