

Minutes

July 28, 2020

1. Opening of Meeting

Mr Unger called the meeting to order at 7:00PM
All Trustees were present

2. Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 PM

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Meditation (Moment of Silence)

4. Fiscal Office – Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2020

Approval of minutes for the July 14th, 2020 meeting.
Motion - Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Rajagopal, All voted Yes

5. Presentations

a. Solid Waste Contract Presentation

Mr Weckbach gave a presentation for the next steps for the Solid Waste Contract.

Discussion - Mr Rajagopal - commends Mr Weckbach for the presentation.

Recommends Colerain reach out to Green Township for a possible partnership.

Mr - Wahlert - what other services can we reach out to for our residents? Mr

Weckbach - will research other possibilities.

Mr Rajagopal - does this contract include commercial users? Mr Weckbach - No, commercial users contract their own services.

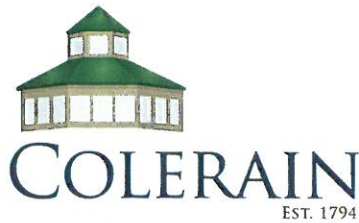
b. Retirement Proclamation – Firefighter Paramedic Steve M. Fortunski

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Chief Cook Recognized retired Captain Steve M. Fortunski for his over 31 years of service to the community.

Mr. Unger read the Proclamation into record.

Motion - Mr Wahlert, Seconded - Mr Rajagopal, All voted Yes.



6. **Citizens Address**

All read via email

Kathy Mohr - I'd like to know why the \$500 expense for Plattenburg was incurred in December, 2019, is just now asking, in July, for this expenditure?

Dan Nease - Whose responsibility is it to maintain weed control on Colerain? If we can't keep our main thoroughfare looking nice, why would the businesses want to keep their frontages presentable?

Bruce Peirano - Statements on "Solid Waste Contract Presentation". Believes extending the current contract is the correct approach if Springdale and Ross Townships also agree.

Mike Kinman - Talked about a problem with an overgrown yard becoming a nuisance. He has complained to no avail, but it is now unbearable. The police won't do a wellness check because of Covid.

7. **Administrative Reports**

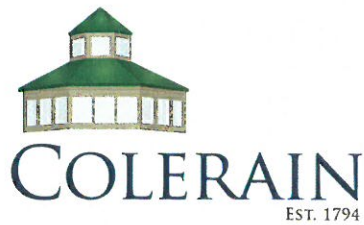
Chief Denney - No report this evening. Mr Wahlert wanted to thank Chief Denney for the cooperation with the Colerain Police Department and the arrest in the Paige Johnson case.

Chief Cook - Wants to publicly announce Captain Grant Burns for his accomplishment as Ohio Officer of the Year.

Jackie O'Connell - Wants to remind everyone that about a dozen Veterans Banners are still available.

Mike Ionna - No report this evening

Geoff Milz - His staff is digging into quarter three initiatives - Mr Wahlert is happy to see the finance department is getting caught up with financial reports. Mr Wahlert received calls regarding the I-275 overpass. Do other communities pay for the areas otherwise controlled by the state? Mr Milz - yes, for example, Green Twp has invested a lot in the I-74 overpass. Mr Wahlert - could we take over the mowing? Mr Milz - we could.



8. Trustees' Report

Mr Rajagopal - There are a lot of things happening with Colerain Township with grant money. Mr Rajagopal is meeting with Steve Chabot regarding the transportation bill. He is trying to get a grant for Colerain Ave.

Mr Wahlert - are we still looking into the electric car charging station? Mr Milz - yes Mr Weckbach is working on that. Colerain Township is trying to get the trash problem under control. Thinks a lot of great things are happening in Colerain. He is proud of the job the Fire Department is doing. Public Works is also doing a great job.

Mr Unger - Encouraged everyone to get out and support our local businesses. He and his wife are getting out to the parks. Wants citizens to hang in there. People of Colerain have been well behaved during this crisis.

9. New Business

Public Safety

- a. Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Northwest Local School District

Motion - Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Rajagopal, All voted Yes

- b. Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Hamilton County Public Health for Quick Response Team Operation

Chief Cook recommends the motion. Presented by Captain Miller

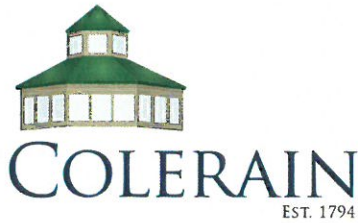
Motion - Mr Unger, Seconded - Mr Wahlert.

Discussion - Mr Wahlert - Some of the things you mention are a heavy case load for anyone. This can be a game changer.

Mr Unger - Will the contract be extended again in a year? Captain Miller - Yes. the Health Department prefers it that way.

Mr Rajagopal thanks Captain Miller for the hard work on the program.

All voted Yes



Public Services

a. Motion to Accept Grant Funding - Safety Grant - Pippin Road Sidewalks

Ms O'Connell recommends acceptance of \$742,086 in grant funding.

Motion - Mr Wahlert, Seconded - Mr Rajagopal.

Discussion - Mr Rajagopal commended Ms O'Connell on the hard work getting this grant.

All voted Yes

b. Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program

Ms O'Connell recommends approval of Resolution #38-20 to participate in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program to use products and services bid by the state.

Motion - Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert, All voted Yes

c. Motion to Issue a Request for Bids for Colerain Park Playground Project

Ms O'Connell recommends approval of the motion.

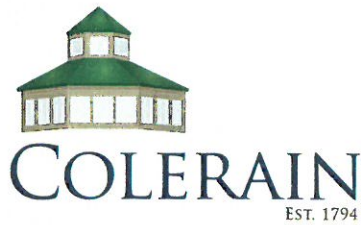
Rationale:

The Colerain Park Playground Project has been in the works since Megaland was torn down in 2019. Local landscape architect design firm Human Nature has taken input from residents to design a unique play space in Colerain Park.

The bid documents solicit bids from vendors that allow them to put their own artistic take on the playground. The playground build is currently structured in two phases, as the state capital fund monies have not yet been appropriated.

Once approved, we will release for bid with a planned award date in Fall 2020. Completion estimated early summer 2021.

Motion - Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger, All voted Yes



Planning & Zoning

a. Resolution Declaring Nuisance and Ordering Abatement

Staff recommends approval of Resolution #39-20 declaring nuisance and ordering abatement.

Rationale:

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

9952 Capstan

9929 Capstan

7992 Cheviot

2816 Klondike

9924 Loralinda

6691 Memory

9870 Pinedale

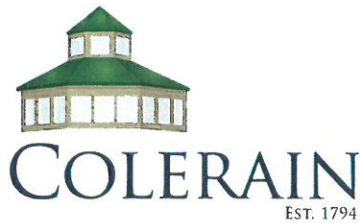
3506 Poole

3561 West Kemper

2459 Wilson

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 Rajagopal, Seconded Mr Unger, All voted Yes



- Resolution to Approve Zoning Case ZA2020-03 Changing The Zoning On
- b. The Site From R-6 (Urban Residential) to PD-R (Planned Development - Residential) - Lake Gloria Development

Staff is recommending approval of Resolution #40-20 approving the zone change on the site in question from R-6 to PD-R.

The Colerain Township Zoning Commission, following the public hearing held on June 16, 2020, voted to provide a favorable recommendation of the proposed zone change to the Colerain Township Board of Trustees subject to the conditions in the proposed resolution. To view all case materials, please visit the now pending page on the Colerain Township Planning:

Motion - Mr Wahlert, Seconded - Mr Unger, All voted Yes

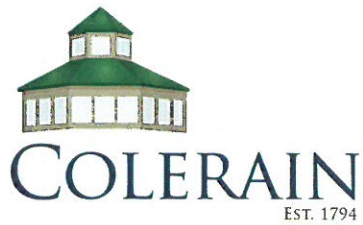
Administration

- a. Resolution - Ballot Language - Fire Department - 3.0 mills

Mr Milz recommends approval of Resolution #41-20 to proceed to levy a tax exceeding ten-mill limitation for fire and emergency medical services for Colerain Township in the amount of 3.0 mills. Motion - Mr Unger, Seconded - Mr Rajagopal, Vote - Mr Unger- Yes, Mr Rajagopal- Yes, Mr Wahlert- No

- b. Motion to Reappoint Dan Unger as the Alternate Member of the District 2 Integrating Committee

Motion - Mr Rajagopal, Seconded - Mr Wahlert, All voted Yes



c. Resolution Adopting Amended Appropriations

Mr Milz recommends approval of Resolution #42-20 for Amended Appropriations in the amount of \$38,917,293.60.

Rationale:

Supplemental appropriations are required in various funds in order to account for changes in expenditures due to decreases in revenues as a result of the financial crisis from the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion - Mr Wahlert, Seconded - Mr Rajagopal, All voted Yes

d. Motion to Modify in Person Citizen Participation due to COVID-19

Mr Milz recommends adoption of a motion to modify citizen and public comment, public hearings, and in person attendance according to the attached chart.

Rationale:

Governor Mike DeWine recently implemented a Public Health Advisory Alert System, which will provide data and information to help combat COVID-19 flare-ups in the State of Ohio. Four alert levels will indicate to the public and officials the current situation in each individual Ohio County across 3 weeks:

- Alert Level 1 (Yellow): County has triggered 0 or 1 of the indicators and there is active exposure and spread.
- Alert Level 2 (Orange): County has triggered 2 or 3 of the indicators and there is increased exposure and spread.
- Alert Level 3 (Red): County has triggered 4 or 5 of the indicators and there is a very high exposure and spread.
- Alert Level 4 (Purple): County has triggered 6 or 7 of the indicators and there is severe exposure and spread.

Motion - Mr Wahlert, Seconded - Mr Rajagopal,

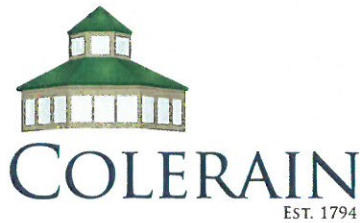
Discussion - Mr Rajagopal - We should follow Governor's guidelines. Mr Unger - We shouldn't allow the state to dictate what we do locally with our meetings. Don't forget that an election was cancelled due to bad information. Mr Wahlert - I think the information is completely random. It's safe to be in school but not safe to be in a bar? The inconsistencies are bizarre. Supports this because it's as good as anything else.

Vote: Mr Rajagopal- yes, Mr Unger- No, Mr Wahlert- Yes

10. **Old Business**

- a. Discussion - 2021 Strategic Plan

11. **Consent Items**



a. Contract - Police - Duke Energy - LED Lighting Upgrade

b. New Hire - Code Enforcement Specialist - Planning & Zoning

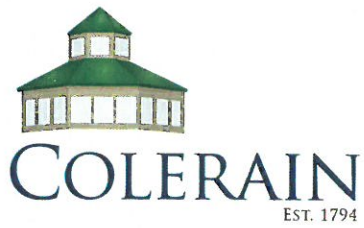
The position of Code Enforcement Specialist was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Tamaria Monday.

The wage for this job is \$12.00 per hour for 20 hours per week through the season. Contingent upon Board approval, she would be eligible to begin work on July 29, 2020. Mr Milz recommends approval of all consent items.

Motion - Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Rajagopal, All voted Yes

12. Fiscal Office Report

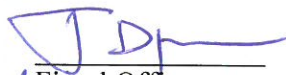
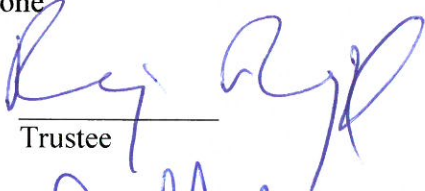
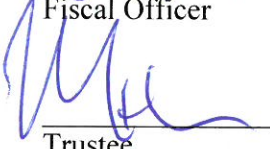
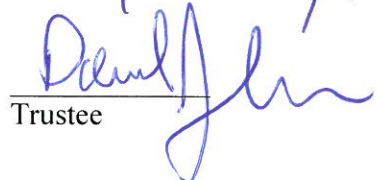
Mr Baker gave update on the number of public record requests. Year to date there have been 280 requests and we have fulfilled 218. With 131 of those being fulfilled since April 1st. I believe we are doing an outstanding job of dealing with the very high number of record requests. Regarding some push back we're getting on some of the answers to records requests. Specifically with records that would have to be generated in order to provide: I have spoken to the Law Director as well as representatives from the State Auditor's Office. The direction that the fiscal office has been given is that we are not required to generate records to fulfill records requests. We are only obligated to produce records that already exist. Mr Unger - We have brought in someone to answer the phones to free up time for another employee to help with the public records requests. It does cost a lot of Money to produce these records. Thanks the fiscal office for the work being done. Mr Baker - to echo that thought, keep in mind that the majority of the requests are multiple requests within one HR#.



13. Adjournment

Motion - Mr Rajagopal, Seconded, Mr Wahlert, All voted Yes
Adjourned at 9:00PM

14. Executive Session – None

 _____ Fiscal Officer	 _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee	 _____ Trustee