

Minutes

May 25, 2021

1. **Opening of Meeting**

Mr Rajagopal called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

All Trustees and Fiscal Officer were present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. **Fiscal Office – Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from the May 11, 2021 Trustee Meeting

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Rajagopal

All voted Yes. Minutes Approved

5. **Presentations**

- a. Letter of Congratulations to Patrick Slawnyk for Earning the Rank of Eagle Scout

Mr Unger read the letter into record.

Motion to approve Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert.

All voted Yes. Letter Approved

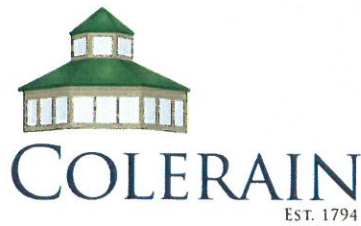
Letter available in agenda packet on line

- b. Presentation by Chief Walls Recognizing the 2020 EMS Providers of the Year
Each year during National Emergency Medical Services Week, the Department of Fire & EMS recognizes employees as “EMS Providers of the Year”. These employees consistently display initiative, creative thinking, action-orientation and a desire to positively impact emergency medical services delivery during the previous year. Introduce and recognize the 2020 EMS Providers of the Year:

1. Firefighter/Paramedic Alex Pauly
2. Firefighter/Paramedic Ed Shannon
3. Firefighter/Paramedic Austin Walter

- c. Recognition of Class 1 of the Township Academy

Mr Milz recognized the Class.



Mr Rajagopal presented the class with the certificates.

- d. Presentation by Dennis Maher of Retail Strategies about the State of Retail
- Mr Maher gave the presentation.
Big Picture Trends - Retails' Impact
American Rescue Plan - Consumer confidence
Retail and Restaurant changes - up (grocery, general merchandise, home improvement, pet supplies) down (restaurants, clothing, home furnishings)
Convenience - On line/Drive Thru
No Discussion

6. Citizens Address

Chris Green - Spoke about an event last weekend, raising \$800.

Has a \$200 donation to Colerain Police Department

Motion to accept donation Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Rajagopal. All voted Yes.

Kathy Mohr - Asked again on how the Board will handle approval of change orders. Does anyone on the Board know the intern? Answer No. Regarding MuniReg. Does anyone have a previous relationship with Mr Halpern? Answer No. Spoke about the Resolution for the Rumpke contract. Does anyone have a prior relationship with Cost Management? If there is a problem with Rumpke people should be able to contact Rumpke. The reports for 2020 are no longer on the internet.

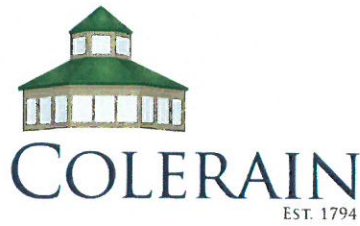
Lori McMullin - Wanted to say Ft. Colerain Park is looking amazing. She thanked Mr Rajagopal for his efforts in the COVID Vaccine program. She says the Colerain Academy was great. Talked about an email she sent regarding about traffic calming. Would like the current board to help Northbrook keep their children safe. Would like the policy book changed again to allow for traffic calming. She thanked Mr Rajagopal for his continued concern for Northbrook.

Discussion:

Mr Rajagopal - He mentioned he drove in Northbrook on Niagara and he saw a lot of children on the sidewalks and he will look into making improvements. He promises something will happen to help.

Mr Wahlert - Talked about having a work session to come up with a solution. He said he heard that there are more kids living back there and that's a good thing but it comes with more responsibility. He thanked Ms McMullin for being an advocate for the children of Northbrook.

Keith Miller - He says he wants to see proof that Rumpke paid their bills to Colerain.



Carli Hobbs - Talked about the speeding in Northbrook. She said she would rather hear cars hitting speed bumps than cars hitting a person or speeding down the street. She presented the Board with signatures of residents who want something to be done regarding the speeding.

Rich McVay - Thanked Mr Rajagopal for the vaccine effort in Northbrook. He says nothing has been done to help with the speeding issue. He mentioned his previous conversation with Chief Denney about speed bumps. He says the Board doesn't care about the issue. Regarding the Abbeytown development. He says the Board didn't push back and require the developer to put in sidewalks. He says all we hear are excuses. Says the administration and board are not willing to fight for the residents. Says to his knowledge he doesn't know if the township are honoring lives lost on Memorial Day.

7. **Administrative Reports**

Mr Milz - Says it was incredible to interact with everyone involved in the township academy. He thanked Chris Green for his donation. Says we can have disagreements but the personal things are unfortunate. He thanked Carli Hobbs for her efforts and encouraged her to continue being involved. Mentioned the work session scheduled for June. Regarding transparency: He was able to renegotiate the Rumpke contract and was able to have the 10 cent charge removed. Thanked Mr McVay for bringing up sidewalks. He is happy with the success we've had in securing sidewalks funded with outside money to build. He also mentions there will be sidewalks at Abbeytown. Also the 2020 reports are on line. Myself or Mr Weckbach can help you find them.

Discussion - Mr Unger - Wanted to mention that Mr McVay walked out prior to hearing a response.

Mr Milz - Also says the township was awarded \$17,000 in damages in the bench bill boards.

Lt Phillips - This past weekend was an exceptional weekend with shootings. One fatal. He gave an update on the incidents. He mentioned 2 of the three are drug related and there are suspects in those shootings.

Lt. Cordey - gave an update on the environmental crimes unit. There were 164 contacts, 45 warnings and 2 citations. Code inspections for May were 397.

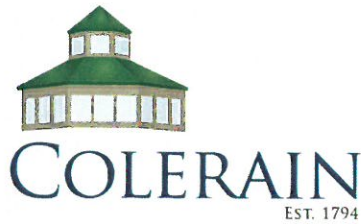
194 closed with no violations

124 were issued a Notice of Violation

79 follow up inspections changed from Orders 1 to Orders 2 resulting in Abatement or the civil housing court process.

8. **Trustees' Report**

Mr Unger - Asked Mr McVay where the speed bumps are in Green Twp. Mr McVay - Call the administration. He reiterated that we would need a construction easement for sidewalks. He mentioned easements aren't always needed. To say that the trustees would just as soon to have a child hit in the road is just ridiculous. In Mr McVay's ranting he



didn't mention that I spent over two hours in the Northbrook area observing the issues. He says he continues to respond to citizens who call him for help.

Mr Wahlert - I spent some time observing the speeding issue in Northbrook and something will be done. Mentioned Nov 13th will be the day for a veterans parade. Says Colerain Township was founded on veterans. Asked if 2020 reports are on line. Mr Milz - They are there. He mentioned that the board approves change orders. He said a 6 year journey ended and there are no more advertising benches now in Colerain.

Mr Rajagopal - He said last meeting that he mentioned that all the residents in Colerain will get a Covid vaccine. He talked about the efforts to provide vaccines. Says it's saddening that people say the board doesn't care. That's a lie. We care and we are so lucky that we have the administration that works so hard for our tax payers. No other township has ever created a Strategic Plan. No other township except Colerain Township. We're one of very few townships who received \$7.5 Million from the federal government. And for what? Because of our success and the way we run our community.

9. **New Business**

Public Safety

a. **Resolution Declaring Nuisance and Ordering Abatement**

Lt Cordey recommends ADOPTION of Resolution #37-21.

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

8027 Blanchetta 510-0071-0191-00

3385 Coleen 510-0102-0237-00

8300 Colerain 510-0060-0014-00

9161 Coogan 510-0053-0038-00

9173 Coogan 510-0053-0036-00

2727 Lincoln 510-0031-0711-00

10071 Manistee 510-0041-0472-00

10342 Moonflower 510-0042-0185-00

9810 Norcrest 510-0044-0076-00

2479 Ontario 510-0051-0016-00

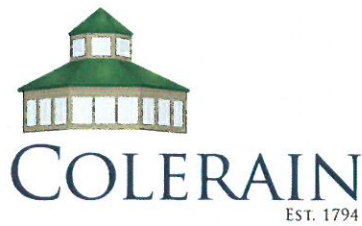
8944 Pippin 510-0062-0220-00

2668 Springdale 510-0043-0044-00

2827 Springdale 510-0042-0107-00

2397 Washington 510-0031-0598-00

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 Rajagopal

No Discussion

Vote - Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Rajagopal - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes

Resolution passes

Public Services

Planning & Zoning

Administration

- a. Motion to Set Public Hearing for Sidewalk Maintenance Project - Portions of Arborwood, Grovewood, & Springdale

Mr Weckbach recommends ADOPTION of a Motion to set a Public Hearing for "Sidewalk Maintenance Project - Portions of Arborwood, Grovewood, & Springdale" for July 13th at 7pm in the Colerain Township Trustee Chambers.

Rationale: Historically, sidewalks along Colerain Township streets have been maintained by the adjacent property owner. Any defects or maintenance issues with the sidewalks (or driveway aprons) are considered property maintenance violations under the Township's Property Maintenance Code and are to be corrected by property owners. In 2020, the Township conducted its first phase of the Sidewalk Maintenance Program, funded through CDBG dollars. In 2021, the Township was awarded \$30,000 from CDBG for phase two of this program. The first step in the process is to establish a public hearing for resident feedback on the program, prior to any construction. Staff plans on sending out bid specifications with the intent of bringing forward a contract for consideration at the July 13th Board of Trustee meeting. The affected residents have been sent a letter with information about the program, per the attached brochure. Also attached to this agenda is a list of the addresses, with the number of blocks that have been marked, that will be included in the 2021 program.

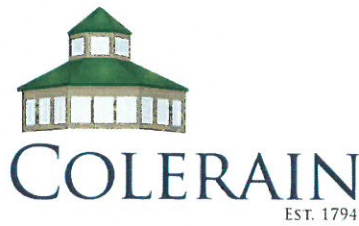
Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

Discussion:

Mr Unger - That list is found on page 12 of the agenda

Mr - Rajagopal - We made sidewalks a priority and guess what, it's getting done.

All voted Yes. Motion passes



b. Motion to Set Public Hearing - Tax Budget

Mr McElravy recommends ADOPTION a Motion to set a Public Hearing for the 2022 Tax Budget on June 22, 2021 at 7pm in the Trustee Chambers.

Rationale: As part of the 2022 budget process, the Board must hold a public hearing to consider the 2022 tax budget. Staff recommends that the public hearing be held as part of the regular meeting on June 22, 2021.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Rajagopal

No Discussion

All voted Yes. Motion passes.

c. Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a New Fund - American Rescue Plan

Mr McElravy recommends ADOPTION of Resolution # 38-21.

Rationale: In order to receive funding through the federal American Rescue Plan, a Fund must be established to account for the activity associated with that funding. This Resolution authorizes the creation of that Fund.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No Discussion

Vote - Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Rajagopal - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes

Resolution Passes.

d. Motion to Appoint Members to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments Intermodal Coordinating Committee

Mr Milz recommends ADOPTION of the Motion to appoint Jeff Weckbach as the Colerain Township representative and Jackie O'Connell as the alternate representative to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments' Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC).

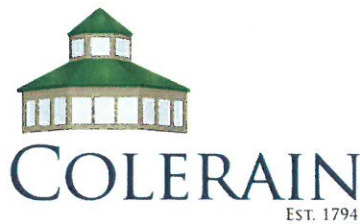
Rationale: The ICC members provide general technical advice for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as required, and review and comment on technical issues associated with the various studies and recommended plans before submission to the Executive Committee or Board of Directors. The ICC 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. Members of this committee serve from July 1 to June 30

Motion Mr Rajagopal, Seconded Mr Wahlert

Discussion:

Mr Unger - By having representation with this it helps in finding opportunities for grants. Federal grants and other grants tend to flow to them.

All voted Yes. Motion passes



10. **Old Business**

11. **Consent Items**

- a. New Hire - Part-Time Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician - Department of Fire & EMS

Mr Milz recommends approval of all consent items.

Request authorization to conditionally hire the following candidate as a part-time fire department employee at the specified hourly pay rate of \$14.94 per hour:

- Jacob Luken – Firefighter EMT

Rationale: The recommended candidate is being requested to fill a vacant part-time firefighter EMT position. The candidate's hiring will be contingent upon successful completion of all applicable pre-employment evaluations and procedures. The candidate's start date will be effective as soon as possible after Sunday, May 30th, 2021, following compliance of the aforementioned conditions with a one-year probationary period

- b. New Hire - Summer Camp Positions - Public Services

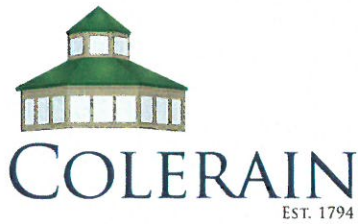
Summer camp positions were posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. A conditional offer of employment as camp counselor was extended to the following individuals: Cole Birkenhauer, Taryn Taleff, Janelle DuFresne, Alanna Birkenhauer and Rachel Ashton. The wage for this job is between \$9.50-\$10.50 per hour for up to 30 hours per week through the season. Contingent upon Board approval, they would be eligible to begin work on May 26, 2021. A conditional offer of employment as Assistant Camp Director was extended to Jacquelyn Welsh at a rate of \$12.50 for no more than 40 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, she would be eligible to begin work on May 26, 2021

- c. New Hire - Seasonal Maintenance Worker/Parks - Public Services

The position of Seasonal Maintenance Worker was posted, applications were received and interviews conducted. Conditional offers of employment were extended to the following Tiffany Kim and Jayden Hopkins. The wage for this job is \$11.00 per hour for 40 hours per week through the season. Contingent upon Board approval, they would be eligible to begin work on May 26, 2021

Motion to approve all consent items Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Rajagopal

All voted Yes. All consent items approved



12. **Fiscal Office Report**

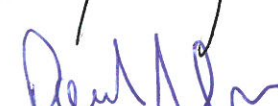
We're getting really close to fulfilling our 100th public record request for the year.
We received a change request from the Ohio Liquor Board for Western Sky Food Mart
on Springdale Rd.

13. **Executive Session – if needed**

None needed

14. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger
All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm

 _____ Fiscal Officer	 _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee	 _____ Trustee