

TRUSTEES

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TRUSTEE MEETINGS

1st Tuesday -
6:00 p.m. Work Session
7:30 p.m. Public Meeting

3rd Tuesday -
9:00 a.m. - Work Session
11:00 a.m. - Public Meeting

Zoning Commission meets the
2nd Monday of every month
BZA meets the 2nd Tuesday
of every month



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TRUSTEE NOTES

From the desk of Chuck Hillier

As I write this we are all in the midst of the worst worldwide pandemic in modern history and cases have surged in recent weeks bringing on statewide mask mandates. I am hopeful you and your family have managed to stay safe, healthy and that you find yourself in good spirits. Working together to prevent the spread, we'll get through this.

Dealing with COVID19 has brought new challenges to everyone, including us here at Township Hall, our Service Department, and our three Fire Stations. Like you, COVID has changed our lifestyles and we've had to adapt to new and innovative ways of conducting business. Providing essential services to our residents did not get a break when the pandemic hit. We made early staffing changes at each Township Department to ensure services provided were not hindered. In July, we returned to normal staffing, but as I write this, there has been another spike in cases and we have discussed returning to "COVID coverage". Lessons learned in March through July will help us make better decisions in the months ahead.

These are trying times for all as we've had to adapt to each new challenge, some of which are related to expenses. The CARES Act has made monies available to us to help cover those additional expenditures, some of which are as simple as overtime coverage (due to limited staffing requirements), while other expenses involve setting personnel up to work from home. The dollar amount we are authorized to spend is limited and must last us through the outbreak, so we are conservatively managing as we go.

Storm Water issues have long been a target of the Trustees and we are making progress on several large projects. The Regional Detention Basin to be built on the former Fairway Pines Golf Course property is nearing completion of its engineering design stage. Currently there are several more options being proposed that will hold back additional

storm water from entering the creeks and ravines into the surrounding neighborhoods. The two latest proposals involve storm water storage in underground tanks, specifically to address runoff from the northern area of The Pines subdivision built in the 1980's and 1990's. We will learn more about these at our upcoming meeting with Lake County Storm Water and the engineering company designing the basins.

The Township's number one priority in addressing storm water issues is the Center Park Estates project which comprises the area along the south side of Mentor Avenue from Fairgrounds Road, west towards South Doan Avenue. This project was initially begun well before any of us were elected but due to numerous governmental and potential legal issues encountered along the way, engineering design and planning has been interrupted on multiple occasions. During our meeting with Lake County Storm Water, we will do our best to move this project along to the engineering and design stage.

As Trustees we regularly do our best to help residents with nuisance issues such as dealing with odor complaints from local factories or adjacent properties such as the Lake County Landfill. For years the landfill presented itself as a less than desirable neighbor by failing to contain property odors. However, due in great part to County Commissioner Jerry Cirino, that has recently begun to change. In 2018 the Commissioners took an active involvement to contain those odors by hiring BEL Environmental Engineering LLC, a solid waste consulting firm which specializes in landfill construction and operation. BEL came back with numerous proposals for both the operation and maintenance at the facility and they continue to work with the Landfill today.

Since then, approximately \$150,000 in improvements has been made to the facility. This includes installation of four new wells drilled on the west side of the landfill to extract

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ROAD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The brush, leaf, and yard waste drop area will remain open on Wednesdays from 7:30am until 3:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am until 2:00pm through November. This service is for Painesville Township residents only and proof of residency is required.

A reminder that lawn service contractors are not permitted, and PLASTIC BAGS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

There will be two curbside leaf collections this fall. They are currently scheduled for Saturday November 14th and Saturday December 5th. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19 issues, those dates could change. Please check the Township website (www.painesvilletwp.com), Facebook page, or call the Service Department at 440-352-2661 beginning in late October for the latest updates.

Look for our recently purchased speed trailer as we begin placing it throughout the Township. We will move it from road to road on a weekly basis. If you would like it placed on your road, you can call the Service Garage at 440-352-2661 or Town Hall at 440-352-1443 to be placed on our list. We use the speed trailer to let motorists know when they are exceeding the speed limit on a road, and to record traffic counts for our OPWC grant applications.

There has been a lot of road construction activity in Painesville Township this summer with the following projects completed:

Trotter Lane, Morgan Drive and a portion of Bridle Path Lane have had new concrete curbs, driveway aprons, catch basins, and asphalt roadway installed as part of our OPWC project for this season.

Nelmar Drive and Fruitland Avenue were resurfaced with asphalt. Shady Lane, Kenilworth Avenue, and Ardoye Avenue were resurfaced with asphalt and the sanitary sewer manholes were replaced. This project was paid 100% from the Service Department levy funds.

Park Road was resurfaced from Madison Avenue to Hale Road and Welch Road was paved from Madison Avenue to Park Road as part of the Lake County Engineer's road paving program.

The Ohio Department of Transportation recently began the resurfacing of Fairport Nursery Road (State Route 535). This project will run from North Ridge Road in Painesville Township and end at East Street in Fairport Harbor.

As Painesville Township continues to grow with new housing developments, the number of roads the Service Department must maintain also continues to grow. We currently have 218 roads, with several more new roads planned in the Meadows at Fairway Pines subdivision. By comparison, the Township had 130 roads in 1980, and we had 208 roads in 2010.

Madison Avenue

Madison Avenue was closed just east of Woodworth Avenue by the Lake County Engineer's Office in March. Upon inspection, the Engineer's Office found significant erosion underneath the road caused by storm water and the retaining wall facing the Grand River has 'bowed out' and is irreparably damaged. The Engineer's Office has hired a consultant to study how to best restore the retaining wall, correct the water erosion, and stabilize the road. Unfortunately, the road will not be reopened until the spring of 2021.

In order to pay for this complicated project the Engineer's Office is applying for a federal grant.

Additionally, the Engineer's Office will repair and upgrade the storm sewers on Madison Avenue in late 2020 or early 2021. All of Madison Avenue will be resurfaced in 2021.

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methane gas along with an air compressor upgrade. In addition, the county has taken over operation of the gas collection system and hired a new well field operation and service provider. They are currently designing improvements that will increase the capacity of the system. This includes ten well dewatering pumps, six additional wells and a horizontal collector. I'm told the two projects the county is working on will total roughly \$500,000 to retrofit existing wells and provide installation of the new ones.

One thing I can definitively state is the number of odor complaints which emanate from the Landfill has drastically dropped since these changes to the facility have begun.

We aren't there yet as there is still room for improvement, but it's good to know we have professionals in our County working hard to address and eliminate the issues.

That's all I have for now. I wish you good health and many blessings in the coming months. If there's anything I can do for you or clarify, please feel free to reach out to me at my township email address, chuck@painesvilletwp.com or simpler yet, call/text me at 440-796-0741.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Painesville Township Fire department Receives Lifesaving Equipment Thanks to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

Painesville Township Fire Department wishes to thank the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for helping the department to be better equipped to keep our community safe. The department has been awarded a \$40,325 grant from the Foundation to purchase new extrication equipment.

The new equipment, which is used to perform rescues of victims from motor vehicle accidents, will replace equipment that is over 30 years old. The new equipment is battery operated so it does not require an external power source that is needed to operate the Department's current hydraulic tools. This makes these units more portable and easier to deploy at the scene of an emergency.

ABOUT FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

In 2005, the Firehouse Subs Founders established the 501(c)(3), non-profit Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The charity provides funding resources, lifesaving equipment, prevention education, training, and disaster relief support to first responders and public safety organizations. Since inception, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has granted more than \$51 million to hometown heroes in 49 states and Puerto Rico. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is honored to be listed as a four-star nonprofit organization by Charity Navigator – their highest designation. Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors.

Fire Hydrants

Fire hydrants spend most of their time unused, yet they are relied upon in a moment's notice to provide water flow for the protection of a business or home. To ensure that all hydrants will work correctly when needed, Painesville Township Fire Department inspects every hydrant in the township a minimum of twice each year. In addition,

every hydrant is inspected and flushed at least once per year to verify its operation.

Each spring the fire department will inspect each hydrant for any damage that may have occurred over the winter. That is when they will flush the hydrant to ensure that everything is flowing correctly and ready for service if needed. While flushing the hydrant, the firefighter will note the ease of operation and how well the water flows from the hydrant. They will perform a visual inspection on the hydrant to check for leaks, cracks or any damage. Also, during this spring maintenance, the department will perform a metered flow test to every fourth hydrant. These flow tests are compared to previous years to ensure that the flows have either stayed the same or improved over time. The hydrants being flow tested are rotated each year so that in a four year cycle, every hydrant in Painesville Township will have a documented flow test.

In the fall of each year, the department will again visit every hydrant to perform a visual inspection and check for any standing water in the barrel of the hydrants. Water in the barrels can freeze over the winter so any standing water is pumped out to ensure its operation during freezing temperatures.

Any defects found during the spring or fall inspections are reported immediately to the water department for repair. The hydrants in Painesville Township are serviced by three different water companies. Aqua Ohio services and maintains hydrants mostly on the western part of Painesville Township. The Lake County Department of Utilities services and maintains the hydrants on the eastern side and Painesville City Water services some hydrants both north and south of the city.

In addition to firefighters doing inspections and flow tests on hydrants, homeowners and business owners can help firefighters do their job more efficiently by simply keeping the area around a fire hydrant clear of vegetation and snow. This could help save property, or more importantly, someone's life. It is important to keep the area around the hydrant clear of weeds and not plant bushes or shrubbery too close to a hydrant so that it can be located quickly. The same thing goes for snow and ice. Keep the area around any hydrant on your property clear of built-up snow and be careful not to plow snow so that it piles up and buries hydrants. Ideally, the hydrant should have about three feet of clearance in all directions so the hoses can get connected without any delays. If the hydrant on your property is hidden by vegetation or snow and you are unable to clear the area, please call the department for assistance.





PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
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DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWNSHIP EVENTS

September 19 – Resident
Document Shredding Day
11 am to 1 pm

AT THE HISTORY CENTER

September 17, Oct 1, Oct 15,
Haunted Lantern Tours

AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

October 3 – Household Hazardous Waste
Collection



TOWNSHIP ACTIVITIES

The Coronavirus pandemic has caused most communities to cancel or severely restrict their community events. After much thought and discussion, the Trustees have decided to cancel three of our popular community events. At the end of each discussion, the Trustees used safety for our residents and supporters as our guiding principal. While it has been uncomfortable to cancel these events, we put your safety first. The events that were cancelled are the St. Patrick's Parade, Family Movie Night, and Family Fun Day. These have been very popular events and we have fun putting them on. Be assured that these great family-oriented events will be back in 2021!

The Resident Document Shredding Day is still scheduled for Saturday, September 19, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please check our website and Facebook page for updates in September.

The Township Hall Meeting Room is now available for non-profit and charitable groups to use free of charge. The room can be reserved by calling Township Hall at 440-352-1443, or sending an email to mmanary@painesvilletwp.com. The room must be reserved a minimum of seven days before the event. Ask for Mike. The room is not available for private parties.