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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DECEMBER 2022

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TRUSTEE NOTES

From the Desk of **Trustee Chuck Hillier**

Staffing levels for Lake County Sheriff Deputy Patrols within townships has long been an issue of concern for many in our community. Since 2009 when the County Commissioners first reduced the Sheriff's budget to eliminate county funded Road Patrol Deputies, townships have been responsible for providing additional funding to cover those costs. Our current "Policing Levy" which passed in 2014, generates enough to provide ONE Road Patrol Deputy 24/7 and another during "peak" hours. To make these staffing numbers work 24/7-365, it funds a total of SIX deputies which are dedicated to Painesville Township roadways.

Sheriff Deputies patrolling our roads are always a welcome sight, but crime hasn't been deterred and actually has increased over the past few years. We recently learned that 47% of all crime committed in Lake County is by non-residents, with those violators predominantly from neighboring counties. In addition, statistics show that greater than 50% of all calls the Sheriff Department responds to, occurs in our own township.

To combat this trending surge in crime, we pressed the Lake County Commissioners to increase the Sheriff's budget to allow for hiring additional deputies to answer

calls for emergency. To their credit, they responded by putting in place a temporary "Cops Grant" which provides matching funds for each Deputy the individual townships agree to fund. This "Cops Grant" was provided by the four Common Pleas Court Judges utilizing resources under their discretion. We appreciate Judge Patrick Condon, Judge Vincent Culotta, Judge Eugene Lucci and Judge John P. O'Donnell for authorizing utilization of these funds.

In 2021 we accepted the "Cops Grant" and provided our matching funds using CARES Act Funding (federal COVID money) which increased the staffing of Road Patrol Deputies dedicated to our community from SIX to the current TEN, which essentially provides us TWO Road Patrol Deputies on our roadways 24/7-365.

Even with those additional deputies patrolling our roads, we felt the Commissioners still needed to do more to combat the rising surge in crime so we pressed them further. Recently the Lake County Township Association met with Commissioner John Hamercheck and at that meeting informed us they agreed to provide funding to hire four additional deputies which aren't committed to any single community, but instead available to respond to emergencies and calls for assistance throughout Lake County. The funding for these additional deputies

will once again come from discretionary funding from the Common Pleas Judges. This is a huge acknowledgement and commitment from Lake County government and I can't express enough how much having these additional deputies responding to crime will be for us all. For them to allocate these financial resources exemplifies an understanding of the situation and a commitment to hitting back at the criminal activity attempting to secure a foothold in Lake County. Crime is not welcomed here and we are acknowledging their growing presence and taking a stance to hit back.

In 2023 Painesville Township, along with both Perry and Concord Townships will be presenting a case to the voters in each of the respective communities to place an initiative on the ballot which will fund the additional deputies we each hired. The money for both the Cops Grant and CARES Act funding is limited to time so if we want to continue having at least TWO deputies patrolling our streets 24/7-365, we will need to secure additional funding through a ballot initiative. Working with Sheriff Leonbruno and his department, we will present the case to you for continuing to fund those additional Road Patrol Deputies. I look forward to adding more to this conversation in the coming year and answering any questions you may have and ultimately placing this decision in your hands in November 2023.



In the Township

December 17 -Children's Christmas Party

December 27 -Trustee Meeeting

At the History Center December 17 & 18 -Breakfast/Lunch with Santa Want to be kept up to date on Township business and alerts? Download our App! Scan this QR Code with your smart device to be automatically taken to our Township App and then download.



TRUSTEE NOTES

From the Desk of Trustee Gabe Cicconetti

The Painesville Township Board of Trustees announces the hiring of Hollie Bartone as the new Administrator for Painesville Township. Ms. Bartone comes to Painesville Township having previously served as the Director of Administration and Finance for the City of Mentor on the Lake for the past seven years. Hollie will replace Anthony Zampedro, who was recently appointed as the Assistant City Manager with the City of Painesville.

Including her time in Mentor on the Lake, Hollie has spent the past fifteen years in the public sector having previously worked for the City of Mentor and Lake County Utilities Department. She is also currently the Lake County Board of Directors Representative for NOPEC as well as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Lake County Mayors and Managers Association. She is a graduate of Lakeland Community College with an AA degree, and Franklin University in Columbus with a BSBA and MBA.

Hollie is a lifelong resident of Madison Township and enjoys traveling and recreational time spent on Lake Erie with her husband Anthony and children Brooklyr and Braxton. "Having lived exclusively in a township I understand 'township life' and the benefits it brings to its residents. I look forward to bringing my local government experience to Painesville Township in order to address not only those challenges that face Township government but also to preserve and enhance those benefits that Township living has to offer."

Per Board of Trustees Chairman Gabe Cicconetti, "On behalf of myself and my fellow Trustees, I want to express how happy we are to have Hollie joining us here in Painesville Township. It is never an easy task to fill such an important role like the Township Administrator. Finding someone like Hollie who possesses such a vast amount of experience in so many facets of local government is not something that happens very often; we feel blessed to have found a candidate like her. We expect nothing but great things from Hollie and know she will be a true asset to Painesville Township. We look forward to working with her to continue growing and improving our community. That being said, we wish Tony well in his new position and we are sad to see him go as he was really making a positive impact in our administration during his time here"



for Saturday, December 17th. Because the party has become so popular, admission is now through preregistration only. Currently, the event is fully booked, with a wait list, in case of cancellations. If you are pre-registered and your plans have changed, please let us know, so we can allow families on the wait list a chance to participate. Kids will have the opportunity to take a picture with Santa, create a holiday ornament, decorate a cookie and get their face painted!

As a reminder, only residents, who have pre-registered and received confirmation from the Township Hall will

be admitted.

FAMILY FUN DAY





ROAD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

From the Desk of Service Director Bill Thompson

The brush drop area located at the Service Garage (558 Fairport Nursery Road) is open on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This service is for Painesville Township residents only. Yard service contractors and landscapers are not permitted.

Our curbside Christmas Tree collection will begin on January 3rd and continue through January 20th, 2023. Please remove all lights and decorations before placing your tree at the curb. Winter weather conditions may impact this schedule but all trees placed at the curb will be picked up.

As the winter snowplow season approaches it is time to remove all obstacles from the road right-of-way. Obstacles such as cars, boats, trailers, portable basketball equipment, etc. present hazards for our snowplow operators.

Now is a good time to inspect your mailbox and make any needed repairs before snowplowing begins. Mailbox damage due to snowplowing can be reported at 440-352-2661. Please note that some roads in Painesville Township are plowed by ODOT or the Lake County Engineer's Department and their mailbox policy may be different than the Township's. To see which roads are plowed by other departments visit our

website at www.painesvilletwp.com and click on the Service Department tab.

It is important to keep drainage ditches free from leaves and debris to ensure proper drainage during a rain event. Please do not rake or blow your leaves into drainage ditches. This good neighbor policy helps avoid flooding problems in our neighborhoods.

