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**OPENING OF MEETING**

Mr. Ritter called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM Mr. Fiedeldey, with Mr. Wolterman, and Mrs. Harlow in attendance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Reuter requested the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to the employment and compensation of public employees and matters related to pending and imminent litigation.

At 5:09 PM, Mr. Fiedeldey made a motion to enter executive session and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter reconvened the meeting at 7:06 PM. Mr. Reuter said no decisions or actions were made in executive session.

**INVOCATION**

Mrs. Harlow offered the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All recited the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Ritter asked for corrections to the revised February 26, 2008, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Mr. Fiedeldey made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter asked for corrections to the draft of the March 11, 2008, regular meeting minutes. Mr. Fiedeldey said that it was he, not Mr. Ritter, who requested changes to the February 28, 2008, meeting minutes under the zoning public hearing.

Mr. Wolterman made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

**PRESENTATION**

**Keith Corman**

Mr. Ritter said he had the pleasure of serving with Keith Corman on this Board and called him a friend and colleague. This evening the Board will recognize his distinguished years of service and leadership with a resolution and plaque.

Mr. Ritter read Resolution 14-08, "Resolution Recognizing Service of Keith Niles Corman."

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Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman "Aye"

Chief Meloy, on behalf of the Police Department and the Citizen Police Academy Alumni, presented Keith with a plaque as well, in recognition of ten outstanding years of service to the citizens and employees of Colerain Township, January 1, 1998 - December 31, 2007, with deepest thanks and appreciation from the members of the Colerain Police Department and the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

#### **Tim McCrossen**

The Colerain Township Board of Trustees congratulated Dr. Timothy McCrossen for his accomplishments during the Indoor Track and Field World Master's Championship for the United States in Clermont, France. Dr. McCrossen, a chiropractic physician in Colerain Township and former Olympic bobsledder, won a Bronze medal in the 200 meter sprint and a Gold medal as part of the USA 4 X 200 meter relay. Dr. McCrossen recently qualified for the event by winning the men's 60 meter sprint as part of an invitational race at the USA Indoor Track and Field Nationals in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. McCrossen also trains local athletes in the Colerain Township community.

Dr. McCrossen thanked the Board and said this was the hardest week of racing he had ever experienced.

#### **POLICE REPORTS**

Lt. Schoonover of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office said the following statistics were generated in February 2008:

- 99 cases were assigned to the Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Section and 69 were closed, with \$122,276.00 in stolen property recovered.
- 12 D U I. arrests by County contract and non contract Deputies.
- 187 citations were issued by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Colerain Contract Cars plus 154 citations by Non Contract Deputies for a total of 341.

Police Chief Meloy said the Township's department issued 300 citations with 7 arrests for DUI.

#### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

##### **MR. FIEDELDEY**

Mr. Fiedeldey said that each year, we present a State of the Township to the business association in April. Each department head gives his/her goals and accomplishments to this group. He would like to have that as a township presentation, not just to a certain group. He suggested having this as a presentation by the trustees and the departments to all the citizens, like a townhall meeting. He said he is not sure if we can do it this year, but we should do it next year. He said we should have one townhall meeting that is inclusive with all business and residents.

Mr. Wolterman said that the information is always good. He said this has been a tradition of the CTBA. This could be held at a regular scheduled Trustee

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meeting night or at another venue. This is one reason why we need to take a look at cable or another medium.

Mr. Ritter said this is a good idea, and would like to think about it until next week. He said that a second session for 2008 might work, with a combined session in the future.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked about the issue on East Miami River Road with the Truman property. He asked Mr. Reuter for an update and said that it is a total mess. Mr. Reuter said this is pending in Common Pleas Court. Mr. Reuter said their zoning certificate has been revoked. Mr. Fiedeldey said they are still operating.

Mr. Fiedeldey said the Board has wanted to extend the fire and police levies with the interest money from the levies. He said that by law, the interest must be put into the general fund, but the Board can transfer the money to the Departments. For 2007, they will transfer \$200,000 from the general fund to the fire department, with the goal that we will have just a renewal and not an increase in 2010. The Police Department has been subsidized and there will not be a distribution for 2007 or 2008. Mr. Fiedeldey said we are doing what we can to make the levies stretch and be mindful of the residents' money.

**MR. WOLTERMAN**

Mr. Wolterman said that last week there was a basketball free throw contest benefitting the Skyline Community Center. He said about \$3,000 was raised for the community center. Mr. Wolterman offered his thanks to Larry Stone from Rumpke for organizing this.

**MR. RITTER**

Mr. Ritter said that he had nothing to report.

**CITIZEN ADDRESS**

Pauletta Crowley of the Northwest Local School District said they are planning a Townhall meeting on May 1 regarding underage drinking; this will detail the medical, physical, and legal ramifications of underage drinking. They want to get parents and students talking about this. Colerain Township police officer Andy Demeropolis will be among those on the panel. The event will be at Colerain High School, May 1, 2008, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Ms. Crowley said anyone in the community with teenagers is welcome.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Hiring Process**

Chief Meloy requested the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of Melissa J. Johnson for the position of full-time police officer. The position requested would fill the second of the four openings created through the separation of four officers from police service since 2007. Ms. Johnson's appointment will be contingent on her successful completion of a psychological and medical examination.

Ms. Johnson is a 2004 graduate of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Police Academy and has been employed as both a "Special" Deputy and "Road Patrol" Deputy while employed with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Because of that, she will begin her field training immediately upon hire. Ms. Johnson accepted a Conditional Offer of Employment pending her psychological and medical examinations as well as the approval of the Board of Trustees at a starting salary of \$20.55 an hour per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for new officers. Chief Meloy recommended the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of Ms. Johnson pending the results of the above mentioned examinations.

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Upon successful completion of the examinations and approval by the Board of Trustees, Ms. Johnson's tentative starting date would be Wednesday April 9, 2008.

Mr. Wolterman made a motion to approve the hiring and Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"  
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"  
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

##### **Allett Avenue Reconstruction Engineering**

Mr. McClain said that he brought up in our January 27, 2008 meeting how our #1 State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) application for the Reconstruction of Allett Avenue received a high score in 2007 and has potential to be approved in 2008 or 2009. With that information, the Department is pursuing to work with the Hamilton County Engineer's Office in obtaining Statements of Qualifications (RFQ's) from engineering firms for engineering of the project.

The Hamilton County Engineer sought proposals on the scope of services for the engineering of the Allett Avenue Reconstruction Project. Along with the County Engineer's office, he recommended the Board hire: JMA Consultants, Inc. for this project at a fee of \$53,200.00.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked if he is sure about getting the grant. Mr. McClain said that it is certain, based on last year's scores, that we will get the grant.

Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"  
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"  
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

#### **PARKS & SERVICES**

##### **2008 Special Events Budget**

Mr. Schwartzhoff said he provided the Board with a memo about this request for funding (singing?) for the Summer Events.

Mr. Ritter said the balance for Events Committee's is about \$50,000. He said the expenditures for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Spectacular are \$35,000 to \$40,000, but they take in about \$19,000.

Mr. Schwartzhoff requested the Board approve \$25,000 for the Summer Events.

In response to Mr. Fiedeldey's question, Mr. Ritter said that the funding is for both events, but the 4<sup>th</sup> has larger expenditures. Mr. Fiedeldey said that he is OK with the \$25,000 with the understanding that we'll look at it next year again.

Mr. Wolterman asked, "Who's the treasurer of the Committee?" Mr. Ritter said that it is Nancy Lindemood.

Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"  
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"  
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

**Clean Ohio Grant**

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Mr. Schwartzhoff said that the grant request for purchasing the property on Bevis Lane requires a resolution from the Board.

Mr. Schwartzhoff read Resolution 15-08, "Authorization to Apply for the State of Ohio's Clean Ohio Fund."

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

**LEGAL**

**Nuisance Abatement**

Mr. Reuter said we have had numerous complaints from adjoining property owners about this property on East Miami River Road. He has been investigating our legal remedies. Mr. Reuter said that Mr. Quinn has had conversations with the property owners. In the past, the Board has sought voluntary cooperation from owners to bring their properties into compliance.

Mr. Fiedeldey said that we have always tried to work with residents to alleviate problems. Our zoning inspector and administrator have attempted to do that over the last year. If the property owners refuse to do that, we have no choice but to take another step. The issue must be resolved.

Mr. Wolterman said he agrees with Mr. Fiedeldey on this. He asked if Mr. Reuter has spoken to any of the family. Mr. Reuter said that he has not, but Mr. Quinn has spoken with them. Mr. Wolterman asked about means of actions, which Mr. Reuter said can be filed in Common Pleas Court. Mr. Wolterman said that it would be appropriate to contact the owners again to see if there would be voluntary compliance. He would like one more opportunity to go face to face with the family to explain these are rules we must enforce.

Mr. Fiedeldey agrees. He said this meeting should be before the next Board of Trustees meeting. He said that we must see improvement or the Board will take action at the next meeting.

One of the owners, Stan Hackey, would like to meet with the attorney to establish a plan to get the property cleaned up.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Permanent Appropriations**

Mr. Foglesong requested the Board approve the 2008 permanent appropriations.

Mr. Fiedeldey said that he asked Mr. Foglesong to look at the actual expenditures versus the appropriations for 2007. He said there appears to be a large number, but this is to allow the Department Heads some leeway, because they do a good job and watch the money.

Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

**Pre-emption Contract with ODOT**

Mr. Foglesong said that we have received a request from ODOT to sign a maintenance agreement for the signal pre-emption system on Colerain Ave. He

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said that we are not sure what the costs will be since the system has not yet been installed.

Mr. Fiedelvey requested that the agreement is fair and equitable. It should be spelled out what they are going to do.

Mr. Wolterman asked if this will include the concrete barriers replacement and Mr. Foglesong said that it would not. Mr. Wolterman said that we should get the bid and then see what we have, as he does not trust them.

The Board told Mr. Foglesong to move forward

**NEW BUSINESS****FIRE DEPARTMENT****Pay Rate Changes**

Chief Smith requested the following pay rate changes:

Employee	Rate/hour	Rank	Effective Date
Curtis Haffey	\$13.83	FF/medic	3-18-08
Jeff Bischoff	\$13.04	FF/EMT/FAO	3-24-08
Jason Weghorn	\$13.04	FF/EMT/FAO	3-24-08

Mr. Fiedelvey asked if there were more changes than what the Board received. Chief Smith said there were some that he received later and wanted to keep the process moving, so he was requesting those now. Mr. Fiedelvey requested all of the pay rate change information be provided to the Board before the meeting.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Fiedelvey offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedelvey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

**POLICE DPARTMENT****Contractual Pay Journalization**

Chief Meloy said this information has been provided to Mrs. Harlow.

**PUBLIC WORKS****Part-time Seasonal Employees**

Mr. McClain requested the Board hire the following individuals as Part-Time Seasonal Maintenance Workers at \$9.23 / hr. effective March 26, 2008

- Alvin P. Schalk
- Stephen Mattingly

Mr. Fiedelvey made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedelvey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

**Pay Journalization**

Mr. McClain said Mr. Jason M. Haines is scheduled for a step increase to Maintenance Worker II-3C in accordance to the collective Bargaining agreement. This will take effect April 8, 2008

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**Heritage Park Flood**

Mr. Schwartzhoff showed the Board photos of the flooding at Heritage Park, at different dates and locations, with varying levels of flooding. He discussed the clean-up which began Monday.

Mr. Ritter and Mr. Fiedeldey commended Mr. Schwartzhoff for his presentation. Mr. Wolterman said that this is a natural area and asked if the sand should stay? He said the sand might stay in some areas, to promote the natural area. Mr. Schwartzhoff complimented Tawanna Molter for putting together the presentation.

**ZONING**

**People Working Cooperatively**

People Working Cooperatively (PWC) is a local non-profit that helps low-income homeowners make critical home repairs and weatherization improvements. When funds allow, they also provide help with minor repairs through a volunteer program. Services are provided according to income guidelines. PWC receives funding from the County, as well as private donations. They often run out of funds early in the year, however, due to numerous requests for their services.

A dedicated fund will be established at People Working Cooperatively to specifically benefit Colerain Township homeowners. Donations earmarked for Colerain Township will supplement their regular funding, helping to stretch dollars in our community when general funds have been exhausted. Donations are tax-deductible.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked about block grant money. Dr. Roschke said that she has not exhausted these funds, which do roll over to 2008. She said the income level is set so low that very few people qualify. Mr. Fiedeldey suggested we increase the income level. Mr. Foglesong said that we must meet the HUD requirements for income level. But, he said that we can increase the funds which we provide. Mr. Fiedeldey said that we could increase that to \$750. The other board members agreed. Mr. Foglesong said that we can check the income thresholds to be sure HUD did not increase those.

Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion to increase the funds to \$750 per application and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Approval to Support Funding for Groesbeck Park**

Mr. Foglesong said Representative Lou Blessing is seeking additional funding for the Groesbeck Park ball fields and has requested a letter of support for this project from the Township. Mr. Foglesong requested the Board authorize him to send a letter to Rep. Blessing expressing our continued support for the project.

Mr. Ritter read the letter.

Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

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Mrs. Harlow asked for approval of payroll, purchase orders, and receipts.

Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"  
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"  
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

The Fiscal Officer has recorded the following receipts:

<u>REC</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
149-2008	Holiday Extras Settle	Settlement Agreement	6.00
150-2008	Police Department	NV Comp & Immob Fee	100.00
151-2008	Police Department	Juv. Traffic Fines	24.50
152-2008	Police Department	Court Reimbursement	12.00
153-2008	Parks & Services	Ball Field Rental	400.00
154-2008	Parks & Services	Shelter Rental	455.00
155-2008	Police Department	Court Reimbursement	30.00
156-2008	Police Department	DUI Task Force Reimb	207.80
157-2008	Parks & Services	Refund on Lowes Acct.	320.53
158-2008	Public Works Dept.	Snow Removal	407.40
159-2008	Parks & Services	Ball Field Rental	200.00
160-2008	Police Department	DARE Grant Salaries	2,149.00
161-2008	Police Department	DUI, State, Drug Fines	1,524.20
162-2008	Fire & EMS Department	CTTC, Cell, CPR, Class	6,698.77
163-2008	Fire & EMS Department	EMS Billing	10,034.69
164-2008	Sr & Community Center	Fees, Rent, Lunch	4,466.10
165-2008	David Foglesong	Cell Calls	13.00
166-2008	Parks & Services	Cell Calls	52.00
167-2008	Police Department	Test Money	20.00
168-2008	Frank Birkenhauer	Cell Calls	25.35
169-2008	Independent Energy C.	Jan 2008 Commissions	3,473.78
170-2008	Fire & EMS Department	Plan Reviews	425.00
171-2008	Dusty Rhodes, Auditor	Municipal Court Fines	5,145.95
172-2008	Dusty Rhodes, Auditor	Tipping Fees	412.68
173-2008	Dusty Rhodes, Auditor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2007 RRI Award	16,827.38
174-2008	Dusty Rhodes, Auditor	Estate Tax 1 <sup>st</sup> Half	243,767.92
175-2008	Zoning Department	Certificates	1,050.00
176-2008	Police Department	Court Reimbursement	12.00
177-2008	Police Department	February Reports	16.45
178-2008	Police Department	January Reports	21.15
179-2008	Fire & EMS Department	Plan Review	75.00
180-2008	Zoning Department	Certificates	997.00
181-2008	Sr & Community Center	Fees, Don, Rent, Lunch	694.40
182-2008	Fire & EMS Department	Inspection Fee	15.00
183-2008	Rumpke Landfill	Feb Solid Waste Dispos	65,630.86

Mrs. Harlow said that she has received word from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control about a new license request for Logans Roadhouse Inc., DBA Logans Roadhouse, 3720 Stone Creek Blvd. She said that she has checked with Chief Meloy and Dr. Roschke about this and neither feels the need for a public hearing. The Board agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, at 8:30 PM, Mr. Wolterman motioned for adjournment. Mr. Fiedeldey offered a second.

Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"



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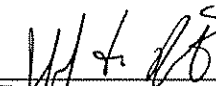
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Mr. Ritter. "Aye"  
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

  
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