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OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Ritter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with Mr. Fiedeldey, Mr. Wolterman, and Mrs. Harlow in attendance. Mr. Ritter said there was no 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 May 13, 2008, regular meeting minutes.

Mrs. Harlow thanked Mr. Ritter for pointing out some typographical errors which will be corrected. She also said that she included incorrect figures in the appropriation adjustment request and will correct those.

Mr. Fiedeldey said that under the discussion about Colerain Avenue, it was really ODOT who suggested taking the light out at Dry Ridge. Mr. Fiedeldey said that it was Mr. Ritter, not himself, who made the motion for the recess at 9 PM.

Under citizen address, Mr. Wolterman asked that "in their neighborhood" be added to the sentence about asking citizens to get involved.

Mr. Wolterman motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

PRESENTATION

Municipal Clerk's Honor Roll Award Recipient – Mrs. Harlow

Dr. Roschke said that she nominated Mrs. Harlow for the Municipal Clerk's Honor Roll, presented by General Code. She said the nominations were awarded for "Municipal Clerk's Week," May 4th - May 10th. She said she nominated Mrs. Harlow for the work she has done for the Township.

Hamilton County Development Company CRA – Ms. Fitzgerald

Catherine Fitzgerald of the Hamilton County Development Company spoke to the Board about their Community Reinvestment Area program. She said this proposal is for a second CRA area in Colerain Township. She said the CRA's purpose is to encourage development where it has been discouraged in residential, commercial and retail instances. It does not reduce the existing property taxes.

Mr. Fiedeldey said this is a well-kept secret. Mr. Birkenhauer said there was information in the *Northwest Press* and our newsletter. Mr. Birkenhauer said this is only at the Northbrook Village Shopping Center and he will share the boundaries with the Board.

Minutes of

REGULAR

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS, PUBLISHERS, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Form 6101

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Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Dietrich-Dudas said that the shaded portion of the map provided to the Board is the proposed new area. Mr. Birkenhauer said he does not request the Board's action tonight.

Mr. Ritter said that he would want to get a sense of the Board's direction. Mr. Ritter said these areas are prime for doing something.

Mr. Wolterman agreed and asked about the depth of the district coming off of Colerain Avenue as it is varied. He suggested the Board consider if the depth should be greater and if it is large enough to accommodate what might be needed.

Mr. Birkenhauer said the area must be contiguous. He said that they could not justify going on to certain streets as they are not dis-invested areas.

Mr. Fiedeldey thanked them for their presentation and said that whatever it takes to get some development south of Galbraith Road should be done.

Ms. Fitzgerald said that the boundary must be established and then they will determine the criteria.

POLICE REPORTS

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

- 111 cases were assigned to the Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Section and 57 were closed, with \$75,900 in stolen property recovered.
- 11 D.U.I. arrests by County contract and non-contract deputies.
- 189 citations were issued by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office by Colerain cars.
- 142 cites by non-contract deputies with a total of 331.

Police Chief Meloy said the Township's department issued 231 citations with 13 arrests for DUI.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

MR. FIEDELDEY

Mr. Fiedeldey said that he serves on the Hamilton County Solid Waste Policy Committee and said the City of Cincinnati asked about receiving funding for clean-up of Over-the-Rhone and 16 other neighborhoods. He said the Policy Committee determined that four communities should be from townships and four communities should be from municipalities. He said that every two weeks, deputies from the Justice Center and those in their custody would clean-up those areas. Mr. Fiedeldey asked Mr. Foglesong to sign up for this. Mr. Fiedeldey said that Colerain Township is why the policy committee gets this money. Mr. Fiedeldey said he had a conversation with the Solid Waste District's director and that this is forthcoming, within the next month or so, and it will be under our direction. He feels this is a prudent way to address this issue.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked about the Raisch property and said they were to begin cleanup on May 9. He also asked if we have received a copy of the agreement. Mr. Reuter said this has not yet been received, but he has written them a letter.

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asking for copy of the contract with the scrap dealer for clean-up. He said they need to meet to prepare a detailed forbearance agreement, benchmarks for cleaning-up and areas to be cleaned up first. He said there is no forbearance agreement with the heirs. Mr. Fiedeldey said he brought this up because Mr. Wolterman brought it up a few meetings ago. He said that there is a developer on Day Road who is spending a lot of money to develop new homes and they now look over this junk yard. Mr. Fiedeldey asked Dr. Roschke if we could see if they have been cleaning up yet.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked about the Housing Court. Mr. Reuter said that he is in the process of complying with the Board's directive for knowing which properties would be taken to Municipal Court. He said these properties were presented to him by zoning inspectors and he has drafted complaints and affidavits. He said they are waiting on personal identifying information by written request to the BMW. Then, they will complete the summons and get it on the housing docket.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked why they need to go to the BMV and why we need their social security number. Mr. Reuter said this is a criminal case and the court wants this information on the summons to be sure they have the right person.

Mr. Fiedeldey said that the housing court was set-up for the City of Cincinnati. He asked if they give the court the same information. Mr. Reuter said that he is not certain, but assumes that they are required to submit the same summons.

Mr. Fiedeldey said that our staff has to be getting frustrated with this. If we don't have any teeth, what's the point? What can we do to help you get this going forward?

Mr. Reuter said that as soon as the information is received from the DMV, he will file these. He said that in the future he hopes to set-up templates to allow the inspectors to do this without him. Mr. Fiedeldey asked about what other communities are doing. Mr. Reuter said Green Township has had all cases paid out instead of going to court. He said we don't want to follow this model as we want compliance.

Mr. Fiedeldey thanked Mr. Reuter for his explanation and said that they are doing things the way they should be done.

Mr. Fiedeldey said he was reading the property transfer records in the Northwest press and noticed that half of the homes sold are going back to the lender or being sold at \$30,000-\$50,000 prices that will probably be set-up for section 8. He said we are trying to improve property values. We have good tools to be sure properties are maintained. He said that in Northbrook, some streets are very nice and others have boarded up houses. In the past, many streets have not looked so good. He said that other townships have higher property values. He asked the other Board members, "What do we do"?

Mr. Ritter said that we are in a unique market situation.

Mr. Wolterman said that Colerain Township is a very diverse township, both economically and socially. We mirror the most fortunate and the least fortunate. How can we help those people? He said we need to be careful to not be punitive to our residents telling them what and how to do things. He said we are here not to judge, but to help improve the Township.

Mr. Fiedeldey said that we are here to lead as well. We need to keep things clean, neat and tidy.

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Mr Reuter said that there are a record number of foreclosures. We can, as a Township, enforce the nuisance and the property maintenance codes. With uncut grass and weeds, we are processing a record number of these complaints. It takes 6-8 weeks to do this in accord with the statute. He suggested that a legislative fix might be needed, much like declaring an emergency as with snow removal. He said this is a way to avoid the anticipated nuisance. When the taxes get paid, we get paid.

Mr. Fiedeldey suggested Mr. Reuter look into this further. The other Board members agreed.

MR. WOLTERMAN

Pass.

MR. RITTER

Mr. Ritter said that he wished to thank Immanuel Baptist Church for hosting a Police Memorial Service on Friday. He said he was honored to attend. He said that despite occasional rumors of friction between the Sheriff's Office and Township officers, the lunch tables were filled with a mix of officers, from each department, clearly enjoying each other's company.

Mr. Ritter discussed the Memorial Committee. He said that it is comprised of members of the Fire Department, Fire Union, Police Department, Police Union, Mr. Schwartzhoff and the Trustee appointees. Mr. Ritter said his appointee is Elle Koch-McVeigh of Daleview. Mr. Fiedeldey said he wished to appoint Carol Ambach. Mr. Wolterman will have his nominee at the next meeting.

CITIZEN ADDRESS

James Emmerson of Sunlight Drive thanked Mr. McClain for the tree and stump removal process. He said they have a very good and professional department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**FIRE DEPARTMENT****Full-time Hire**

Chief Smith recommended Matt Vangen to be hired as a career firefighter/paramedic at the contractual rate of \$40,575.52 (FF/P1). Matt will serve in a one-year probationary status. Matt will be filling our current firefighter/paramedic/vacancy.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second.

Chief Smith discussed his process for determining who to promote. He said there is a process and Matt scored high.

The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"

Mr. Ritter "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman "Aye"

POLICE DEPARTMENT**Hiring Process Update**

Chief Meloy updated the Board: as of this meeting, the background portion of the process has been completed. As of this evening, no candidates remain in the

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police officer hiring process. From the original 97 applicants, two officers were identified as outstanding candidates and hired as police officers. One police officer position remains unfilled after concluding the process. He said that no other candidates met the requirements. He said they do have applications on file from those who applied after the closure of the hiring period.

PARKS & SERVICES

Heritage Park Irrigation

Mr. Schwartzhoff said that the Trustees have previously passed a motion to proceed with getting bids on the irrigation. He said that they are looking at a design-bid process. He said he hopes to go out for bid by the first week of June. Mr. Fiedeldey asked about the costs. Mr. Schwartzhoff said they will use \$55,000 as a benchmark.

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

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

ZONING

Property Maintenance Code

Dr. Roschke showed a map with the violations which have been addressed. There have been 546 property maintenance code violations over the last year. Of those, half are in compliance, 22% are open and 15% are scheduled for follow-up. 11% are ready for final notices and awaiting housing docket process. She said the inspector, Mr. Dilbert, has covered 20% of the Township area in this first year. She estimated 3-4 years to get to the rest of the Township before we start back on the sweep process. She said it is a slower process because of having to follow-up on current open violations.

Mr. Fiedeldey said that 5 years to go through the Township is unacceptable. He said we can't wait another four years as areas need to be gone through again. He suggested more staff.

Mr. Ritter said that he agrees with more staff and suggested we bring someone on as quickly as possible.

Dr. Roschke said they are maxed out and can only continue at the pace they are doing. She said Mr. Dilbert is addressing complaints and working his way across the Township.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked about additional clerical help. Dr. Roschke said that it is not needed as most of it is forms, and Mr. Dilbert and any new person would do most of their own paperwork.

Mr. Wolterman said that the Board has set standards and Dr. Roschke should come to the Board with recommendations for staffing.

Mr. Ritter said that we are in a unique environment, and feels that we need to act immediately. Mr. Ritter made such a motion to hire one additional part-time inspector. Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second saying that we need to move as aggressively as possible.

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Mr. Wolterman said that he understands that we want to get this done, but cautions that we must set standards and follow those. This must be objectively looked at to see if the positions are justified.

Mr. Fiedeldey said that we are saying that we are trying to maintain property values.

The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Abstain" in absence of a plan

Mr. Fiedeldey motioned for a five-minute recess at 8:30 PM. Mr. Ritter offered the second. Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter called the meeting back to order at 8:35 PM.

ADMINISTRATION

Cincy-Scape Update

Mr. Foglesong said that he had hoped to have response back this afternoon, but said that his contact has not yet received costs from production.

HC Community Development

Mr. Foglesong said that the 2009-2011 budget is being set in November. We need to let the county and federal agency know if we want to opt-out of the program.

The Board agreed that we do not want to opt-out. We do want to continue to receive funds.

In response to Mr. Fiedeldey's question, Mr. Foglesong said this does not have anything to do with subsidized housing.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Department Chaplain

Chief Smith asked the Board to appoint Brother Tyrone Patrick as a chaplain with the department. Brother Patrick is a chaplain for the Cincinnati Fire Division and has unselfishly given his time to our organization since the untimely deaths of Captain Broxterman and Firefighter Schira. As a department chaplain, Tyrone will be available to talk with employees as needed. He will also be available for formal events where the services of a chaplain may be desired. Brother Patrick will serve in a volunteer capacity with the department if appointed by the Board.

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

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

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Donation Acceptance

Chief Smith asked the Board to accept the following donations;

William and Alice Merkel	\$100.00
Ohio State Eagles Charity fund	\$2500.00
Mercy Hospital Auxiliary	\$100.00
Wal-Mart	\$5000.00

Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. Mr. Ritter asked that Chief Smith prepare thank you notes for the Board to sign. Chief Smith said that notes have already been sent. The roll was called:

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

POLICE DPARTMENT

Donation Acceptance

Chief Meloy requested the Board accept the donation from Wal-Mart at 10240 Colerain Avenue of \$2,500 00.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Seasonal Part-time Hire

Mr McClain requested the Board hire the following individuals as part-time Seasonal Maintenance Workers at \$9.23 / hr., effective May 28, 2008:

- Andrew D. Bittner
- Jacob S. Rader
- Robert J. Fritsch

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

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

SENIOR CENTER

Donation Acceptance

Mrs. Klosterman requested the Board accept the donation from Wal-Mart at 10240 Colerain Avenue of \$1,000.

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

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

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Teens and Piano Technology

Mrs. Klosterman said that the Teens and Piano Technology program will come to the Senior Center June 18 - August 6. This opportunity for youth will be facilitated by Andrew Millar from CCM.

PARKS & SERVICES**Rivers Unlimited Update**

Mr. Schwartzhoff said Rivers Unlimited will launch the Adopt-a-Stream Program at Heritage Park on Saturday, July 12, 2008, at 9 AM. They estimate about 20 people will attend. The purpose of the event will be to give participants training and to increase support and awareness of the program, which will benefit the Great Miami in Colerain Township and the rest of the river's 27 lower miles. Activities will include a talk on the park's rain garden, canoe instruction and presentations on the Adopt-a-Stream program and river stewardship.

ZONING**Nuisance Resolution**

Dr. Roschke read Resolutions 52-08 and 53-08, which both establish a need for abatement of uncontrolled vegetation and/or refuse and debris at various properties in the Township.

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

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

Request for Public Hearing**ZA 2008-1 Sexually Oriented Business Overlay & ZA 2008-2 Text Amendments**

Dr. Roschke suggested the Board set the hearing for these amendments for the June 10, 2008, regular meeting at 8:30 PM.

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

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

ADMINISTRATION**Employee Picnic**

Mr. Foglesong came to the Board with a request to approve the budget for the employee picnic on July 25, 2008. He requested the Board approve a figure not to exceed \$8,000. He said this would include employees and their immediate families with entertainment, a DJ, activities for families and children, food and refreshments and a small employee gift,

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second.

Mr. Fiedeldey said that a sit-down dinner for volunteers at the Senior Center was \$1,500 for 100 people. This would only be 150 to 175 people. Mr. Foglesong said this would be a whole afternoon. Mr. Fiedeldey said that it seems excessive. Mr. Foglesong reviewed the budget estimates: \$3,000 for food, \$650

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DJ, \$2,000 youth games, \$1176 adult gambling games, \$600 gifts, and \$100.00 food for on-duty personnel.

Mr. Wolterman said that each department had a representative on the committee and each person chaired a part of the day. The reasoning behind an employee picnic is to foster good inter-departmental relationships, recognize our employees are valuable and their accomplishments. He feels this is reasonable. We can go cheap, but these are recommendations from employees to make the day fun and enjoyable.

Mr. Fiedeldey said he agrees with some of what Mr. Wolterman said.

The roll was called:

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

Central Fueling Station

Mr. Foglesong said that everyone can agree that fuel costs are out of control. For our diesel vehicles, we have on-site fueling. But, for gasoline vehicles, we do not have this. We used about 4,000 gallons each month. He said we could receive \$3.36/gallon on bulk pricing. He requested the Board's authority to proceed with investigating this.

Mr. Fiedeldey questioned the capacity of the tank and the pricing, as he feels the price is too low and you can't buy gasoline for this price. Chief Meloy said that it changes each week on Monday and these prices were as of a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Wolterman cautioned about remediation and Mr. Foglesong said this will be an above ground double-walled tank.

Mr. Foglesong said the tank will be placed near the cell-tower.

Mr. Fiedeldey suggested they also price a smaller tank, 8,000 gallons.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

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

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Fiedeldey 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>
305-2008	Abitibi – Consolidated	Recycle Bins	62.22
306-2008	Judy Wernicke	Postage	0.42
307-2008	Fire & EMS Department	Cell, Reimb, CTTC, etc.	6,149.54
308-2008	Fire & EMS Department	EMS Billing	42,759.02
309-2008	Parks & Services	Shelters	130.00
310-2008	Fire & EMS Department	CPR Class	100.00
311-2008	OTARMA	Board Meeting	718.18
312-2008	Fire & EMS Department	1 st Quarter Lodging Tax	671.18

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313-2008	Dusty Rhodes – Auditor	Memo Receipt	
314-2008	Dusty Rhodes – Auditor	Tipping Fees	375.97
315-2008	Zoning Department	Certificates	505.00
316-2008	Police Department	Court Reimbursement	48.00
317-2008	Parks & Services	Pd In 2x Summer Movie	271.00
318-2008	Police Department	Juvenile Traffic Fines	13.00
319-2008	Police Department	Court Reimbursement	66.00
320-2008	Sr & Community Center	Fees, Don, Lunch	207.10
321-2008	Zoning Department	Certificates	976.20
322-2008	T-Mobile	Cell Tower Thom/Spring	54,450.00
323-2008	Independ Energy Cons.	March 2008 Commiss.	3,391.56
324-2008	Fire & EMS Department	Plan Reviews	275.00
325-2008	Police Department	Court Reimbursement	114.00
326-2008	Sr & Community Center	Crafts, Fees, Rent, lunch	2,025.35
327-2008	Frank Birkenhauer	Cell Calls	22.00
328-2008	Parks & Services	Cell Calls	60.00
329-2008	Public Works Dept.	Snow Removal	100.00
330-2008	Public Works Dept.	Snow Removal	184.50
331-2008	Public Works Dept.	Snow Removal	254.10
332-2008	OTARMA	Repairs to Fire Car	1,405.37
333-2008	Fire & EMS Department	Plan Review & Foster	90.00
334-2008	Rumpke Landfill	Solid Waste Disposal	77,680.35

Mrs. Harlow requested the Board approve an appropriation adjustment from 1000-910-910-0500 (transfers out) to 1000-910-910-0000 (transfers out dues and fees) in the amount of \$215,000.

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

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

Mr. Ritter asked if there is any other further business.

Mr. Fiedelkey said that we have set June 25 for state of the Township. He asked how we will market it. Mr. Foglesong said we will request that it be in the Northwest Press and Cincinnati Enquirer.

Mr. Foglesong said that we will have the Clippard Park work session at 5 PM on June 25 and requested the Board set a special meeting. Mr. Fiedelkey made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. Mr. Wolterman said that we need to have an agenda for the work session. The roll was called:

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

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ADJOURNMENT

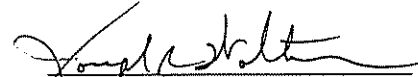
With no further business to come before the Board, at 9:04 PM, Mr Fiedeldey motioned for adjournment. Mr. Wolterman offered a second.


Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"

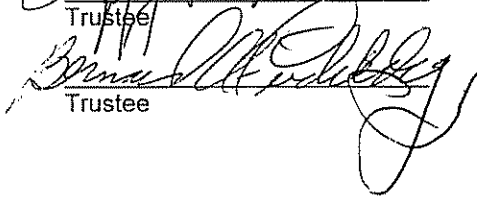
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"


Fiscal Officer


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