

May 6, 2020

Approve Minutes

Vote:	Fischer	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea

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Received the Dog Wardens Report for the week ending May 4, 2020 with 2 dogs picked up by the Warden, 1 dog brought in as a stay, 1 dog euthanized, 1 dog license sold, 1 dog sold, 2 dogs per owner surrender, 2 citations issued, 26 calls handled for a total of \$72.00 in fees collected.

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Request for Payment – B-C-19-1AP-1

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign a Request for Payment and Status of Funds Report for Grant B-C-19-1AP-1 in the amount of \$1,454.00 as requested by Mr. John Cleek, CDC of Ohio.

Vote:	Fischer	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea

Certification of Accuracy – CCCTA Grant Applications

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shryock to sign a Certification of Accuracy for the electronic submission of funding through the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 5311 and 5339 grant application as requested by Ms. Valerie Shaw, CCCTA Director.

Vote:	Fischer	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea

Medicaid Waiver Renewal – CCCTA

Mr. Shryock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to sign documents for the Medicaid Waiver Renewal for the Coshocton County Coordinated Transportation Agency as requested by Ms. Valerie Shaw, CCCTA Director.

Vote:	Fischer	yea
	Shryock	yea
	Lee	yea

Meetings Attended

Mr. Lee had an FCFC Meeting via Zoom on May 5, 2020.

Kirk Drain Discussion

Mr. Jason Given, County Prosecutor, Ms. Deb Bigelow and Mr. Ryan Medley, Soil & Water Conservation District, Mayor Steven Bordenkircher and Mr. Chris Menapace, Village of West Lafayette attended the meeting at the request of the Commissioners to discuss the Kirk Drain. Mr. Fischer opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He stated that there have been a lot of concerns about the Kirk Drain issue and what possible solutions are available for this situation. Mr. Shryock stated that one thing that is important is that people understand the responsibilities of the Commissioners by law. The drain was installed in 1890 and is owned and controlled by the properties owners where it lies. It was put in for drainage and not flood control. In 1945 the Soil & Water Conservation District was notified that it was no longer functioning. So, this is not a new issue and has been ongoing for many years. The Mills apartment and the High School are in two separate water sheds. He then stated that grant requests have been submitted to the State of Ohio and the Federal Government for funding to fix this watershed. Mr. Menapace asked if the county has any responsibility for draining water to the river. Mr. Given stated that under the law the property owners can come together to petition the Commissioners to put in some type of drainage system and then the landowners would be assessed those costs as well as a maintenance charge. This must be coordinated by the landowners to begin with. Mr. Menapace asked if the Muskingum Watershed would have any responsibility here. Mr. Given explained that the Muskingum Watershed could be approached and asked for assistance by the landowners. Mr. Bordenkircher asked who bares the cost of the engineering to fix this drain as the Village was affected by this flooding. He stated that he is getting requests from residents of the village and outside the village asking what is going to be done and if he understands correctly, a very large group of people must get together and come up with funding to get this started. Mr. Menapace stated that he has had several meetings with the Army Corps of Engineers and he shared their thoughts. Mr. Medley explained what would need to be done in order to achieve this. He then explained how the natural basins have been invaded by new construction and even more issues have occurred. He explained what happened and how the Kirk Drain failed and why it will continue to

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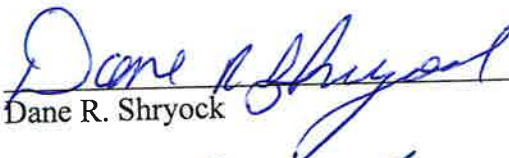
He explained that what is occurring is natural flow of the water and the homeowners are not doing anything to alter the flow of the water. Mr. Menapace asked how we can fix this then. Mr. Given stated that a plan needs to be created and then there would need to be a legal mechanism to achieve the plan and then also have easements and agreement of all the landowners. With all this being said, it must be understood that the landowners will be assessed for this being put in place at whatever it costs. Mr. Medley then explained the plan that Soil & Water came up with for a solution to the Kirk Drain issue. Mr. Menapace stated that he has talked with Muskingum Watershed and discussed some of these issues. He stated that he was told by them that they cannot do anything about this issue. Mr. Given explained a little bit about how their court worked and how it would proceed if they would go that route. He is not certain how to get the issue in front of the Conservancy Court though. So, he feels there are legal mechanisms that are in place to solve some of these issues. Mr. Menapace asked what the plan moving forward would be and what the Village needs to do to move this forward. Mr. Given stated that it has to start with the landowners. Once that occurs, then they can bring the County or other government agencies into play. Mr. Menapace asked how to get the landowners involved. Mr. Medley stated that Soil Water's next step is to contact the landowners and explain the issue and possibilities to correct it. Mr. Fischer then asked how their Storm Sewer System functioned. Mayor Bordenkircher stated that they only have storm sewer in part of the Village, but not the area that is having the biggest issue. Mr. Bordenkircher also stated that the existing storm sewer can only handle a 2 inch rain fall. Mr. Fischer informed the Village that they could apply for CDBG Critical Infrastructure Funding to address this issue through our office. The Commissioners will provide contact information for Mr. John Cleek, CDC of Ohio, the County's grant administrator. Mr. Fischer thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

At 1:00 p.m., Mr. Fischer adjourned the meeting.



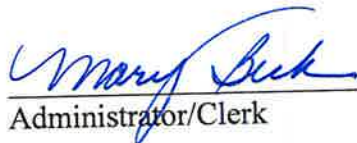
Gary L. Fischer



Dane R. Shryock



D. Curtis Lee



Administrator/Clerk