

## 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 Trustee Josh Pennock

It is looking like 2021 is going to be a busy year around the Township. Bids were opened in the month of February for three large road improvement projects that will begin in the spring.

- Our Ohio Public Work Commission (OPWC) project will complete the reconstruction of Bridle Path and Bayberry Ct South and continue concrete slab replacements on Heatherstone Dr, Fanwood Dr, and Dartmouth Dr. The Township will pay approximately \$400,000 for this work and our OWPC grant will cover the remaining \$300,000.
- The Township has joined forces with Concord Township to bid a joint asphalt resurfacing project totaling approximately \$1 million. Based on past experience, combining our projects into a single, larger, project will result in lower costs for both communities. The Painesville Township portion of the project is estimated at \$425,000 and will resurface Bartwood Dr, Base Dr, Greenwich Ct, Hampton Ct, Manhattan Parkway, Middleton Dr, Morgan Dr, Park Road Ext, Queens Ct, Ridgecrest Dr, Sivon Dr, Statten Ct and Westchester Ct.
- The Lake County Engineer's Office has bid a \$1.8 million project to upgrade Madison Ave in Painesville Twp., Perry Twp., and the City of Painesville. Construction will begin by repairing the retaining wall failure that resulted in the road being closed between Woodworth Ave and Virginia Dr last spring. The catch basins will be reconstructed, new guardrail will be installed, and four inches of asphalt will be removed and replaced. Work should be completed this fall.

In the August newsletter, Trustee Hillier shared with you improvements that were being designed to reduce odors emanating from the Lake County Landfill. At that time, \$150,000 in improvements had been made to the facility with additional improvements being designed. I am pleased to share with you that earlier this year the County

Commissioners approved a \$485,000 contract with American Environmental Group for the installation of nine additional methane extraction wells and associated piping at the landfill. There is currently no financially viable market for the methane gas and it is therefore flared-off on site.

I would like to highlight a few of the recent donations that the Township Fire Department has received. We are very grateful to have support from these businesses.

- Madison Avenue Greenhouse donated poinsettias to several first responders in Lake County. In the days before Christmas, I helped distribute these flowers to fire stations in Painesville Twp., Concord Twp., Grand River, and the City of Painesville.
- I recently worked with Moen to secure donations totaling over \$2,500. The new shower fixtures and faucets will be used in the upgrades we are making at Station 2 to improve the working conditions for our firefighters and paramedics.
- Early in 2020 Dizer Corporation, located on Mentor Ave in the Township, made a financial donation to the Fire Department in support of Ian, our accelerant K-9. The Paw Wash, also located on Mentor Ave in the Township, offers Ian free wash services after working a fire scene.
- Sheriff Frank Leonbruno has informed us that the Sheriff's Department will donate a 2016 Ford Explorer patrol vehicle to the Fire Department to use when we transport our fire accelerant detection K-9, Ian.

Be on the look-out for future updates from me on Painesville Municipal Electric and the rate surcharge they levy on Township residents. I recently met with the Council President and look forward to being part of their Electric Committee to discuss proposed rate changes. If there is anything I can help you with or clarify, you can contact me at Josh@painesvilletwp.com or call/text me at 440-227-1945.

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## HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT in OPEN and TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT



The Ohio Auditor of State, Keith Faber has awarded Painesville Township its highest award for our most recent audit. The audit covers the fiscal years 2018 and 2019. The award recognizes local governments who maintain excellent records and complies with all accounting and audit requirements. This is the first time that Painesville Township has been given this recognition. While the Township's past audits have always been good with no findings by the Auditor's Office, the Trustees have implemented newer controls to assure that the taxpayers' money is managed in the most responsible manner possible. The Trustees have always been committed to transparency, and participate in the Auditor's programs such as Open Checkbook and registering for notifications from the Auditor's Office if the bank reconciliation fails to be completed timely.

"The Board believes its most critical responsibility is to manage the taxpayers' money to ensure efficiency and long term fiscal stability" said Trustee Chairman Josh Pennock.

## TOWNSHIP NOTES

2020 was certainly a challenge for our residents, businesses, and your Township. The Township Administration and Departments all had to make changes quickly to adapt and continue to provide the services that our residents count on. Unfortunately, we had to cancel four of our six community events. (We were able to hold Resident Document Shredding Day, and recognize our Beautiful Lawn Award winners.) Going into 2021 we do not know when large gatherings will be permitted, but the Trustees are planning for six community events. We are currently planning for:

- The St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March 14
- Family Movie Night on Saturday, July 10
- Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 28
- Resident Document Shredding Day on Saturday, September 18
- The Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 11
- Beautiful Lawn Awards, June, July, and August

Residents and businesses were recognized with our annual Beautiful Lawn Awards. The following homes and businesses were recognized for maintaining exceptional landscaping in their yards:

### June

140 Hickory Hill  
177 Fairfield Rd.  
1334 Bannerstone Dr.  
1029 Madison Ave.

### July

960 Pebble Beach Cove  
130 Arbordale Ln.  
867 Maplewood Ave.  
1700 Mentor Ave.

### August

210 Mill Morr Rd.  
1455 Amberwood Ln.  
220 Ridgecrest Dr.  
239 Mountainside Dr.  
37 Ridgecrest Dr.

The Township saw 140 new houses built.

We had 14 new businesses open in the Township. The Township Zoning Department issued an additional 322 permits for decks, pools, fences, sheds, and other construction and improvement projects.

The Trustees donated 2,000 face masks to Project Hope.

2020 was the third year that the Township has received a grant from NOPEC to make energy improvements at our five Township buildings. We have been able to make the following improvements to our buildings at no cost to the Township.

- We replaced the heating and air conditioning units in four of our five buildings. Plus one of the furnaces at the Service Garage.
- We replaced the lights in Township Hall with LED lights.
- Replaced the two doors at Township Hall. (old and rusted)
- We replaced the windows at Station One.
- Built a 'man door' at the Service Garage so we do not have to open the large garage doors every time we go in and out of the garage.
- Installed insulation in the bay ceilings at all three fire stations.

The Trustees continue to work on developing two new community parks for Painesville Township.

- The park on Bowhall Road has had trees and land cleared for the park. We are currently raising funds from donations and grants to fund construction and the amenities for the park.
- The Clyde C. Hadden Park was purchased from the Riverside Local School District. The Trustees are currently in the design stages to add a pavilion and some amenities. A big thank you to Ralph Wilson and Classic GMC

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Fire Department Receives Award to Purchase New Cardiac Monitors

On September 1, 2020 the Painesville Township Fire Department received the "Assistance to Fire Department Grant" from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$112,695 to purchase three new cardiac monitor/defibrillators. The corresponding match for the department for this grant was \$10,269. The purpose of the AFG grant is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters by providing direct financial assistance for critically needed resources. The AFG grant is highly competitive and is designed to assist fire departments based on funding priorities established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Panels of judges from FEMA rank all submitted applications to evaluate how well the applications match with pre-established criteria. These rankings are then paired with available funds until all of the grant funds are depleted.

The department used the AFG grant to purchase three new Lifepak 15 Monitor/Defibrillators. These monitor/defibrillators have replaced equipment that was considered obsolete and no longer being supported by the manufacturer. The new monitors have advanced capabilities that will provide the department's paramedics the best possible tools to make clinical decisions in the field and provide the best possible care for its patients.

Keeping the department's lifesaving equipment and technology up-to-date is important and has always been a priority for the department. The funding of the AFG grant has allowed the department's emergency medical crews to pur-

chase the most reliable and best possible equipment to provide better patient care for Painesville Township residents. In addition to the increased capabilities and reliability for patients, the monitors have the added feature of CO monitoring built in to the units. This allows for firefighters to check the carbon monoxide levels of a patient in the event of a CO emergency in a home or business and gives the department the ability to monitor firefighters during and after fires to detect CO exposure and provide intervention when needed.

With the purchase of these new monitor/defibrillators, the department has now enhanced their ability to determine the appropriate care and transport destination for patients during medical emergencies which allows them to provide the highest quality care and ensures the best possible outcome for all patients.

The Fire Department is proud to have one of the only arson detection K-9 dogs in the State. The vehicle that Lt. Gordon Thompson uses to transport 'Theo' to arson investigations is a 2006 car that needs to be replaced. Lake County Sheriff Frank Leonbruno has stepped up and offered to donate a vehicle that is being replaced to be the Township's new arson K-9 vehicle. The car is a 2016 Ford Explorer. Thank you Sheriff Leonbruno for this very timely cooperative effort to keep our arson K-9 in service!



## ROAD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

In 2020 the Service Department hauled 527 truckloads of brush that Township residents dropped off at the Brush Drop area located at the Service Garage. We also hauled 188 truckloads of leaves to local nurseries for recycling.

The brush, leaf, and yard waste drop off area will re-open for the 2021 season on Wednesday March 31st and will remain open on Wednesdays and Saturdays until December 4th. This service is for Painesville Township residents only. Hours are Wednesdays from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The brush drop area is located off of Post Road adjacent to the Service Garage.

The annual curbside residential brush collection will be on Monday June 7th. All brush must be tied in bundles not exceeding four feet in length and placed at the curb by 7:30 am.

Timely ditch and stream management on your property is crucial to preventing flooding during normal rain events. As the spring approaches, please follow these tips to keep our ditches and streams flowing freely.

- Routinely check ditch channels for debris and new trash. Remove any trash and excessive debris immediately. Some woody debris is good for habitat.
- Never dump yard waste along a ditch bank. The waste will destabilize the banks which kill plants and the root system. Healthy vegetation stabilizes the banks.
- Never use heavy equipment (including riding mowers) within 10 feet of a ditch or stream.
- Clear any brush and debris from both sides of your driveway pipes.
- Do not blow or rake grass into a ditch or stream.

As the winter weather season winds down, our crews will be patching potholes as needed throughout the Township. If you know of a hole needing patched, please contact our Service Department at 440-352-2661. Not all roads in the Township are maintained by our Service Department. A list of roads in Painesville Township that are maintained by the Lake County Engineer or ODOT is available on our website at [www.painesvilletwp.com](http://www.painesvilletwp.com).



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TOWNSHIP EVENTS

**March 14 – St. Patrick’s Parade –  
3:00 p.m.**

### AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

**April 24 – Electronics collection**

**May 8 – TV and CRT only  
collection**

**June 5 – Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection**



## TOWNSHIP NOTES

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Buick for sponsoring the park in the amount of \$10,000! This sponsorship will go a long way in helping us provide a community park and preserve green space on the west side of the Township.

As funding becomes available we will complete one new park for the east side and one new park on the west side of our Township.

The Lake County Fair Board built a Community Center in 2020. The building is available to rent for groups and events. The building holds up to 250 people. Rental rates are on the Fair Boards web site, or call 440-354-3339 for information.

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](mailto: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.