

Olmsted Township Today



WINTER 2021

The Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES Act) was passed to provide federal funding to local governments for expenses due to COVID-19. Spending parameters are stringent with a timetable amended to 12/30/2021 and consequences for non-compliance. While some projects are complete, most are still in progress; detail is provided on our website. Olmsted Township received \$826,000 (\$709,000 federal funds/\$116,000 Cuyahoga County funds).

Site Improvement

Town Hall handicap accessible, sanitation/storage area for Community Room equipment, generator for Administration Building, initial build-out of Administration Building mezzanine area for additional workspace measures to allow for appropriate distancing of our workforce

Cleaning & Sanitation/Personal Protection-Touchless Devices

Air purifiers & HVAC dehumidifiers, mobile sanitation device (Moonbeam) for use on vehicles & office/Community Room, robust cleaning of all areas in all departments, masks, gloves, suits, foot protectors, thermometers, touchless entry into buildings, equipment for staff working remotely



Department Improvements

Repair ambulance, Lifepaks, and chest compressor for the Fire Department, a drone for the Police Department and Building Department with additional uses by all departments, utility truck for the Service Department, and life-saving AED's for vehicles & buildings

Community Outreach/Communication

Donations to Olmsted Community Center, Meals on Wheels, Christians in Action, Coping with COVID series, Thanksgiving and Holiday Meals for at risk Township population, small business grant program, Zoom licensing, A/V equipment for the Community Room, IT improvements to support additional media communication, newsletters & flyers



Salaries/Payroll - Training

Compliance with CARES Act guidelines including overtime, compensation for employees who tested positive for COVID or caring for positive family member, one-time hazard pay stipend, crisis management/leadership training, physical & mental wellness through Southwest Hospital

Consultants

Legal, accounting and IT to ensure compliance with CARES Act guidelines and expenditures



A Message From Trustee Jeanene Kress...

COVID-19 issues were front and center in 2020. Our first goal was to ensure the safety of staff so we could continue to provide the full range of services that is the hallmark of Olmsted Township. Once CARES funding became available, we set a plan to consider how to benefit each department, improve our facilities and enhance opportunities for Community outreach to our businesses and at-risk residents.



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FISCAL OFFICE REPORT

I am pleased to report the State of Ohio recently completed its regularly scheduled audit of Olmsted Township for 2018-2019 with favorable results. For the first time, we received the **"Highest Achievement in Open and Transparent Government"** Award from Keith Faber, Ohio Auditor of State.

Our goal is to conduct the business of the Township in the most fiscally responsible manner. We work with leadership through the budget and appropriation process on capital purchases and staffing and are proactive in the bidding process and contract review. Analyzing data also allows us to make projections and anticipate future needs.

Finally, the Board and Fiscal Office were able to retire the existing lease agreement with Cuyahoga County for the Public Service building and property two years before the due date.



*Brian Gillette,
Fiscal Officer*



A Message From Lisa Zver, Board Chair...

This has been a challenging year for all of us. I hope we will continue to pull together as a Community to bring peace, hope and help to our families, neighbors, and friends; that we will find common ground to share our plans, hopes, dreams and ideas freely. 2020 created so many challenges yet we persevered and discovered what is important: human touch, interactions, smiles, hugs, and health. May we never take those for granted again!

All of us pledge our ongoing commitment to provide the highest quality services in the most fiscally responsible manner. Olmsted Township continues to be a wonderful Community, a great place to raise a family, to build lasting friendships, a place to call "home".

DRAINAGE PROJECTS UNDERWAY

The Board collaborated with Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD), Cuyahoga County and the Olmsted Falls Schools to tackle two projects that addressed long-standing stormwater issues.

A 4-foot trench was constructed on the east side of Olmsted Falls High School adjacent



to Glenbrook Drive. Underground perforated pipe was installed to re-route stormwater from the parking lot insuring storage and flow to Minnie Creek near Skyline Drive. Total cost of this project was \$155,486.

The successful bidder was Cornerstone Earthworks. Stephen Hovancsek & Associates engineered both projects. We used NEORSD Community Cost Share Funds and stormwater general fund money.

10-inch corrugated, perforated storm pipe was installed underground around the perimeter of the Schady Road Soccer Complex owned by Olmsted Falls Schools. Drained water will be released to a nearby ditch. Undrained fields have flooded nearby developments and questionable connections have compromised the Westfield Park stormwater retention basin.

Cost of this project was \$185,349, funded by Olmsted Falls Schools. The successful bidder was Fabrizi. Final grading and re-seeding for both projects will take place in the spring.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR



*Rebecca Corrigan,
Administrator*

The Board has an ambitious agenda for infrastructure maintenance and development for 2021, including plans to maintain, repair and replace Township roads in line with our Strategic Plan.

All Township roads have been assessed and scored; priority and funding guidelines have been set. Once engineered, the projects will be bid for completion this year.

Recreation, parks, sidewalks/trails, and playgrounds scored high on our Strategic Plan. The Board recently received \$75,000 for park development which will be used to begin demolition of the small wastewater treatment plant on Usher Road adjacent to our Brentwood Neighborhood. We have also applied for a \$50,000 Cuyahoga County Grant for park planning to develop a dog park on Schady Road and identify possible use for land adjacent to our Administration Building.

We are working toward development of the Olmsted Trail in the First Energy right-of-way. Sidewalk connections remain a high safety and quality of life issue. The Board recently applied for funding through NOACA—TLCI for sidewalks on Fitch Road from Cook Road to the railroad overpass. This will link neighborhoods and provide access to our academic corridor.

A Message From Trustee Larry Abbott...

We were finally able in 2020 to address long-standing flooding issues and residents' concerns about stormwater. The two completed projects were major wins for the Community. There is still more to be done in other neighborhoods. My goal is to build on this strong start.