

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
December 23, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

All Board members answered roll call – Trustee James Distel, Trustee Dennis Baugher, Trustee Dennis Moyer, and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Bates.

Guests: Fred Bishop, Steve Welter, Diana Warnement, Joe Worland, Dennis Kingseed, and Frank Laney.

The minutes of the regular meeting and the special meeting held December 9, 2019 were read and approved.

Correspondence: Seneca County Regional Planning – CDBG grant refund info, Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership – email regarding Issue 1, Round 34 funding, Grassroots Clippings - newsletter

Fire Chief Fred Bishop reports that he has been looking into different software options for the department, and the one discussed at the last meeting is the best option. Tiffin Fire Chief Kevin Veletean says that software will keep the liability off the township and the reports will upload to the State on time. The fire department is also going to work on a grant for iPads that can be used to do inspections. Trustee Distel asked what alternatives we have if we do not get the new software. Chief Bishop says we have to do something. The old Firehouse software does not work on Windows 10 and Microsoft does not support Windows 7 anymore. Trustee Moyer asks if there are any cheaper alternatives. Chief Bishop says they are all similar and the pricing is based on the number of runs. He will need a decision soon because Firehouse will not load on the new computer.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he attended the zoning meeting for BEKS Ltd./Gary Gruss. He also says several weeks ago an appraiser contacted him regarding the zoning of a house on SR 53 because the garage had been fixed up with a furnace, and water and sewer but the property is zoned single family residential. Zoning Inspector Welter then received a message from the homeowner saying that the appraiser will not finish the inspection because he says he has an illegal building on the property. He did not leave his phone number so Zoning Inspector Welter has not been able to contact him. An attorney contacted him and wanted a letter stating that the building was not illegal, but the prosecutor's office advised him that he was not required to do that.

Zoning Inspector Welter also signed off on a lot split for Seneca County Regional Planning. Also, regarding the property across the street from Highway 101, Terry Danner says they had a problem with one of their machines, but the cars will be removed from the property by January 1st. Regarding Winterberry Farms, they still have not been able to get a meeting scheduled. Zoning Inspector Welter is going to try and schedule a meeting for Friday, December 27th.

Joe Worland of Sacksteder Worland Insurance discussed the renewal of the township insurance policy. He says the liability insurance on public officials, premises, and the vehicles has all stayed the same at \$3,000,000. He went over insured values of equipment. Our total annual premium is \$19,307. He also talked about the new faithful performance coverage, which replaces the need to have individual bonds on public officials. Unlike the bond coverage, with the new coverage, if a public official gets sued, the policy does not indemnify the individual personally. Trustee Baugher and Fiscal Officer Bates can be covered under the new policy, and in two years the other trustees can be covered as well. Mr. Worland also says in 2020 they are going to do a reconstruction survey for all the covered buildings. KLA will be in contact with us to re-evaluate the values on the policies.

Trustee Moyer motioned Resolution 2019-12 to approve the one-year extension of the cooperative development agreement with the City of Tiffin, seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Moyer made a motion to set a public hearing on January 20, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. for the consideration of the re-zoning application for BEKS, Ltd's properties on SR 101. This was seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel reports that he talked to Hopewell Township about how they replaced all their address signs. They said they set a couple dates for residents to pick up their new signs. About 50% were distributed that way and the rest were replaced by the road workers. They did not require the old signs to be turned in and they charged \$5 if the resident wanted a post.

Trustee Distel also reports that he did receive one replacement Schlage lock and the next one will take 4-6 weeks. He also reports that Deluxe Carpet will donate carpet cleaning at the township house again this year. They will come on April 1st and October 7th at 9:00am.

Trustee Distel says Brandon from the City of Tiffin called and said they are starting the railroad quiet zone on Greeley. If you go down Huron and turn left, they are getting rid of all the asphalt and making it grass. It is all city property, but they want our opinion on whether to leave the stop sign where Huron ends, or put a curve or sharp right sign. They suggest that we leave the stop sign because it is such a sharp, narrow turn. The Board is fine with leaving the stop sign.

Trustee Baugher made a motion to schedule the organizational meeting on January 2, 2020 at 7:00 a.m., seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel reports that public records training will be held on April 1, 2020 at 10:00am at NCOESC. They will be sending out an email to sign up.

Trustee Moyer motions to make an appropriation transfer of \$7,500.00 from the Special Levy (Fire) Fund for the purpose of making the \$7,500.00 annual transfer into the Permanent Improvement Fund. (From 2191-910-910 Transfers-Out to 4301-931-000 Transfers- In) This was seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Moyer motioned Resolution 2019-13, allowing the use of an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty coverage document, rather than a surety bond, to cover loss by fraudulent or dishonest actions of employees and failure of employees to faithfully perform duties. This was seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel reports that the NCOESC annual breakfast meeting is March 5, 2020 at 8:00am. He also says at the county township association meeting, they said as of July 1, 2019, the State of Ohio is now reimbursing for indigent burials up to \$1,000. They also said that the local government fund is going up 10.5% this year and 2% the following year. They said they expect President Trump to sign legislation by the end of the year reinstating the \$300 tax credit for first responders.

Also at the township association meeting, they said in bigger cities, new 5G cell phone towers are appearing practically overnight. They are telephone poles with antennas that almost look like a pizza box on top. We may want to implement zoning rules that require a permit for these towers. 5G is very fast, but the signal does not travel as far, so a lot more poles are going up. There is also talk of requiring townships to enforce noise ordinances.

Registration has started for the OTA annual winter conference in February. Tim Lynch is running for president and would appreciate our votes on Thursday. Wednesday is a good day for fiscal officers training. Advanced registration ends on January 15th.

Bills were presented to be paid:

10946	Fred Bishop	wages	\$285.36
10947	Timothy Frisch	wages	\$177.85
10948	Michael Hoover	wages	\$78.75
10949	James Lang	wages	\$1313.85
10950	Stephen Welter	wages	\$190.99
10951	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00
10952	Gary Cole	Zoning Board of Appeals meetings & supplies	\$219.11
10953	Wayne Smith	Zoning Board of Appeals meetings	\$30.00
10954	Clair Forest, Jr.	Zoning Board of Appeals meetings	\$30.00
10955	Ken Sara	Zoning Board of Appeals meetings	\$30.00
10956	Mike Wise	Zoning Board of Appeals meetings	\$30.00
10957	Craig Clark	Zoning Commission meetings	\$80.00
10958	Daryl Moyer	Zoning Commission meetings	\$20.00
10959	Ken Estep	Zoning Commission meetings	\$20.00
10960	Tony Monaco	Zoning Commission meetings	\$20.00
10961	Grant Kneeskern	Zoning Commission meetings	\$20.00
10962	Aqua OH	station #2	\$11.64
10963	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$145.12
10964	Advertiser Tribune	zoning ad	\$109.18
10965	Sunrise Cooperative	propane	\$767.48
10966	Morgan White Administrators	life insurance policies	\$724.44
10967	AEP Ohio	road lights	\$470.11
10968	Colonial Life	accident & disability insurance policies	\$147.72
10969	AT&T	township house phone	\$91.11
10970	OTARMA	2020-2021 anniversary contribution	\$19307.00
83-2019	Bureau of Workers' Compensation	2020 annual premium	\$3735.00
84-2019	Treasurer of State of Ohio	November withholding	\$125.80
85-2019	Treasurer of State of Ohio	interest	\$0.12
86-2019	EFTPS	November withholding	\$962.61
87-2019	OPERS	November withholding	\$2120.03

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Moyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

James Distel, Ch., Trustee

Dennis Baugher, Trustee

Dennis Moyer, Trustee

Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer