

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
February 17, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Guests: Fred Bishop, Steve Welter, Fred Stevens, Tyler Shuff, and Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the regular meeting held February 3, 2020 were read and approved.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, Ohio Auditor of State – Hourly Audit Rates and Allocation of Audit Costs memo, Ohio Auditor of State – Acknowledgement of receipt of Auditor of State Fraud Reporting System information

Candidate for Seneca County Sherriff, and current Tiffin City Police Chief Fred Stevens introduced himself and outlined his experience in law enforcement and the military, as well as his training and education. He has been Tiffin's police chief for 8 years and has experience in handling multimillion-dollar contracts and budgets. He is running because he is concerned with some things going on at the sheriff's office and the jail specifically. There have been three lawsuits in the last few years and Stevens says the county is at risk of losing the ICE contract which brings in \$1.4 to \$2.2 million dollars per year due to being deficient in State and Federal inspections. He says the other candidates do not have the executive level experience that he does. Trustee Moyer asks if he would try and get more deputies on the road. Stevens says he would like to bring back the reserve program which would allow retirees to stay active and bring in younger recruits to double up deputies and see if they work out.

Candidate for Seneca County Commissioner and current Tiffin City Councilman Tyler Shuff introduced himself. He currently owns Shuff Consulting working with small businesses and managing the Laird Arcade. He has been on city council for 12 years and says the city is in a good place now and he is ready to bring his experience countywide. Resident Dennis Kingseed asked him about annexation and the land the school district bought to build a new school. Shuff says he thinks open communication is key. City council did not know the school district was purchasing land until the transaction was complete. He does not know if there is any intention to annex this land. He said he would like the county and townships and other local governments to sit down a few time per year to communicate about what is going on.

Fire Chief Fred Bishop reports that inventory is done. He also says he is working on a grant with Charlene Watkins and that the equipment truck is running well right now.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he issued two permits for houses. He also received two calls complaining about a cell phone tower being staked out on Roland Zimmerman's property and wanting to know when a hearing would take place for this. Zoning Inspector Welter has not yet received an application for a tower at this site. He checked with Ellie Anderson at the prosecutor's office to see what can be done to stop a tower from going up, and she emailed information saying that if the tower is being constructed by a public utility company, then we cannot regulate it or enforce any zoning codes. He needs to look into a section that says the telecommunications company must notify residents of surrounding properties by certified mail and that residents have 15 days to respond with complaints to the township trustees. He will keep the prosecutor's office involved in the process.

Zoning Inspector Welter also says Rich Zeis is looking at putting in some additional storage units, but the property is zoned agricultural, so it would need to be re-zoned to General Business. He also attended the Ohio Township Association winter conference and emailed some information he obtained about agri-tourism to the Board.

Trustee Distel contacted Charlene Watkins, who is working with Chief Bishop on a new grant that will be awarded in April. The match is up to 15% but Chief Bishop says the match will be 5%. He also says the city contacted him and

says they will be paving N. Washington Street if we want to expand it out to Tyber Rd. They asked if any of our paving projects this year would be abutting they streets. Trustee Moyer says Spayth is on the list for this year, and Greeley will need done next year.

Trustee Distel emailed the information for the COG annual breakfast meeting on March 5th. He also received a complaint from a neighbor on Tecumseh regarding a pickup truck full of wood that has been sitting on the road for three months. It now has a flat tire, but the license plates are still current so Trustee Moyer says he doesn't think there is much we can do. Trustee Distel may talk to the resident about it.

Trustee Baugher says the chipper is back from Vermeer but they have not tried it yet. They just adjusted some things on it.

Trustee Distel says on 13 News they have been doing stories on first responders and he saw one about Lindsey's fire department and how they raised \$1.5 million towards a new fire station. We may be able to get ideas from these stories on how to raise money or get grants for our department. Trustee Distel also says he spoke to one of the volunteers in New Riegel who says they do an annual dinner that raises between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

The Board discussed ideas for the spring newsletter. Trustee Distel asks if we should advertise for the road position for when Jim Lang retires. Trustee Moyer says we should put in something about the electric aggregate contract that will be renewed this year. Trustee Distel says we can list what roads will be paved and Trustee Baugher says we should include information about the new address signs.

Zoning Inspector Welter says he mailed a letter to Tom Gibson notifying him that the variance for Tilly's is up in March. He will need to reapply for a variance or get it re-zoned.

Trustee Baugher reports that the tires are mounted for the backhoe and mower tractor.

Bills were presented to be paid:

11036	Aqua OH	station #2	\$9.56
11037	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$167.28
11038	Rumpke of Ohio Inc.	monthly trash service	\$35.96
11039	Loyal American Life Insurance Co.	cancer insurance policies	\$83.00
11040	Staples	office supplies	\$37.25
11041	Fastenal Company	fasteners	\$21.17
11042	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	supplies	\$17.57
11043	North Central Ohio Reg. Council Govt	2020 membership dues	\$100.00
11044	Circle H Station	tires for backhoe & mower	\$2502.00
11045	Vermeer Sales & Service Inc.	chipper repair	\$165.46
11046	Shaferly Utilities LLC	directional drilling for tile on TR 122	\$2500.00
11047	Tiffin Scenic Studios Inc.	spanner wrenches for fire dept.	\$135.00
11048	Fred Bishop	wages	\$275.50
11049	Timothy Frisch	wages	\$138.46
11050	Michael Hoover	wages	\$78.75
11051	James Lang	wages	\$1353.28
11052	Stephen Welter	wages	\$205.70
11053	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00
11054	Dull's Muffler Shop	Truck #34 converter	\$175.00
11055	Klay Tire	repairs to Equipment truck	\$35.00
13-2020	AT&T U-Verse	internet	\$30.08
16-2020	OPERS	January withholding	\$2179.20

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Dennis Baugher, Ch., Trustee

Dennis Moyer, Trustee

James Distel, Trustee

Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer