

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
July 8, 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, Phyllis Watts, Doug Wilhelm, Phillip Dysard, and Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the meeting held June 24, 2019 were read and approved.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings, Zoning Report

Phillip Dysard with Palmer Energy came to discuss the township's electric aggregation contract, which is up for renewal in May 2020. He says our current contract is with IGS for 05.45 cents and if the market stays the same, they should be able to beat that number. The top three suppliers will be brought to the commissioners and then the winning contract will go to the prosecutor's office for approval. Mr. Dysard also reports that he is trying to get Hopewell and Pleasant Townships to join the aggregate. The more households that join, the better the pricing will be. As for a gas aggregation, he needs to find out how many township households are on natural gas and says we may not have enough households. A gas aggregation would have to go on the ballot, but the electric aggregation does not need to go back up for vote. Trustee Distel asks if the electric aggregation would be another long-term contract. Mr. Dysard says we would most likely be looking at a two or three year contract.

Fire Chief Fred Bishop reports that he has not heard anything from John Kirian regarding the fire extinguisher that he needs to turn in. Fiscal Officer Bates says that it has not been two full weeks since the letter went out, so we will need to wait until the next meeting to take action. Chief Bishop also reports that at the water flow class, the instructor said that we have one nozzle that we should consider replacing. They swapped things around on the truck so that the nozzle is not on a main line. Chief Bishop estimates that it will be around \$550 to replace.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he issued a permit to Brian Renninger for an addition on his house with a shed, and to Dave Conn and Justin Miller to build houses. He received a variance application and there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> for its consideration. Zoning Inspector Welter also received a phone complaining that the American Standard lot needed to be mowed. He has been working with a company about putting in a cell tower on CR 13 and it looks like they would need a variance because our zoning says that the setback must be the same distance as the height of the tower. Also, he received a phone call about replacing a trailer on Eighth Ave. with a double-wide. This would required a variance because zoning code says the lot must be zoned as a mobile home park in order to have a house trailer on it. Zoning Inspector Welter is also looking into how to issue a temporary permit for a trailer on a building lot and reviewed two lot splits from Seneca County Regional Planning.

Resident Diana Warnement thanked the Board for putting in the new tile across TR 15 and says it has helped a lot with the water situation there.

Resident Doug Wilhelm reports that Dennis Kingseed has not cleared the fence row between their properties as per the letter he gave him 2 weeks ago. The Board sent the letter to the prosecutor's

office, who said that the Board could take action to have the fence row cleaned after 10 days had passed and pass the cost on to the property owner. When asked for clarification on whether this included trees in the fence row, the assistant prosecutor said that he did not believe that it would pertain to trees. Mr. Wilhelm asks what constitutes a tree, and says that the Ohio Revised Code says that it only excludes vines or trees for use. Mr. Kingseed says he will remove the noxious weeds only. Trustee Baugher made a motion giving Dennis Kingseed until July 15, 2019 to clear the fence row 4 ft. from the property line between Mr. Kingseed and Mr. Wilhelm's property from the road west to the end of the Wilhelm property, or it will be hired out with the expense being passed on to Mr. Kingseed. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Baugher reports that the lot at CR 50 and CR 17 has been mowed. He asked Trustee Distel if he went out to look at the cracked concrete driveway approach in Honeycreek. Trustee Distel did not look at it but talked to Dave at the County Engineer's office who said that the warranty period was expired. Trustee Distel asks if we should just cut it and have them put asphalt in when they pave the road.

The Board discussed hiring help for the road department. They agreed to set a starting pay of \$15.00 per hour with the possibility of an increase after the 90-day probation period.

Trustee Moyer asked if we should talk to M & B Asphalt about grinding Deer Ridge. It was in the bid to have it ground but the Board is unsure if it should be done or not.

Trustee Moyer reports that they need to have the Health Department look at the property at 467 Harley St. The lot needs mowed. It may be condemned because the roof looks like it is caving in and there are also broken windows and open doors. Josh at the prosecutor's office thought it was on the list to be purchased by the Seneca County Land Bank, but the Treasurer's office does not think it is on the list. The Board says they will get the grass cut and worry about the rest later.

Trustee Moyer says we need to look into pre-buying propane for the year. Fiscal Officer Bates will email Trustee Distel the letter from Beck and he will look into pricing at other suppliers as well.

Trustee Distel reports that they have a meeting tomorrow, Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to discuss the annexation agreement. He also reports that he spoke to resident Mr. Wisebaker who said that after the ditch was filled in off of Autumnwood Dr., three of the grates are square and one is round, and he would like them all to be round if possible, because the round ones cover it better.

Bills were presented to be paid:

10701	Jennifer Bates	wages	\$926.06
10702	Dennis Baugher	wages	\$827.82
10703	James Distel	wages	\$11.94
10704	James Lang	wages	\$1313.85
10705	Dennis Moyer	wages	\$807.82
10706	Aqua OH	station #2	\$11.30
10707	AEP Ohio	township house, station #2	\$323.19
10708	North Central Electric Co-op	road lights	\$5.76
10709	Rumpke of Ohio Inc.	monthly trash service	\$28.10
10710	Loyal American Life Insurance	cancer insurance policies	\$83.00

10711	Cardmember Services	postage	\$57.05
10712	Electro Alarms Co., Inc.	July-December 2019	\$180.00
10713	Tiffin Farmers Co-op	parts	\$140.27
10714	Central Ohio Farmers Co-op	fuel	\$425.98
43-2019	Treasurer of State of Ohio	June withholding	\$127.32
44-2019	EFTPS	June withholding	\$908.41

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Baugher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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James Distel, Ch., Trustee

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Dennis Baugher, Trustee

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Dennis Moyer, Trustee

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer