

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
May 28, 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: Steve Welter and Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the meeting held May 13, 2019 were read and approved.

Correspondence: Noxious Vegetation Control – notice regarding herbicide maintenance and brush control on AEP right-of-way, Seneca County Township Association – meeting invitation, Seneca County Regional Planning – email regarding Seneca County Transportation Improvement Priority Plan, Seneca County Health District – email regarding public hearing for permit fees increase, Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Urban Forestry’s 40th anniversary forum,

Fiscal Officer Bates reports that she spoke to AT&T about our phone and long distance rates. The only way we could save money is if we switched to digital phone service, but the internet speed in our area is not high enough to support digital service. She checked with Time Warner Cable about digital phone service, but they do not service our location.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he spoke to someone interested in purchasing 1393 N. TR 73 about the possibility of demolishing the house and putting in a new septic and new house. He also issued a permit to Fredrick Hartman for a deck and spoke to Linda Ritzler about moving her business and replacing an existing sign at the new location.

Regarding a complaint about a house on Harley St., Zoning Inspector Welter spoke to the health department who has already received several phone calls and is talking about condemning it. The prosecutor’s office thought it was on the county land bank list, but Zoning Inspector Welter checked and it is not. The township can mow it and assess it to the property owner’s taxes, but the taxes are already delinquent.

Zoning Inspector Welter also received a phone call complaining about bee hives on CR 13. He received another phone call about the Wise property and has confirmed with the prosecutor’s office that if the main house burns down, they would not be able to rebuild it because there is another existing house on the property.

Zoning Inspector Welter reports that he issued a permit for a utility shed to Duane Glick and a permit for an addition to Ron Frank. He also referred a Honeycreek resident to the trustees about filling in his ditch.

Regarding Sabrina Schneppat’s property and business, Winterberry Farms, on SR 53, Trustee Distel says she approached the township before she started renovations, and based on what she told us at that time, she was told that she did not need to do any zoning changes or variances. The property is zoned agricultural and she is doing farm tours in addition to providing a location for meetings and wedding receptions. The prosecutor’s office says that this is an issue for our zoning board to discuss.

Zoning Inspector Welter also received a phone call from an appraiser regarding River’s Edge on TR 73. It is zoned Agricultural and the appraiser wanted to know if that was going to be an issue to continue operating it as a bed & breakfast. Zoning Inspector Welter says it should probably be re-zoned to commercial. He is going to continue to look into this.

Resident Dennis Kingseed received a flyer in the mail for a business that is being run at the corner of CR 38 and SR 53. Trustee Baugher says this issue has come up many times in the past but he has not advertised or put up a sign so it has been allowed. Zoning Inspector Welter will do some investigating on this as well.

Trustee Baugher reports that a camera was run through the 24" tile on TR 122 and it is okay. Also, a complaint about commercial vehicles going down a private drive on TR 159 has been resolved.

Trustee Moyer reports that he spoke to the residents on TR 122 about moving the ditch back and everyone approves. Trustee Moyer says we can get Shafferly lined up and asks if we should get the engineer's office to lay it out. Trustee Distel thinks we should to make sure we put in a big enough tile. Trustee Baugher says we should talk to Matt Shafferly and see what he wants to do.

Trustee Moyer says Doris Bohrer called about chuckholes on TR 1108. Vehicles going back to Conns have gotten off the road and into her yard. Trustee Moyer will have road worker Jim Lang put in some grindings.

Trustee Moyer says it looks like 50 Lelar got mowed. It is better than it was. He also spoke to Vicki Zigler about re-doing her driveway. Trustee Moyer says we can go out and mark or cut the asphalt of how far she should come out with concrete. She wants to replace the tile under the drive as well.

Trustee Distel says he thinks the center seam of Tecumseh may be unraveling. He will take a closer look at it, but we may need to have it crack filled.

Trustee Moyer says we need to look into hiring help to take Jim Lang's place in a year or two. Trustee Distel says Tim Frisch is interested in part time work. Trustee Baugher says Mark Cook is also interested. Trustee Moyer says Mike Huffman is retiring at the end of the year and would be interested in helping plow snow after that. Owen Warnement is also interested.

Regarding the 2019 road program, County Engineer Mark Zimmerman does not know what is going to happen with this year's Issue 1 funding. The Board thinks we should just go ahead and pave Deer Ridge. We also need to figure out what project we are going to submit this year for the next round of Issue 1 funding. Trustee Distel says we should also figure out what we are going to stripe and try and piggy-back off of the county's striping project.

Trustee Distel reports that D.T. Petroleum sucked out the propane that we owed them and Beck's re-filled the tanks. Also, Frank Laney asked us to send him more information for the newsletter. Trustee Distel says we could talk about mowing grass onto the roads. He says there is not a state law against it, but some cities or townships have ordinances against it. However, the property owner may be liable if there is an accident caused but it.

Trustee Baugher made a motion to receive bids for the paving of TR 1177, TR 1188, TR 1189, TR 1190, TR 1194, TR 1195, TR 1196, TR 1197, and Cherry Ave., for the 2019 Clinton Township Road Paving Program and to receive bids to chip and seal TR 165, TR 194, and TR 2 for the 2019 Clinton Township Chip & Seal Program. Bid opening for both projects will be Monday, June 24, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. This was seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Regarding the 2020 budget, Fiscal Officer Bates is not sure if we still need to hold a public budget hearing. The county passed a budget waiver, but there is a new form that needs to be submitted in its place. We should plan to hold a budget hearing, but she will contact the county auditor to see if it is necessary before she advertises for it. Trustee Baugher made a motion to hold the public budget hearing on June 24, 2019 at 8:30 p.m. This was seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Bills were presented to be paid:

10626	Benjamin Bishop	wages	\$130.82
10627	Eric Bishop	wages	\$601.37
10628	Fred Bishop	wages	\$285.36

10629	James Black	wages	\$114.05
10630	Eric Cook	wages	\$68.86
10631	Eric Elchert	wages	\$204.10
10632	Chad Everhart	wages	\$41.56
10633	Matt Gray	wages	\$196.24
10634	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$207.79
10635	Kevin Hoover	wages	\$433.81
10636	Michael Hoover	wages	\$411.21
10637	John Kirian	wages	\$286.46
10638	David Knowles	wages	\$502.67
10639	Craig Lucius	wages	\$82.63
10640	John Meisner	wages	\$198.09
10641	Josh Meisner	wages	\$436.11
10642	Jason Perkins	wages	\$408.57
10643	Brenton Pettry	wages	\$126.06
10644	Brandon Stuckey	wages	\$71.61
10645	Stephen Swander	wages	\$185.91
10646	Dustin Waters	wages	250.64
10647	Stephen Welter	wages	\$190.99
10648	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$495.20
10649	James Lang	wages	\$1313.85
10650	AEP Ohio	road lights	\$402.14
10651	AT&T	township house phone	\$91.11
10652	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$60.88
10653	Colonial Life	accident & disability insurance	\$147.72
10654	Delta Dental Plan of Ohio	road worker dental premiums	\$84.57
10655	Staples	copier toner	\$105.47
10656	Bugners Sewer Septic	jet tile	\$320.00
10657	John's Welding & Towing	repairs to Rescue #34	\$2907.48
10658	John Deere Financial	supplies	\$123.13
10659	Adams Tree Service	trim and removal of trees	\$600.00
10660	Seneca County Township Assoc.	2019-2020 membership dues	\$200.00
10661	TPC Food Service	paper towels	\$83.00
10662	Tiffin Brake & Wheel Inc.	Rescue #34 brakes repair	\$561.94
10663	Napa Auto Parts	air filters & grease	\$133.57
10664	AutoZone	antifreeze/coolant	\$37.98
33-2019	OPERS	April withholding	\$2024.99

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Moyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 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