

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
November 11, 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, Jim Lang, Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the meeting held October 28, 2019 were read and approved.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings, Seneca County Regional Planning – Joint Comprehensive Plan community input meeting invitation, Seneca County Prosecutor – memo regarding Winterberry Farms zoning

Fire Chief Fred Bishop reports that six firefighters attended training at Ehope on Saturday. Also, Truck #32 is having brake issues and is at Keller’s for repairs.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he issued a permit to Kendall Stucky for a shed and to Steve Hickey for an addition on his house and garage. He also received an application for re-zoning from Gary Gruss for three parcels on SR 101. Zoning Inspector Welter also spoke to Daryl Moyer regarding a pro-life sign they want to put up at St. Mary’s Cemetery. Zoning Inspector Welter was unsure how to classify the sign, and after speaking to former zoning inspector Bob Reinhart, they agreed that it would be considered a billboard. Zoning code says that you cannot have another billboard within 1,000 feet, so this would require a variance, and Mr. Moyer was unsure that they would want to pursue it at this time.

Regarding Winterberry Farms, Zoning Inspector says the agribusiness classification is a bit of a gray area. The information received from the prosecutor’s office says that if more than 50% of their income is from weddings and events that are not considered farm-related, then they do not qualify as agri-tourism. Ellie Anderson suggests that we meet with the owner, Sabrina Schnepat, and go over the information with her to see what applies to her situation. She also says that even though the property is zoning Agricultural, they are still subject to fire inspections and occupancy permits. Trustee Distel says that Ms. Schnepat did reach out to Richland County when she first got started. He wants to make sure that we are supportive of her business.

Trustee Baugher reports that he called Neil Podach about boring under TR 122 and he says he forgot about it, but will meet Trustee Baugher down there sometime this week. He also reports that Mrs. Allen’s driveway approach at Honeycreek is done.

Trustee Moyer reports that the blue address signs came in.

Trustee Distel reports that State Representative Bill Reineke introduced new legislation that would give the township trustees a say in whether wind farms could be constructed in the township. Trustee Distel thinks it still needs to go to the Senate for approval, and then may be a ballot issue.

Bills were presented to be paid:

10866	Jennifer Bates	wages	\$926.06
10867	Dennis Baugher	wages	\$827.82
10868	James Distel	wages	\$11.94
10869	Timothy Frisch	wages	\$85.61
10870	James Lang	wages	\$1313.85
10871	Dennis Moyer	wages	\$807.82
10872	AEP Ohio	township house, station #2	\$545.48

10873	North Central Electric Co-op	road lights	\$15.76
10874	Aqua OH	station #2	\$11.33
10875	AT&T Long Distance	long distance phone service	\$12.73
10876	Loyal American Life Insurance Co.	cancer insurance policies	\$83.00
10877	Cardmember Services	postage	\$6.85
10878	Central Ohio Farmers Co-op	fuel	\$423.56
10879	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	fasteners	\$3.02
10880	Advertiser Tribune	zoning ad	\$80.34
10881	Fred Bishop	mileage reimbursement	\$40.02
72-2019	AT&T U-Verse	internet	\$30.08

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Baugher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

James Distel, Ch., Trustee

Dennis Baugher, Trustee

Dennis Moyer, Trustee

Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer