

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
April 13, 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, and Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 30, 2020 were read and approved.

Correspondence: Seneca County Township Assoc. – committee assignments and 2020 Fair booth schedule, Seneca County Engineer – salt contract and memo regarding road program prices, Palmer Energy – email regarding electric aggregation contract renewal, Seneca County Prosecutor – memo regarding Family First Corona Response Act, Seneca County Prosecutor – memo regarding changes to Open Meetings Act due to COVID-19

Fire Chief Bishop reports that the firefighter’s association voted to buy some equipment. The township will receive a bill for it, but the association will reimburse the township.

Zoning Inspector Welter reports that he received a call from Mary Sherwood regarding her neighbors playing loud music. He advised her that noise disturbances should be directed to law enforcement. They also discussed increasing the size of her garage, but a variance would be needed for the setbacks. Zoning Inspector Welter also says he issued a fence permit and a shed permit, and a variance meeting was held and a garage permit was issued for Robert Distel.

Regarding the possible cell tower on Roland Zimmerman’s property, numerous complaints from neighbors have been received. Zoning Inspector Welter has been reviewing the information sent by the prosecutor’s office. He thinks it may be possible that Fullerton Engineering can build the tower anyway because it does not meet the requirement in ORC that allows for zoning if the tower is placed in a residential area because the property is zoning agricultural. However, since Fullerton did send notices to the surrounding neighbors, and the property is surrounded by residential properties, the prosecutor’s office is advising us to continue to follow ORC and have the fiscal officer send notice to Fullerton Engineering advising them that complaints have been received and that zoning applies. The owner of the tower behind Wagner Flowers says AT&T could put their equipment on their tower. The board asked who would own the tower- Fullerton Engineering or AT&T. Zoning Inspector Welter is not sure but says that ORC says zoning does not apply if the tower is owned or leased to a public utility.

Zoning Inspector Welter forwarded an email from the prosecutor’s office regarding designating Winterberry Farms as an agri-tourism business. He said the template does not mention the requirements for an agri-tourism designation or how the income requirements are to be monitored. He thinks we should have an application and then give an agri-tourism certificate that is good for two years.

Resident Dennis Kingseed said he received a letter regarding the new electric aggregation contract.

Trustee Distel reports that he met with the Nimz as well as Eric and Ryan from soil & water, Dennis Zoeller’s wife, and another neighbor on April 7th regarding the water issues on Lelar. They are going to do a study, but Zoellers are no longer interested in pursuing this because their sewer line recently collapsed and they were hit with a large bill for that. The township would only have expenses if we give them an outlet or change the lid on the current tile.

Trustee Distel also received a phone call from Scott Mareches saying water was bubbling out 10 feet before his lower driveway drain. Also, Trustee Distel notified Jim Lang that the stop sign at TR 122 and TR 73 was run over.

Trustee Distel reports that Greeley will not be getting paved by the city, and the railroad project is running behind but we will be given 30-day notice before they start.

Trustee Moyer says he called soil & water about running a camera in the tile on TR 122 at the golf course.

Trustee Moyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-2, to have the County Engineer's Office continue to review and process all driveway permits on Clinton Township roads. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Moyer made a motion to purchase 65 tons of road salt through the ODOT State Purchasing Program. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Moyer made a motion to request that Fiscal Officer Bates send a letter to Fullerton Engineering regarding the complaints on the proposed cell tower on Roland Zimmerman's property. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

The Board discussed the Family First Corona Response Act and whether or not to exempt township employees from the Act. The City of Tiffin did exempt their employees. Trustee Baugher says he can ask Rodney Miller with Scipio Township what they are going to do.

Trustee Baugher reports that he attended Scipio Township's meeting and they discussed a lease agreement for a durapatch machine based on a price per hour. It would be a four-year agreement that could be renewed. They would also like to purchase a full load of rubber blocks and split it with us 50/50. A full load is 21 pallets.

Trustee Baugher says Jim Lang mentioned wanting to get concrete dividers for the stone piles. Hopewell Township got them and they are only \$30 or \$40 each.

The Board discussed using the MORE grant for the aluminum sign posts for the new blue address signs.

Trustee Moyer made a motion to submit TR 1172, TR 1174, TR 1108, and the parking lot of Clinton Fire Station #1 for engineer's estimates for the 2020 road paving program and TR 155 and TR 130 for the 2020 road chip & seal program. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Bills were presented to be paid:

11110	Jennifer Bates	wages	\$966.15
11111	Dennis Baugher	wages	\$837.01
11112	James Distel	wages	\$1.94
11113	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1028.70
11114	James Lang	wages	\$1229.91
11115	Dennis Moyer	wages	\$808.18
11116	AEP Ohio	township house & station #2	\$384.35
11117	North Central Electric Co-op	road lights	\$15.76
11118	Aqua OH	station #2	\$19.98
11119	AT&T Long Distance	long distance phone service	\$20.78
11120	Loyal American Life Insurance Co.	cancer insurance policies	\$83.00
11121	Sunrise Cooperative	propane	\$1079.46
11122	Central Ohio Farmers Co-op	fuel	\$425.57
11123	Rumpke of Ohio Inc.	monthly trash service	\$35.00
11124	Advertiser Tribune	zoning ad	\$59.64
11125	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	fasteners	\$9.44
11126	Lowe's	supplies	\$115.55

11127	Avita AHA Training Center	BLS healthcare ecards	\$45.00
11128	Auditor of State of Ohio	UAN Fees – 2Q 2020	\$762.00
11129	Seneca County Twp. Association	2020 membership fees	\$200.00
26-2020	Treasurer of State of Ohio	March withholding	\$157.04
27-2020	Ohio Deferred Compensation	March withholding	\$835.00
28-2020	EFTPS	March withholding	\$1146.76
30-2020	AT&T U-Verse	internet	\$30.08

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Moyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m., seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Dennis Baugher, Ch., Trustee

Dennis Moyer, Trustee

James Distel, Trustee

Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer