

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
July 19, 2021 – 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, Tony Paradiso, Dan Schmitz, and Dennis Kingseed.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, Seneca County Auditor – memo regarding special assessments, Seneca County Township Association – special meeting info, Seneca County Prosecutor – copy of letter sent to Williams, Ohio Township Association – webinar info, OTARMA – 2020 annual report

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 6, 2021 were read and approved.

Fire Chief Bishop reports that he will be getting the PPV fan from Bascom. He also reports that the fireman's association had auction proceeds of \$553.90. They are going to put the money towards another bottle for the equipment truck.

County Commissioner Tony Paradiso asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns. Trustee Baugher asked why we were not notified about the St. Francis property annexation and says that in the past, the commissioners' office has presented us with a map of the property involved. Mr. Paradiso says he has been involved in two or three annexations during his two years in office and that City Law Director Brent Howard presents the information and what steps have been taken pursuant to the annexation agreement and asks the commissioners to sign the petition. In the case of St. Francis, there was also a zoning hearing because they petitioned to have all the remaining agricultural land annexed into the city, and the city did not have Agricultural as a zoning category. He does not remember if the commissioners approved the annexation separately from the re-zoning approval. Trustee Baugher asked if the land on the south side of 224 was annexed also and Mr. Paradiso did not know for sure. He will call Brent Howard to see about getting a map. He also says at future annexation hearings he will ask if the township trustees have been notified.

Regarding the American Rescue Plan funds, Mr. Paradiso says \$2.5 million dollars are coming into the Seneca county townships and he thinks the townships are having a hard time figuring out how to spend the money. He says the county commissioners have been approached over the last three or four months about expanding broadband coverage in the county. He says if all the township put in \$50,000 or \$100,000 and the villages and the county put in some money, along with federal and state grants that are available, it is possible to come up with the \$9-10 million to get broadband service throughout the county. They will be talking about this more at the Seneca County Township Association meeting on August 10th.

Mr. Paradiso also discussed EMS services throughout Seneca County. He says Clinton Township's contract with the City of Tiffin is the best deal there is, but the rest of the county has serious issues. Adams, Pleasant, and Green Springs had a five-year contract with North Central EMS, but now face a steep price increase over the next 3 years and are asking the county for help covering the costs. Mr. Paradiso says under current system each EMS district has their own millage. Tiffin, Fostoria, and Clinton Township comprise over half the population of the county but less than 90% of the real estate. He says the only way to fix the problem is to have one countywide district, less Fostoria, Tiffin, and Clinton Township. He says the EMS board meets once per month and is trying to make plans. This will not affect us, but he wanted to keep us updated.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he issued two shed permits and a pool permit. He also received some emails from Ellie Anderson at the prosecutor's office regarding the cell tower on Weinandy's property who advised some revisions to the contract and that Zoning Inspector Welter only sign stating that the property is zoned agricultural and that a zoning permit is not needed. Trustee Moyer asked if he has heard back from Tom Gibson and Zoning Inspector Welter says he has not.

Trustee Baugher reports that the plumbing is done at Station #2. He also says several trailers have been moved out on Eighth Ave. and asked if a permit is needed to move them out and replace them. Zoning Inspector Welter is not aware of a permit that is needed.

Trustee Distel says the building committee made a recommendation that we use Clouse Construction for the design-build of the fire station addition. Trustee Baugher made a motion to proceed with the fire station addition project and to use Clouse Construction as the design-build contractor. This was seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – abstained, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel also says he spoke to Dale Depew about doing an article in the Seneca News Daily about the new equipment truck. He is going to get a template to us for the information he wants for the article.

Regarding propane, Trustee Distel spoke to Central Ohio Farmers, who only sets a max price, which is \$1.749. Amerigas also is only doing a max price, which is \$1.82. The best pricing is with Beck, who will do a pre-buy of 3900 gallons at \$1.299 and will lock in a price of \$1.349 for any additional gallons. The second best price was Heritage, whose pre-buy was \$1.399. Trustee Distel made a motion that we pre-buy 3900 gallons of propane from Beck at a price of \$1.299, with a cap price of \$1.349. This was seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel contacted the Sherriff's office and gave them our call list. He gave Trustee Moyer's cell phone as the first number to contact, followed by Trustee Moyer's home phone, Trustee Distel's cell phone, Trustee Baugher, Fiscal Officer Bates, and then Zoning Inspector Welter.

Trustee Distel reports that the laser level is fixed. He also says the city contacted him after a second pole was knocked down on Ninth Ave. They have No Truck signs in stock that they can put up for us as long as we maintain them.

Trustee Distel says he will be attending a Council of Governments meeting on Wednesday morning at 8:30am. There is also a TSEP meeting at 9:00am that he was asked to stay for. They will be talking about the county broadband project.

Trustee Distel said he called around to other entities about the Juneteenth Federal holiday. He spoke to Lisa at the County Engineer's office and she said they gave their employees July 6th as a paid day off. The County Commissioners made a proclamation giving their employees an extra personal day to use this year. The City of Tiffin said they are waiting until next year to do anything for Juneteenth Day. They already have 14 paid holidays, so the Mayor's goal is to make Juneteenth a paid holiday but remove Columbus Day. Hopewell Township paid their workers time and a half to work on Juneteenth. Scipio Township gave their workers an 8-hour paid day off. Trustee Distel suggests that we give our road workers a floating holiday to use this year, and add Juneteenth Day to our paid holidays at our next organizational meeting. Trustee Baugher thinks we should wait and address it next year, and Trustee Moyer thinks we should check with the prosecutor's office and see what they say. Fiscal Officer Bates will email Ellie Anderson.

The Board reviewed the proposed tax budget and Trustee Baugher moved to accept the 2022 tax budget as presented- Revenue \$670,585.31 and Expenditures \$692,453.49 with the difference to be covered by the carryover. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Moyer says he spoke to Jason Mack about leveling off the ditch on the south side TR 122. He says he can get to it in a couple weeks and thinks he can do it with a skid loader in 2 days. Trustee Baugher says he thinks we can do it ourselves with the grader.

Trustee Moyer says M&B Asphalt is hoping to pave TR 118 by the end of the month. Trustee Distel says Clair Forest called and said there was a sink hole at the catch basin on TR 118 at the end of N. Washington and a block was knocked out into the catch basin. He said the road workers finished repairing it today.

Trustee Moyer asked Fiscal Officer Bates when we needed to decide if we were going to accept the American Rescue Plan funds. She says we have until September 4th.

Resident Dennis Kingseed asked if the Jason Perkins case went to trial. Trustee Moyer says he has not heard anything about it.

Bills were presented to be paid:

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| 11845 | Fred Bishop | wages | \$285.36 |
| 11846 | Andrew Kimmet | wages | \$1164.61 |
| 11847 | James Lang | wages | \$1402.65 |
| 11848 | Stephen Welter | wages | \$548.19 |
| 11849 | Dennis Wilkinson | wages | \$45.00 |
| 11850 | James Lang | repair laser level | \$158.14 |
| 11851 | Aqua OH | station #2 | 11.42 |
| 11852 | Columbia Gas of Ohio | station #2 | \$35.70 |
| 11853 | Rumpke of Ohio Inc. | monthly trash service | \$38.98 |
| 11854 | Lowe's | supplies | \$40.61 |
| 11855 | Great Lakes ACE Hardware | supplies | \$12.17 |
| 11856 | John Deere Financial | supplies | \$25.57 |
| 11857 | Leo Pickar | wages | \$11.93 |
| 11858 | Warren Fire Equipment | SCBA repair | \$162.72 |
| 11859 | Tri County Sealing Inc. | asphalt sealing at Station #2 | \$1361.00 |
| 11860 | Breathing Air Systems | compressor system, containment fill station | \$61298.10 |
| 50-2021 | Treasurer of State of Ohio | June withholding | \$225.42 |
| 51-2021 | Oho Deferred Compensation | June withholding | \$835.00 |
| 52-2021 | EFTPS | June withholding | \$2396.78 |
| 53-2021 | AT&T U-Verse | internet | \$40.10 |

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Dennis Moyer, Ch., Trustee

James Distel, Trustee

Dennis Baugher, Trustee

Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer