

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
February 14, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

All Board members answered roll call – Trustee Dennis Baugher, Trustee Jim Distel, Trustee Dan Schmitz, and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Bates.

Guests: Ben Bishop, Steve Welter, Chris Hafley, and Dennis Kingseed

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, Mental Health and Recovery Services Board – OneOhio Opioid Settlement info., Seneca County Regional Planning – rescheduled annual meeting info., TSEP – annual meeting invitation, Seneca County Township Association – meeting info., Ken Egbert – letter regarding his candidacy for Seneca County Common Pleas Court Judge

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 31, 2022 were read and approved.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that assistant prosecutor Ellie Anderson says that the property on 8th Ave. does not have any differences than a residentially zoned property in regards to garbage, junk, and junk vehicles. Trustee Distel says he is going to try and talk to the resident before we pass resolutions declaring the property a nuisance. Zoning Inspector Welter also asked her about the tiny house and her opinion is that a variance would not be applicable because there is no hardship, and if an addition to the house is possible, that is the route the resident should take.

Zoning Inspector Welter also spoke to the resident at 2205 S. SR 100 about a garage addition on the back of his house, but the setback from the rear of the garage to the back property line would only be 29 ft. so he would need to apply for a variance. Zoning Inspector Welter also reports that he is having some issues with the zoning map on the county auditor's website. He has been working with Alex at the auditor's office to get them resolved.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that Engine #31 has a leak. The figured out the drafting issue but it went to Atlantic Emergency Solutions and they found several issues and quoted \$3,859 to repair it. They are going to have it until Friday and Chief Hafley says they will do some training on it when it comes back. Chief Hafley also provided the Board with a summary sheet of their January runs.

Trustee Baugher says Wayne Smith gave him Gary Seelman's name, and Gary Cole gave him Jeff Hoepf's name to replace Mike Wise on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Trustee Baugher spoke to Kevin Williams on TR 122 and told him we would like to have an easement over the tile when we replace it so we are able to repair it in the future. He said he did not think that would be a problem. Trustee Schmitz will measure it from opening to opening so we can write up the easement.

Regarding 3765 E. TR 122, Trustee Distel has not been able to locate the legal owner, Irene Ball. The prosecutor's office has said that if we cannot serve her directly we need to advertise in the newspaper and post notices on the property's door. Resolutions have already been passed declaring the property a nuisance and declaring the vehicles to be junk vehicles. Trustee Baugher made a motion to advertise the notices in the newspaper, seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Schmitz asks if we are doing anything about the vehicle with no plates that is still at 790 E TR 130. Trustee Distel says we can talk to him and says the resident is on oxygen and in terrible shape but that is no excuse.

Trustee Distel reports that there are two broadband meetings coming up. One is Friday, March 4th at 1:00pm at NCOESC to review the scope of the study and receive input. Then on Friday, March 11th at 8:00am they are doing a kick-off breakfast and meeting at NCOESC.

Trustee Distel says he received a call from a resident on CR 36 about the electric aggregate. He keeps getting solicited for a rate at .0599 and Trustee Distel says that unless he opted out, he should be getting our rate of .0432. He called Energy Harbor to enroll and says he should be saving about \$150/month. Trustee Distel say we should put something in the newsletter that residents can call 888-254-6359 to enroll and should have their electric bill in front of them. They can also check the second page of their bill to see if it says Energy Harbor.

Trustee Distel says he called Senator Reineke's office because he has not heard from the State about the land across the road from Station #1. Joe will reach out to that department again and says we should hear from them soon. He also reports that the address sign at 2344 CR 19 has been put up and he bought a mailbox to replace the one damaged when snowplowing on TR 159.

Trustee Distel says he wants to thank Chief Hafley and the fire department for the dinner on Saturday to honor Fire Chief Fred Bishop. Chief Bishop received a shadowbox and Trustee Distel says it was well deserved.

Trustee Distel says one representative from Hopewell, Clinton, or Eden township is appointed to the Seneca County Regional Planning board. Vern Morter from Eden Township's board position expired at the end of last year, but he is willing to serve again if no one else is interested. Trustee Distel also says one of the items on the agenda on the March 16th Regional Planning meeting is land use, and they are going to ask for public comment on Deer Ridge Phase 3.

Trustee Schmitz made a motion to appoint Jeff Hoepf to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a four-year term ending on May 19, 2026. This was seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel will talk to Grant Kneeskern to see if he is willing to serve another term on the Zoning Commission.

Chief Hafley says as of today, they are at 60 runs for the year which is 1.3 runs per day, which is up significantly.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12129	Jennifer Bates	wages	\$1220.18
12130	Dennis Baugher	wages	\$951.88
12131	James Distel	wages	\$1.89
12132	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1332.37
12133	James Lang	wages	\$789.16
12134	Daniel Schmitz	wages	\$900.89
12135	AEP Ohio	township house, station #2	\$479.90
12136	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$171.11
12137	North Central Electric Co-op	road lights	\$15.76
12138	Bright Wireless	internet	\$58.16
12139	Aqua OH	fire hydrant service	\$23.55
12140	Rumpke of Ohio Inc	monthly trash service	\$42.20
12141	Seneca County Treasurer	special assessments	\$1103.52

12142	Advertiser Tribune	legal notices	\$102.24
12143	Lowe's	supplies	\$74.60
12144	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	supplies	\$9.57
12145	Staples	office supplies	\$50.56
12146	American Fire & Safety Serv. Inc.	SCBA bottles tested	\$410.00
12147	Tiffin Ag & Turf	parts	\$54.41
12148	Dan Schmitz	water meter	\$63.44
12149	James Distel	mailbox	\$64.69
12150	Carquest Auto Parts Store	parts	\$62.80
12151	John's Welding & Towing	service on Units #31, #33, #35	\$1408.25
11-2022	EFTPS	January withholding	\$1421.28
12-2022	Treasurer of State of Ohio	January withholding	\$208.44
13-2022	Ohio Deferred Compensation	January withholding	\$835.00

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

James Distel, Ch., Trustee

Dennis Baugher, Trustee

Dan Schmitz, Trustee

Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer