

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
May 23, 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: Steve Welter, Chris Hafley, Claude Perry, Dennis Kingseed.

Correspondence: OSS Solid Waste District – fall special collection info., Seneca County Prosecutor – email regarding sale of garage doors, North Central Electric Co-op – ballot for district elections, Hank & Associates – legal description and survey of ODOT parcel

The minutes of the regular meeting held May 9, 2022 were read and approved.

Resident Claude Perry says he bought the Hossler house at 1808 S. CR. 19 and has a dispute with his neighbor regarding his driveway. Before the property sold, Ron Fry tried to get the former owner to sign a 9 ft. easement for a shared driveway, but she refused. The back lot was given a 35 ft. section of land north of his drive to put in their own driveway. Mr. Perry's attorney advised him to tear out a section of pavement to remove access to Mr. Fry's lot, and now they are in a lawsuit over it. They are currently using a drive off of Marlyn St. to access the property. Mr. Perry asks how wide a drive needs to be for a fire truck to have access. Chief Hafley says he is not sure if their trucks can make the turn off Marlyn. Ohio Administrative Code says the access drive for a commercial property cannot be less than 20 ft. The Board thanked Mr. Perry for letting them know about the situation and told him to keep them updated.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley says Ben Bishop has been selling a lot of stuff in the back and has made about \$400. They have room to put the boat and the engine in the far bay, and the tanker will go where the antique truck was. He says the tanker went to Atlantic on Friday to get the new pump installed. Trustee Baugher asks if they will look at putting vertical exhaust on while it's there. Chief Hafley will call and talk to them about it. He also says Jim Keller called and says he has some parts for the pump and he told him it was being replaced at Atlantic.

Chief Hafley says they have an issue at Station #2. State patrol pulled over a semi and blocked both bays. He asks if we can put up No Parking signs, and Trustee Baugher says yes. Chief Hafley says a lieutenant from the Norwalk post wants to have a meeting tomorrow to make sure they have a good relationship with us.

Chief Hafley says they invited the Ohio Fire Marshall's office down last Saturday for training on how to properly put Ohio fire incident reports in. There are about 10 companies that offer software to put the reports in, and we are currently using IMS. However, Ohio is creating their own program and as of right now it is going to be free. They asked if we would be interested in being a beta test site and Chief Hafley thinks it is a good idea, and could save us several thousand dollars each year.

Trustee Baugher tells Chief Hafley that we can use the MORE grant to purchase the portable tank. It would cover the first \$500 and then either the township or the fire association would have to cover the balance.

Regarding moving the fire trucks to the back during construction, Trustee Distel says Asst. Chief Wilkinson asked if one of the newer garage door openers could be moved to the back so we can program it to open the door up all the way. He will call Lucius Door and have them move the newest one back there.

Trustee Baugher asks if we want to order the tile for TR 122 before the price goes up. They agree to get it ordered. He also says TR 118 has been ground down and Trustee Distel says they are supposed to start paving tomorrow.

Trustee Baugher asks how we are going to handle selling the heaters and the doors. Trustee Distel says he has the doors listed for sale online for \$1,200 apiece. Trustee Schmitz says Ben Bishop has the heater advertised for \$800. Per Prosecutor Derek Devine's advice, Trustee Baugher made a motion to pass Resolution 2022-5 declaring the value of 5 garage doors, 1 heater, and 3 windows to be less than \$2,500 each, and therefore able to be sold without advertisement and public auction. Trustee Schmitz seconded the motion. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Schmitz reports that the new driveway tile has been installed on TR 130. They got almost 9" of cover on the tile and still had enough fall to the corner. He also says he got a call from resident Brian Narlock at 359 W. TR 132, who would like to fill in the ditch on the other side of the road from him. Trustee Distel says he also talked to him and told him he would have to supply the tile and the dirt to cover it and that the county engineer would size it for him and then we would install it.

Trustee Distel attended the broadband meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> and they have a survey that they want done so they can collect data about internet speed and availability around the county.

Trustee Distel reports that the tile is in at 530 N. TR 15. He also says the Board of Elections called him to make sure Station #1 would be available for the August election. He told them that we are 90% sure that they will be able to do it somewhere here. If the bathrooms are not useable, we will have to bring in portable restrooms.

Trustee Distel says Electro Alarms removed everything from the side of Station #1 that will be torn down. He will keep all the equipment and put it back up after construction.

The Board discussed an email complaint they received about several acres on SR 53 that used to be an apple orchard. They are not maintaining the fence row and something they sprayed drifted over and killed vegetation on the neighbor's property. Trustee Baugher says this is an ODNR issue.

Trustee Distel says 790 E. TR 130 has high grass and has not been mowed at all. Trustee Distel moved Resolution #2022-6, a resolution declaring the property at 790 E. TR 130 a nuisance pursuant to O.R.C. 505.87. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel moved Resolution #2022-7, a resolution declaring the 2004 blue Chevy Impala located at 790 E. TR 130, a junk vehicle pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871 and ordering its removal. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel says Dan Raufer offered to help crack-fill on Fridays. Trustee Distel made a motion to hire Dan Raufer for part-time help in the road department at the rate of \$16/hour. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter says Craig Clark says we should find someone to replace him on the Zoning Board. Zoning Inspector Welter had to send the letters for the last zoning meeting for him, and there will be another meeting coming up for re-zoning of properties on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Zoning Inspector Welter spoke to Charlene Watkins at Regional Planning and she said they discussed this at one of their board meetings and agree that these residential properties should be re-zoned from Heavy Industrial to residential and suggest that he ask assistant prosecutor Ellie Anderson if we can re-zone the whole area without getting signed permission from the land owners. He has heard that we have tried in the past to

get all the property owners to re-zone for free and no one followed through with it. Charlene says we should hold a meeting to explain the advantages of re-zoning since they will likely not be able to refinance a mortgage with the existing zoning. She says we could hold the meeting at NCOESC and also explain that re-zoning will not increase their property taxes. There are some trailers out there as well that she says should be re-zoned for a trailer park. When Zoning Inspector Welter looked into this, he believes that these trailers were given conditional use permits valid for the original owner only, so they may not be there legally anymore. Trustee Baugher will call Wayne Smith to see if Gary Seelman is still interested in serving on the Zoning Board.

Zoning Inspector Welter says he talked to JJ Miller about setbacks for septic systems. Trustee Baugher says he now says the lot he wants to build on is .75 acres. Zoning Inspector Welter also spoke to Brady Signs and sent them an application for a sign for Clouse Electric. He also received the conditional use permit application for Tilly's.

Trustee Baugher says we need to figure out where we are going to hold the September township association meeting.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12268	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$274.49
12269	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1255.66
12270	James Lang	wages	\$947.78
12271	Stephen Welter	wages	\$242.40
12272	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00
12273	AT&T	township house phone	\$111.66
12274	Aqua OH	station #2	\$11.42
12275	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$51.30
12276	Colonial Life	accident & disability insurance policies	\$137.88
12277	John Deere Financial	supplies	\$103.90
12278	Lowe's	supplies	\$74.73
12279	Hank & Associates, Inc.	boundary survey – ODOT parcel	\$1325.50
12280	N. Central OH Reg. Council Govt.	2022 membership dues	\$100.00
30-2022	EFTPS	April withholding	\$1447.85
31-2022	Treasurer of State of Ohio	April withholding	\$157.17
32-2022	Ohio Deferred Compensation	April withholding	\$985.00

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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James Distel, Ch., Trustee

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Dennis Baugher, Trustee

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Dan Schmitz, Trustee

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer