

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
November 7, 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, Ben Bishop, Ray Bishop, Rich Bishop, Pat Bishop, Dave Knowles, and Doug Wilhelm.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, Seneca County Engineer – driveway permit and utility permit

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 24, 2022 were read and approved.

Fiscal Officer Bates says the certified letter to James Reiter was delivered on October 28th. It was forwarded to a P.O. box. Trustee Distel says the property was mowed on October 30th.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he issued an accessory building permit and a sign permit. He says Richard Schrimpf has not yet turned in an application for re-zoning his property.

Ben Bishop reports that truck #34 is back in service. There was a wire missing some insulation causing it to shut off so the wire was replaced.

Doug Wilhelm says he dropped some things off for the fire department and wanted to follow up regarding the fence row. Trustee Distel says they received a reply from Prosecutor Derek Devine who says he is unaware of any provisions in the O.R.C. that allow the township to order a 4 ft. fence row clearance, but we have been told we could in the past so he will follow up about that. Mr. Devine does say the old pallets, combine, and elevator could be considered a nuisance by the Trustees under O.R.C. 505.87 and allow them to order it to be removed. He is unaware of any legal action concerning shooting raccoons and disposing them under the deer blind and suggests contacting ODNR. Mr. Wilhelm says it is legal. Leaking fluids and the old school house could constitute a nuisance under the same O.R.C. The installation of cameras is not under township jurisdiction. Mr. Wilhelm says they are legal also. He says every time he goes out to hunt, Mr. Kingseed turns up shortly thereafter. The raccoons have disappeared and says coyotes may have gotten them. He is scared to bring his kids or grandkids out to hunt.

Ray Bishop thanks the Trustees for meeting and realizing that there were issues with the drainage tile and reassuring that the property lines will be kept in place.

Rich Bishop says the fire department was called the Autumnwood Terrace Apartments a week ago for a carbon monoxide call. They deemed the apartment to be free of CO with no issues. The resident was ready to go to the hospital for CO poisoning but was reassured that there was nothing wrong. Bishop's Plumbing was called the next morning and in less than 4 minutes of running the furnace they had CO. He says either their tester is faulty or not calibrated correctly and says this is a public health concern. The resident and the housing complex no longer have faith in the fire dept. Dave Knowles asks who was on the call and Trustee Distel says he does not know. Ray Bishop asks if they can request a copy of the fire report and Fiscal Officer Bates says she does not deal with those reports and a request should be made to the fire chief. Rich Bishop says the CO tester needs to be calibrated every year and Trustee Distel says after finding out that the ladders were not tested for several years he does not know if it was being done. Pat Bishop says the Board should ask former Fire Chief Fred Bishop if the ladder tests were done and says she finds it hard to believe that they weren't done for 5 years. Trustee Distel says the

Board will look into the CO tester calibration and Dave Knowles says he will bring it up at this week's fire meeting.

Dave Knowles asks Fiscal Officer Bates about his worker's compensation claim and says he has not heard anything from them. Fiscal Officer Bates says she did receive 2 emails from them and she sent them all the information they asked for. She will email them and see if they need any other additional information.

Mr. Knowles also says he is the treasurer for the firemen's association and Chief Hafley is a signer on the account who is able to fulfill duties if something happens to Mr. Knowles. He asks if the Trustees are able to access the bank account if something should happen to the fiscal officer. Fiscal Officer Bates says if something happens to her, the trustees have the authority to appoint someone to take her place and give them access to the bank account. All checks require the fiscal officer's signature along with at least 2 other trustees. He asks if the trustees call and demand the checking account number for purchases and she says no. Mr. Knowles says that he wants Chief Hafley to stop demanding the debit card and checking account numbers and that they should not be stored on Amazon. He says he can meet up with the chief or the captains to make purchases. He is responsible for that money and he does not want the card to get hacked or money to be misspent. He also says he feels like he has a target on his back as a firefighter because he befriended the last chief and his family. Trustee Distel says the chief could probably just make the purchases and then ask for reimbursement. Fiscal Officer Bates says the prosecutor has told her in the past that the township cannot be involved in the firemen's association in any way. We cannot tell them how or when to spend their money, and they operate under a separate set of by-laws than the township. Ray Bishop says that the Board just has to make sure they follow the by-laws, and Fiscal Officer Bates says they uphold the township employee handbook, but do not oversee the association's by-laws. Trustee Baugher agrees that there are 2 separate sets of by-laws and that the township does not have anything to do with the association by-laws.

Pat Bishop says she is not sure we can do anything but asks if the fire department is following by-laws and when they vote are they following a quorum. She also asks if they are trying to buy local and looking for discounts and donations from our suppliers instead of buying on Amazon. Trustee Baugher says at the last meeting they did check for quorum when taking a vote for purchases.

Trustee Baugher asks the Board what they think about going to talk to Tiffin Fire Chief Rob Chappell and asking some more questions about the EMS contract. The Board agreed it was a good idea, and Trustee Baugher will try to set something up for next week.

Trustee Distel says he forwarded the Board Clouse Construction's schedule for the next 2 weeks. They will be demoing and re-siding the existing building, working on a punch list, and doing concrete between the 2 buildings. Trustee Distel says he will not be at the building meeting in the morning, but the camera guy, Steve O'Millan will be here.

Trustee Distel says the next township association meeting is on December 15th. Also, Seneca County Regional Planning sent out an email about what each township is pledging towards the broadband project. The total is \$108,500.

Trustee Distel says Tyler Kaufman, who lives on CR 36, 2 houses east of TR 159 is putting in some tile and wants to tie it in on TR 159. He called Jim Lang and he told him that they have had problems with that tile breaking when they try to tie in. Trustee Baugher asks how much water will be flowing in. Trustee Distel says we can meet with him and look at it.

Trustee Distel says we were invited to an asphalt maintenance and pavement management lunch and learning session in Bucyrus. He also says the furnace at station #2 is being looked at because it did not come on last night.

Trustee Baugher moved Resolution #2022-15, a resolution declaring the property at 0 N TR 155 (parcel #D17000226840000) a nuisance pursuant to O.R.C. 505.87 and ordering the removal of the pallets, combine, and elevator, and clearing the vegetation within 4 ft. of the fence row. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12502	Jennifer Bates	wages	\$1220.18
12503	Dennis Baugher	wages	\$951.88
12504	James Distel	wages	\$1.89
12505	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1255.66
12506	James Lang	wages	\$464.86
12507	Daniel Schmitz	wages	\$900.89
12508	AEP Ohio	station #2, township house	\$566.52
12509	Aqua OH	fire hydrant service	\$12.39
12510	Bright Wireless	internet	\$84.91
12511	North Central Electric Co-op	road lights	\$11.69
12512	Loyal American Life Insurance Co.	cancer insurance policies	\$66.40
12513	Lehigh Hanson Heidelberg Cement	#8 C	\$120.25
12514	Cardmember Services	lodging for fire conference	\$150.00
12515	Lucius Door Co., Inc.	garage door repair	\$130.00
12516	Montage Enterprises Inc.	mower parts	\$270.23
12517	Carquest Auto Parts Store	supplies	\$85.56
12518	Tiffin Farmers Co-op	parts	\$51.70
12519	Seneca County Engineer	highway salt	\$3944.16

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Baugher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 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