

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
October 24, 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, Ben Bishop, Ray Bishop, Rob Chappell, and Doug Wilhelm.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, ODOT – memo regarding township road mileage, Seneca County Board of Elections – memo regarding election equipment drop-off and pick-up

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 10, 2022 were read and approved.

Trustee Baugher made a motion to renew the Certificate of Deposit for a term of 12 months at an annual rate of 2.0%. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that they have had three brush fires caused by open burning. Ben Bishop says one of them started out of a trash barrel. Chief Hafley said they were told about the burning ban and a lot of them did not even know it existed. Chief Hafley also reports that he has not gotten the report back for the ladder tests.

Tiffin Fire Chief Rob Chappell says the EMS contract is up for renewal and they are asking for an increase in fees. He reviewed call volume and response times from 2019 through July 2022 with response times improving each year and currently averaging at 4 minutes, 33 seconds in Clinton Township. Chief Chappell says not only do they get an ambulance to us quickly, but they are staffed with three personnel when most EMS agencies operate with only two. Two or sometimes all three of those are paramedics and one is sometimes an EMT going through paramedic training. Chief Chappell says the city is also using the Northwest Ohio EMS Consortium for their medical director and will have the same doctor as us. He thinks it will be a good partnership. Regarding the rate for the EMS contract, Chief Chappell says Clinton Township accounts for 10% of their run volume but in terms of budget they only make back 1%. Costs for supplies and equipment are rising, including the new ambulance that they recently ordered that cost \$375,000 compared the last one that was ordered in 2019 that cost \$250,000. The City is offering a two-year contract with the first year at \$42,500 and the second year at \$45,000. Trustee Baugher asks what the City bills per call. Chief Chappell says they do not bill unless there is a transport. A basic life support call with no IV and no heart monitor is billed at \$500 plus \$14/mile. An advanced life support call is billed at \$1,000. Of that, the City gets about a third of that back. Chief Chappell says these rates equate to a .214 mil levy for these services, whereas if we go with the county EMS plan at a 2.5 mil levy, it would cost our taxpayers \$321,500/year. The county also believes it will eventually require a 5-mil levy, which would cost \$514,500/year. The Board says they will get back to him.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he issued a house permit to Aaron Schaad and waived the fee because it is to rebuild after a house fire. Also, Richard Schrimpf on CR 19 has decided to apply to have his property re-zoned to General Business.

Ray Bishop asks if the township property was surveyed before the new building was put up. Trustee Baugher says it was surveyed twice and Mr. Bishop asks why there is a drainage tile on Bishop's property. Trustee Baugher and Trustee Schmitz say they have no knowledge of it and will have to look at it. They agree to meet in the morning at 7:30am. Mr. Bishop also asks what the zoning is on the township property. Zoning Inspector Welter says he will have to look it up.

Doug Wilhelm says he has put up a hunting blind at the corner of his mother-in-law's property and that neighboring property owner, Dennis Kingseed, has been trapping and shooting racoons and then putting them near the base of Mr. Wilhelm's hunting blind. He also says Mr. Kingseed has put up cameras down the fence row that point onto Wilhelm's property. Mr. Wilhelm says he's tired of the games and wants the fence row trimmed back 4 ft. like it is supposed to be, every year, 2 or 3 times as the law states. He wants all the junk along the fence row cleaned up. He says if it is truly agricultural equipment, it should have to move and be used, but it has sat in the same place for 4 years. He is also concerned about oil or diesel leaking into the ground water, and says the building on the north corner of the property is dilapidated and could have animals or vagrants living in it, and it should have to be maintained or demolished. Trustee Baugher says we will have to contact the prosecutor.

Trustee Baugher asks if anything has happened regarding the property on TR 159. Fiscal Officer Bates says the certified letter has not been delivered yet, and that if no one is home to sign for the letter, it will not be delivered. We can post the notice on the property door and advertise in the newspaper to execute delivery. Trustee Distel asks if we can send it to St. Francis, and Fiscal Officer Bates says she can if we can get his room number at St. Francis. Trustee Distel will see what he can find out.

Trustee Schmitz asks Chief Hafley when the ladder tests were done last. Chief Hafley says the stickers on them said 2017 and they are supposed to be done annually. Trustee Schmitz asks what the ramifications are for not having them done for five years, and Chief Hafley says it is a liability issue.

Trustee Distel says he emailed public records training information to the Trustees and Fiscal Officer. There are three opportunities to do it online in October, November, and December.

Trustee Distel says a resident called and said the no truck route sign was missing at the west end of TR 132. He called Andy who found it in the ditch and put it back up. Trustee Distel also reports that he attended the Homeland Security meeting last Tuesday. They are still working on getting a grant to help dispose of the old fire foam. It can be used for training because it does not cause cancer until it is heated, but he is going to get more information about that before it is used for training purposes. He also says they talked about bad day training and said Assistant Chief Wilkinson has already told them that we want to be involved.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12483	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$284.30
12484	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1255.66
12485	James Lang	wages	\$688.91
12486	Stephen Welter	wages	\$604.32
12487	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00
12488	AT&T	township house phone	\$101.08
12489	AEP Ohio	road lights	\$454.00
12490	Aqua OH	station #2	\$13.92
12491	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$38.95
12492	Delta Dental Plan of Ohio	road worker dental premiums	\$27.14
12493	Rumpke of Ohio Inc.	monthly trash service	\$53.08
12494	Great Lake ACE Hardware	supplies	\$119.45
12495	Tiffin Farmers Co-op	herbicide	\$28.50
12496	Clouse Construction Corp.	fire station building payment #2	\$437,899.00
12497	Jennifer Bates	recording of Williams easement	\$50.00
12498	Dan Schmitz	parts reimbursement	\$109.56
12499	Stephen Welter	stamps	\$25.80
12500	Maple Grove Materials	HPM	\$189.20

12501	John's Welding & Towing	parts, tow 2015 dump truck	\$325.03
67-2022	OPERS	September withholding	\$2623.50

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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