

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
January 30, 2023 – 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: Dennis Wilkinson, Steve Welter, Pat Bishop

Correspondence: Seneca County Farm Bureau – invitation to public policy breakfast, Seneca County Engineer – utility permit, US Census Bureau – boundary and annexation survey

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 16, 2023 were read and approved.

Fiscal Officer Bates says Fire Chief Hafley wrote a job description for the fire department that was needed for the BWC claim. She printed copies to be reviewed and approved by the Board.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that Chuck Clouse asked him about a cemetery on the Shultz Farm across from his house and who would have records for it. The auditor's office says they have no records. Trustee Schmitz asks if it is Herman Shultz's farm and Trustee Baugher does not know. Trustee Schmitz says Herman Shultz was his wife's relative and he doesn't know if they have a way to look into it.

Regarding the noise complaint on Harley, Zoning Inspector Welter says the resident called back and says the band is advertising a recording studio on the internet. He sent a letter to the property owner informing them of the noise complaint and that the property was zoned residential. Walter Fitch called him and said his nephews practice there but there is no commercial activity going on.

Assistant Chief Wilkinson reports that Chief Hafley applied for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for turn out gear and pagers. They turned in receipts for the EMS grant to be reimbursed for \$500. He also reports that he is about 75% done with the FEMA grant application but just needs to decide what they are going to apply for. Also, the smoke and alarms test passed on the new fire station building. Assistant Chief Wilkinson says the department has had 40 runs so far in January and had 45 runs last January. He also asked about the Fire Station Ahead signs that used to be on SR 101. They are not there anymore and with the new building, they are going to have to pull out quite a bit so some notification to traffic is going to be needed. Trustee Schmitz will call the county ODOT garage.

Trustee Baugher asks if we have the deed for the State parcel of land and Fiscal Officer Bates says the prosecutor's office was going to mail it but she has not seen it yet.

Trustee Distel says they finished pulling the wire for the security cameras on the new building. He also says even though Richland County has seen that everything is done, the final inspection paperwork has to say everything is done, and after Clouse submits paperwork it will take 2 weeks to be approved. The Board also agreed that there is no reason for the building committee to meet tomorrow morning.

Regarding the OSS Solid Waste District grant, Trustee Distel says he spoke to the company that Lucius Fence gets their chain link fence from and obtained the spec sheets which shows it is made from up to 71% recycled materials. He also says we need a signed resolution to apply for the grants, so Trustee Distel made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-1 to apply for OSS Solid Waste District Infrastructure Grants in the amounts of \$2000 and \$5000 for the purpose of maintaining the Aim to be Green recycling drop off locations. This was seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz –yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Regarding the Kingseed property dispute, Trustee Distel talked to Prosecutor Derek Devine today, who emailed Mr. Kingseed's attorney and said that he backs the Board of Trustees if they deem the property to be a nuisance and that the pallets, manure spreader, elevator, combine, and muliflora rose needs to be cleaned up. Only the pallets have been removed but Mr. Kingseed's attorney emailed on January 9th saying she believed everything but the brush had been removed. Mr. Devine responded on January 17th asking for an update by January 25th but we have not heard anything from Mr. Kingseed or his attorney. Mr. Devine says the township can hire someone to remove the items and recommends moving them to a location designated by Mr. Kingseed or if he refuses, to his nearest property. The items could also be junked but he believes this is a no-win situation. Mr. Devine also advises the Fiscal Officer to pay the bill from the General Fund and send an invoice to Mr. Kingseed. If he does not pay, it should be assessed to his real estate taxes. The township's second option is to not remove the items. The Board agrees to give him until Sunday to move the items or they will hire it done. The ground is going to freeze this week so they should be able to move the equipment. Trustee Distel says he will call Mr. Kingseed.

Trustee Distel says 2 weeks ago tomorrow it was brought up at their meeting that Trustee Distel has garage doors from the old fire building. He wants to be clear that the extra garage door was put in his storage garage by the road workers who said they had no where to store it when the building was being demolished the next day. He agreed to store it until it could be sold and is not charging any storage fee. He told the Trustees and Ben Bishop that he was storing it but it was not his and it was for sale but now he is being accuses of stealing it. As for the three doors that he did buy, he was unaware that a Trustee should not bid on them. Trustee Baugher says Lucius Door said they would be a steal at \$1200, and Trustee Distel says they did advertise them for \$1200 and had no offers. He thought we were trying to get the highest amount possible and believed buying them was better than throwing them out. He paid what he believes was a fair price and should not be accused of doing anything unethical. He did give one panel to Jim Black at the direction of Trustee Baugher and did not accept any money from Mr. Black and believes Mr. Black was going to make a donation to the fire department. He is happy to return the doors less that one panel and get a refund if that is what the Board would like. He would like to get the door that he is storing out of his building as soon as possible. Trustee Baugher and Denny Wilkinson that as a public official, he should not have purchased the doors. Trustee Distel says he did not know he was doing anything wrong, and that he did not approve the sale. He only offered what he was willing to pay and offers again to return them.

Trustee Schmitz says Phil Borer on SR 100 asked about getting a blue address sign and Trustee Distel says the road workers already took care of it. Trustee Schmitz also says he has received two written inquiries about the concrete slab on Williams' property.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12638	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1306.72
12639	James Lang	wages	\$359.40
12640	AEP Ohio	road lights	\$466.45
12641	AT&T	township house phone	\$102.96
12642	Delta Dental Plan of Ohio	road worker dental premiums	\$27.14
12643	Colonial Life	accident & disability insurance policies	\$137.88
12644	Cardmember Services	postage, website certificate	\$330.95
12645	Chris Hafley	telephones for station #1	\$93.31
12646	Tong's Air Conditioning	service call for station #2	\$246.00
12647	Municipal Emergency Services	air packs testing	\$1876.00
12648	Seneca County Treasurer	special assessment	\$877.85
12649	John's Welding & Towing	equipment truck repair, acetylene tank	\$445.46
9-2023	OPERS	December withholding	\$3090.03

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz –yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Dan Schmitz, Ch., Trustee

Dennis Baugher, Trustee

Jim Distel, Trustee

Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer