

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
March 27, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Guests: Steve Welter, Chris Hafley, Jeff Bish.

Correspondence: Seneca County Engineer – township road permits agreement, salt buy agreement

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 13, 2023 were read and approved.

Trustee Distel made a motion to have the county engineer process all permits on Clinton Township roads in 2023. This was seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Resident Jeff Bish at 2114 N. SR 53 says his neighbor Ms. Dandurand is starting what she calls an organic farm and does not want to mow all 5 acres of her property, so she rototilled 3 acres and says she has planted wild flowers but it has all gone to weeds. He says he has planted a row of arborvitae to try to create wind block to prevent the seeds from spreading onto his property but it will be years before it makes any difference. He also says she does not own the property, and he believes its her brother who owns it. The Board says they will probably have to wait until later in the spring when the weeds come up before they could take action but they will look into it and send a certified letter to the property owner if they believe it is warranted.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that they have around 100 runs for the year and are pretty even with last year's numbers. He also reports that they received a \$5,000 State Fire Marshall equipment grant to be used towards communications and miscellaneous personal protective equipment. He says we need pagers and new boots and have to have receipts to them by October 1, 2023 to get reimbursed.

Chief Hafley says Engine #32 was going to be painted the end of last week. Trustee Distel says Jim Keller says we may get it back this week without the roll-up doors.

Chief Hafley says the fire department voted to recommend that the Board hire Brian Myers. He lives at SR 101 and TR 130 and was on Bascom's department with volunteer and interior firefighter training. Trustee Baugher made a motion to hire Brian Myers to the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Schmitz –yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes. Chief Hafley says that puts the department at 21 firefighters and Trustee Schmitz says he is doing a nice job building his staff.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter says AEP is putting in a charging station for cars at their SR 100 location. After talking to the Board, he set the permit fee at \$50. He also received several inquires about the property at 770 E. TR 1172 and whether it is a buildable lot. It is only .6 acre and according to zoning code it would not be buildable, but former zoning inspector Bob Reinhart says if they can provide something showing it was plotted before 1987 it could be grandfathered in. However, they would have to check with the Health Department because they require 1 acre for a septic tank.

Zoning Inspector Welter also reports that he received a renewal application for Winterberry Farms' agritourism designation. He says the last certificate was for 2 years and asks the Board if we can extend it for 3 or 4 years. Chief Hafley says she is meeting all the fire inspection requirements and was last inspected May 13, 2022. The Board agreed to extend it for another 3 years.

Zoning Inspector Welter says he attended the variance meeting for Tilly's last Monday. The Zoning Board of Appeals is asking Mr. Gibson to resubmit the parking plan and to come up with a sound abatement plan. Clair Forrest says it does not need to be a wall or vegetation but he could have a sound professional come out and say how many decibels he should not exceed. Mr. Gibson is supposed to submit a plan within 60 days. They renewed his variance for 2 years, retroactive to last year, so he has one more year remaining. Mrs. Kagy text Zoning Inspector Welter over the weekend and said Mr. Gibson was having a party in the house. Zoning Inspector Welter investigated and said there were 8-10 cars parked there but there was no music and thought it could possibly be a family function.

Zoning Inspector Welter says he received several emails from a resident on SR 101 about removing a trailer and putting in a modular home. There are 2 parcels but they may only total .7 acre. They are going to meet so the resident can show plans, but it will need to be .75 acres according to the Health Department's requirements for a sewer hook-up.

Zoning Inspector Welter says the Zoning Board is holding an organizational meeting this Thursday. He also says Mark Zimmerman says his microbrewery is just going to be a home occupation and will not need a variance or conditional use permit.

Trustee Schmitz asks what recourse we have at Tilly's and Zoning Inspector Welter says he doesn't know how we are supposed to tell if he is renting his house out for parties. The email from the State does say he is not allowed to use his house for events because he would need exit signs and upgraded fire suppression. Trustee Baugher says it is a Zoning Board of Appeals issue.

Trustee Distel asks if we have anything about Airbnb's in our zoning code. Zoning Inspector Welter says we have boarding houses in the code. Trustee Distel says they are getting very popular. People are buying houses and renting them for one-night stays. There is the potential that a house could be rented to a group of college students to throw a big party and disturb neighbors. Zoning Inspector Welter will look into what is in our zoning code. Trustee Distel also asks if Zoning Inspector Welter asked other area townships about charging stations. He thinks these will get more popular also. Fire Chief Hafley says fire departments are seeing issues with them not being installed correctly and starting fires.

Trustee Baugher reports that he attended the last EMS meeting and County Commissioner Tony Paradiso told him that we had an indigent burial 4 or 5 years ago that we will be getting a bill for. Trustee Baugher also says he met with Chuck Clouse and he suggests that we put an underground wire from the Butler building to the far point of the existing building where the v-plow is at so he can go into the existing conduit to power the flashing light. He says he will be able to back feed the generator out of that also. We will dig the trench and he will provide the conduit. Mr. Clouse also wants to put the transfer switch in soon. The transfer switch is paid for but we will need to pay for the labor and an AEP reconnect charge of \$160 on our bill.

Trustee Baugher says he attended the Seneca County Township Association meeting and they said OTARMA will be doing the \$500 MORE grant and \$1,000 fire grant again this year. He also asks if we will need to receive bids for the parking lot paving. Fiscal Officer Bates says if it is over \$50,000 we will. Trustee Baugher says the quote to pave it all was over \$90,000. The Board will look and decide how much to pave. Chief Hafley asks if the emergency shut-off on the fuel tanks is still going to be done. Trustee Baugher says Chuck Clouse looked at it and thought it would be around a \$3,000 project.

Trustee Distel says Dundore Plumbing offered to come do some training on the new furnace and a walk-through on maintenance. Trustee Baugher says we should just have them service it once per year and Trustee Schmitz agreed. Trustee Distel says he also said the oil separator is just a holding tank and could over-fill.

Trustee Distel says he received an email about the legislative breakfast on April 27th at Camden Falls.

Regarding the CERT vehicle, Trustee Distel says Suzanne Black asked about putting in back at the fire station. Chief Hafley says most of the department has said they do not want it back in there. We have already agreed to keep the water rescue zodiac boat here. Trustee Distel says to make sure we have something signed that says we are not responsible for insuring the zodiac boat. Joe Worland may have a copy of what was used for the CERT vehicle. Chief Hafley says several of our firemen are on the water rescue team and asks if when called out, one of them could possibly use a township vehicle to hook up and take the zodiac boat. Trustee Schmitz says as long as it is our people driving the vehicle it should not be an issue.

Trustee Schmitz says they responded to some trees down on River Road and asks if we can rent a lift to have the road workers trim some overhead limbs. Trustee Baugher says we can have Cliff Adams do it and says Joe Worland does not want us using a lift to trim trees for insurance purposes.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12708	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$284.30
12709	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
12710	James Lang	wages	\$695.84
12711	Stephen Welter	wages	\$242.40
12712	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00
12713	AT&T	township house phone	\$102.61
12714	AEP Ohio	road lights	\$449.15
12715	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	143.57
12716	Delta Dental Plan of Ohio	road worker dental premiums	\$27.14
12717	Carquest Auto Parts Store	supplies	\$71.61
12718	Seneca Co. EMA	I Am Responding subscription	\$610.00
12719	Premier Physician Services Inc.	medical director services	\$2000.00
12720	Ehove Adult Career Center	CPR/AED renewal	\$60.00
12721	American Fire & Safety Services	annual inspections and recharge	\$315.75
12722	Benjamin Bishop	supplies	\$119.83
12723	Palfinger USA LLC	seals	\$81.63
12724	Sedgwick	BWC group rating program	\$730.00
12725	Colonial Life	accident & disability insurance policies	\$137.88
22-2023	OPERS	February withholding	\$2512.83

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 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