

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
April 24, 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, Samuel Faber, and Teresa Faber.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter

The minutes of the regular meeting held April 10, 2023 were read and approved.

Zoning Inspector Welter reports that on April 15th Mrs. Kagy text him and said Tilly's was holding a wedding in the amphitheater that does not have a permit yet. Mr. Gibson claims that they were just standing in front of it using it as a backdrop and that it is roped off. Mrs. Kagy also sent a video she says is of Mr. Gibson holding an event in the house. Zoning Inspector Welter also contacted the State about his occupancy permit and she says the permit for the banquet hall is good and the permit for the amphitheater is on the list to be reviewed. Zoning Inspector Welter also reports that on April 17<sup>th</sup> Kevin Pritts' variance to build an attached garage was approved. He also received a sample zoning template on solar facilities from Charlene Watkins with Seneca County Regional Planning and a zoning permit application from Clouse Construction for an addition on CF Professional's building. He also received a variance application from Andrew Sholl to put a building in front of a house on SR 101. That meeting will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley report that they were busy last weekend with a fatal fire on Thursday night, a total loss of a barn on Friday, and a garage, barn, and back of a house fire on Saturday. Chief Hafley also reports that the fire department voted to recommend that the Board hire Thomas Frederick to the volunteer fire department. He starts fire school on Friday and lives nearby on SR 101. He also has two others that may be interested in joining.

Chief Hafley reports that Bascom Communications will be coming on Wednesday to install the internet. Denny Wilkinson will let them in. He also says the fire department really needs to look at protocols. Protocols written by department fire chiefs do not usually hold up legally. Chief Hafley would like to use a company called Lexipol to write policies and protocols regarding fire that have been written by attorneys and proven to hold up in court. The first year would cost \$5763 and the second year would be \$3245. Trustee Distel advised Chief Hafley to check with Charlene Watkins because he believes there used to be a grant for policies and procedures. Trustee Baugher asks if other departments are using Lexipol and Chief Hafley says Tiffin uses it and he knows a lot of other departments do also and will check around to see who locally does.

Resident Jeff Bish says he fully supports his neighbor's desire to have a prairie on their property. He says the failed prairie is not only a nuisance to him, but to the entire township and agricultural community. He says Canada thistle is one of the weeds present and read definitions and spoke at length about noxious weeds, invasive species, prairie implementation, and nuisances. He also shared pictures of weeds coming up on his property and says Dan at Mohawk Nursery says he will never get rid of it if it's on his neighbor's property. Mr. Bish says he would like to see the property declared a nuisance. Trustee Distel asks if the weeds are starting to grow up on that property yet and says when he went out there they were all still dead. He says the first time Mr. Bish came to address the Board he was told that we cannot send a letter until the weeds started coming up in the spring. Mr. Bish invites the Board to his property to see what is already coming up. Trustee Schmitz says they will be out to look at it.

Mr. Bish also says he attended the Board of Appeals meeting last week and is not sure if he is interested in the open position.

Samuel Faber from Boy Scouts Troop 499 is working towards his Eagle scout and for his project would like to make a couple benches for the fire department. He will do all the fundraising and just needs the Board's approval. Chief Hafley says they talked about putting them in front of the new township house and Mr. Faber says he can probably have them done in August. The Board says it is a great idea and thanked him for thinking of us.

Trustee Baugher says he looked at the salt shed and says 25 tons of salt is probably all we need. He also says the Zoning Board of Appeals has requested that we put Mike Landers in the open position. Trustee Baugher made a motion to appoint Mike Landers to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of a four-year term ending on May 19, 2025. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel made a motion to hire Thomas Fredrick to the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel says he received a call about the cul-de-sac at the first entrance of Honeycreek not draining well. Andy went out to look at it and says there is a bunch of cattails at the end. Trustee Baugher says it is not the first year we have had problems and all we can do is grade it.

Trustee Distel also says he spoke to Nan Sauber who is the chairman of the Crestview Condo Association. She says she is being told there is a broken tile behind the south end condos. Trustee Distel told her he did not think any of those tiles were ours but we can go out any evening and look at it. She also said Nielsen did not offer any input about it.

Trustee Distel asks if we should send the owner of the property next to 3765 E. TR 122 a letter about the junk accumulating. The Board will get the address and see who owns it. Trustee Schmitz says he did finally talk to someone from the land bank about 3765 E. TR 122. It is now driven by Fostoria Economic Development and Renee says they are having a meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> to make a decision on 10 properties including 3765 E. TR 122. Once a property is rolled into the land bank it takes about 28 days before they start working on the property and the target date for this property is the end of May.

Trustee Schmitz says Hempy Water rescheduled twice and failed to show up the third time to do a water test, so he called Culligan and they will be out here tomorrow.

Regarding this year's road salt purchasing, Trustee Baugher made a motion to purchase 25 tons of salt, seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12745	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$284.30
12746	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
12747	James Lang	wages	\$569.94
12748	Stephen Welter	wages	\$462.87
12749	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00
12750	Aqua OH	station #2	\$13.00
12751	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$139.39
12752	Dan Schmitz	drop box	\$84.08
12753	Colonial Life	accident & disability insurance policies	\$137.88
12754	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	supplies	\$387.46

12755	Carquest Auto Parts Store	supplies	\$42.10
12756	John's Welding & Towing	Int'l 7300 & 7400 repairs, towing invoices	\$2053.06
12757	Column Software PBC	zoning ads	\$139.16
26-2023	Treasurer of State of Ohio	March withholding	\$159.11
27-2023	OPERS	March withholding	\$2615.74

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m., seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz –yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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Dan Schmitz, Ch., Trustee

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Dennis Baugher, Trustee

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Jim Distel, Trustee

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer