

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
June 5, 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: Jeff Bish, Rosemary Bishop, Rich Bishop, Ben Bishop, Steve Welter, Chris Hafley.

Correspondence: Bascom Communications – joint broadband project announcement info, Seneca County Engineer – utility permit, AEP – memo regarding new transmission line

The minutes of the regular meeting held May 22, 2023 were read and approved.

Fiscal Officer Bates reports that Mr. Kingseed did reimburse the township \$300 for the towing of his farm equipment.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that he looked at 475 S. Huron St. and says the house is down and any escrow money can be returned. Fiscal Officer Bates says we did not have escrow money and Trustee Baugher says the property was not insured. Chief Hafley also says he appreciates the water being installed in the truck bays and that they are starting to ramp up for the ox roast in September. He also reports that volunteer firefighter Thomas Frederick is going Georgia for 2 months for his job and he is looking into how to get Weston trained the quickest but Ehope does not have another weekend training until September.

Resident Rosemary Bishop asks why the township blocked the end of her lane. Trustee Schmitz says they had people who were driving around the building and then driving up her lane so they put up a guardrail to keep people off her property. Trustee Distel says they had debris blowing into her field that they were told they needed to clean up so they put up a fence to catch debris before it blew onto their property. Mrs. Bishop says they used that lane a lot and she would like the guardrail removed. Trustee Schmitz says they can discuss it. Mrs. Bishop says we should look at Article A of the deed. She also says that the Bishops have owned that property since 1897 and that the land that came to the township was Bishop property.

Resident Rich Bishop says the township did some poison ivy control several years ago along TR 122 between SR 101 and TR 15 and it is back on almost every tree and between the trees in the ditch. He says we ran a chain saw around and cut it at the base of the trees. Trustee Baugher says we can look at it. Trustee Schmitz says salt water would take care of it.

Resident Jeff Bish says his neighbor's property has not been mowed and the weeds are 3 to 4 feet high. Trustee Baugher asks if the thistles have blossomed yet and Mr. Bish says he does see purple blossoms. Trustee Distel says she spot mowed around all the trees and bought spray but doesn't know if it has been applied yet. He says she hired someone to run the bush hog and promised it would be done before it went to seed. Mr. Bish says he did see her pull the bush hog behind her tractor but she broke the shear pin on the first pass and it has been sitting idle ever since. Trustee Distel says we will make sure it gets mowed before it goes to seed.

Ben Bishop asks if Willow Creek has been mowed and says it was getting long last weekend. He also asks what we are doing about the roof on the house at CR 50 and TR 159. It is getting worse and now there is a hole in the side of the house. He also says they are hoarders. Trustee Distel says we should probably get the health department involved. Trustee Baugher says we can ask Zoning Inspector Welter

about it. Chief Hafley says he is going to tell the fire department that if it catches on fire, we are not going in because it is too dangerous.

Regarding getting phones working in the back shop, Trustee Baugher says a bridge will not work. Sound Solutions talked to Clouse and suggested IP phones but we would have to change all the phones out and they cost around \$400 each. Sound Solutions will come out when he gets back from vacation to look at it.

Trustee Baugher says Mike Landers asked if he can rent the meeting room out for an hour or an hour and a half for some salesmen coming from around the country and is willing to pay. The Board agreed to allow it as long as the lease agreement and hold harmless forms are filled out. He can make a donation to the fire department.

Trustee Baugher asks if Tilly's is compliant and Trustee Distel says Zoning Inspector Welter says they will be talking about it at their meeting tonight. Trustee Baugher also says he has had several people ask if we are going to have an open house. Trustee Distel says we need to and he has Tom Lonsway coming tonight to quote countertops. Denny Wilkinson cannot get Lowe's, Republic Lumber, or Attica Lumber to come give us an estimate. Chief Hafley is hoping we can have an open house in July.

Trustee Baugher asks if we are going to do a road program this year. Trustee Distel asks if he has anything in mind and Trustee Baugher says he thinks TR 15 could be chip & sealed. Trustee Baugher also says Clouse Construction would like to have M&B Asphalt bill them for the paving at the township house so it can be part of the design build project. Trustee Distel asks if Clouse will mark it up 13% and Trustee Baugher says we can ask them.

Trustee Baugher made a motion to re-appoint Clair Forrest to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a four-year term ending on May 19, 2027. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel made a motion to request an amended certificate of estimated resources from the Seneca County Budget Commission to receive, appropriate, and expend \$38,660.80 (Fund 2191) of insurance claim money received for repairs to Engine #32 and replacement of a ladder. This was seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel thanked Ben Bishop for getting the time, date, and temperature on the digital sign. He also says Denny Wilkinson asked him to thank Trustee Schmitz and Jim Lang for helping with the gear washer. He also says he talked to the road workers about the cul-de-sac in Honeycreek that is holding water and they are going to dip all the way around to get rid of standing water at the road.

Trustee Distel says Charlene Watkins will get back to Chief Hafley by the end of the week regarding grant money for polices and procedures. He also talked to the Cody Development attorney about the American Standard property and he gave him the number of the guy who will be mowing it so we can tell him exactly what needs mowed. Trustee Distel will meet with him tomorrow or Wednesday.

Trustee Distel says the land bank did take 3765 E. TR 122 and will move forward. He asks if we sent a letter to the neighboring property and Fiscal Officer Bates says we have not declared it a nuisance yet. Trustee Distel says 152 8th Ave. is also overgrown and says he was told we were going to get a call about it but he has not gotten any complaints yet.

Trustee Distel moved Resolution #2023-4, a resolution declaring the property at 3733 E. TR 122 a nuisance pursuant to O.R.C. 505.87. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Schmitz reports that they used the rotor-rooter and ran the tile on TR 122 from Gene Englehart’s up the hill. He says it hasn’t been used in 18 years but now the road workers know how to use it and says it worked well. He also reports that the water softener will be installed in the maintenance building tomorrow and asks Chief Hafley if they want a reverse osmosis system installed under the kitchen sink for drinking water. Chief Hafley does not think it is necessary.

Zoning Inspector reports that the variance at Deer Ridge passed. He also says the Zoning Board of Appeals would like a copy of the decibel report for Tilly’s and something that shows the updates to the parking plan. He says the parking is in the right-of-way but county engineer Mark Zimmerman says he doesn’t like them parking in the right-of-way but he isn’t going to police every graduation party and farm sale. Zoning Inspector Welter also reports that he issued 2 shed permits.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12806	Jennifer Bates	wages	\$1055.52
10807	Dennis Baugher	wages	\$971.88
10808	James Distel	wages	\$4.16
10809	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
10810	James Lang	wages	\$598.47
10811	Daniel Schmitz	wages	\$923.32
10812	Benjamin Bishop	wages	\$746.27
10813	James Black	wages	\$132.06
10814	Eric Cook	wages	\$110.22
10815	Shawn Daniel	wages	\$270.12
10816	Brock Ekleberry	wages	\$275.55
10817	Chad Everhart	wages	\$27.70
10818	Noah Faber	wages	\$68.88
10819	Daniel Frankart	wages	\$6.88
10820	Thomas Frederick II	wages	\$24.01
10821	Matt Gray	wages	\$175.46
10822	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$474.45
10823	Donald Henney	wages	\$733.65
10824	Kevin Hoover	wages	\$592.43
10825	David Knowles	wages	\$13.77
10826	Craig Lucius	wages	\$89.55
10827	John Meisner	wages	\$1193.85
10828	Brian Myers	wages	\$105.05
10829	Leo Pickar IV	wages	\$77.61
10830	Dustin Waters	wages	\$349.26
10831	Hanna Welter	wages	\$151.55
10832	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$533.32
10833	Van Williams	wages	\$96.44
10834	AT&T	township house phone	\$101.99
10835	AEP Ohio	township house, road lights, station #2	\$869.68
10836	Aqua OH	fire hydrant service	\$12.39
10837	North Central Electric Co-op	road lights	\$8.14
10838	Bright Wireless	internet	\$597.87
10839	Delta Dental Plan of Ohio	road worker dental premiums	\$27.14

10840	Loyal American Life Insurance Co.	cancer insurance policies	\$66.40
10841	Central Ohio Farmers Co-op	fuel	\$1999.71
10842	Cardmember Services	postage	\$8.13
10843	Napa Auto Parts	parts	\$28.99
10844	Dan Schmitz	hose bibs for firehouse	\$252.25
10845	Culligan of Tiffin	water softener installation	\$261.69
10846	Auditor of State of Ohio	UAN Fees – 3 rd qtr 2023	\$876.00
10847	Column Software PBC	zoning ad	\$59.64
10848	Lucius Fence	chain link fence	\$6689.00
34-2023	OPERS	April withholding	\$2591.87

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 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