

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
July 17, 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, Ray Bishop, Dennis Kingseed, and Jerry Baker.

Correspondence: Beck Suppliers – propane pre-buy info, Seneca County Engineer – Issue 1 project application info, OTARMA – newsletter, Seneca County Prosecutor – opinion regarding property deed, OSS Solid Waste District – signage and site survey update

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 3, 2023 were read and approved.

Zoning Inspector Welter reports that he issued a permit for an addition on Tecumseh Trl. He also received a call from Kelly Zoeller about a neighbor putting up a “building site” sign next to a house she is trying to sell on TR 165 because he wanted to put a very low bid in for the property. Mr. Welter sent him a letter with the zoning rules for signs at construction sites and the sign is now down. Mr. Welter also received a text from Mrs. Kagy with complaints about Tilly’s and forwarded the information to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Zoning Inspector Welter also received an email from JJ Miller regarding 5 lots he owns on Harley and Greeley where he would like to build condos and asked if he would need to combine the lots. Mr. Welter says the lots are zoned E-1 single family and would probably need to be rezoned. He is going to check with Charlene Watkins at Regional Planning for her input as well. Trustee Distel asks if the small individual lots are buildable and Zoning Inspector Welter says he asked former zoning inspector Bob Reinhart about a similar situation and he says they can be grandfathered in if they were plotted before the zoning regulations were implemented.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley says Tom Lonsway has ordered the countertops for the kitchen and radio room. He is going to ask the firemen’s association if they will pay the labor to have him install them also. Chief Hafley says he has not had the opportunity to measure the windows for blinds yet. He also reports that they did a public relations event at Restoration Church yesterday. Also, the yellow caution lights on the building come on but do not flash, and the siren possibly did not go off on Saturday. Chief Hafley will call Clouse and have them look into it.

Resident Jerry Baker asked the Board about getting the ditch cleaned out on TR 122. He says it is grown up with cattails and weeds and thinks Denny Kirian would probably do it. He also asks about paving TR 122 and says the road workers said they haven’t put berm down because it was going to be paved. Trustee Baugher says they are only paving from SR 101 to TR 15. Mr. Baker says the lip off the pavement is bad. He is also concerned about the approach coming off SR 101 being stone and asks if it can be paved.

Trustee Baugher the property at 3872 E CR 50, owned by Diane Worley, needs to be cleaned up. It needs to be mowed and has a camper and a car with expired plates on it. He does not think she is living there and asks what happens if she is not there to sign for a certified letter. Fiscal Officer Bates says the prosecutor’s office has previously told us that we could post on the door of the property if we were unable to serve the property owner a letter.

Trustee Baugher moved Resolution #2023-5, a resolution declaring the car and camper located at 3872 E. CR 50, junk vehicles pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871 and ordering their removal. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Baugher moved Resolution #2023-6, a resolution declaring the property at 3872 E. CR 50 a nuisance pursuant to O.R.C. 505.87. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel

– yes, Mr. Baugher – yes. Fiscal Officer Bates will send certified letters and Trustee Baugher will post notices on the property’s door also.

Trustee Baugher says he met with Jason Kirgis with the Seneca County Engineer’s office about the bridge on TR 194. He says they are hoping to set the deck next week and pave the approach the first week of August. The prior bridge was installed in 1918.

Fiscal Officer Bates typed up a letter outlining the agreement on the maintenance of the Dandurand’s prairie. Trustee Schmitz will get Kathy Dandurand and Jeff Bish’s signatures on it.

Trustee Distel reports that he talked to Matt Beckman at the health department about the house at CR 50 and TR 159. He says they are shorthanded but he will send a letter and go out to talk to them. He says Fostoria’s fire department has started red taping homes that are unsafe for them to enter but Trustee Distel assumes this is probably for vacant homes. Chief Hafley will call Fostoria and talk to them.

Regarding propane, Trustee Distel says DT Petroleum currently has the best price at \$1.449 for pre-buy. We have 760.5 gallons left with Beck and their current price is \$1.799. Trustee Distel is going to call and see if they will match DT’s price. Other prices include Amerigas at \$1.69 fixed, Central Farmers at \$1.949, and Sunrise has a summer fill for \$1.649, pre-buy for \$1.899, and locked-in price of \$1.999. Trustee Distel also says 2 years ago we bought 3900 gallons and carried over 490 gallons. Last year we bought another 3900 gallons and carried over 760 gallons. We have more area to heat now, but we should also be insulated better, so he is not sure how much propane we should buy.

Trustee Distel says he received a call about the end of Crestview at SR 231 looking toward US 224 that sight is restricted by brush growing up. He left a message for the resident but has not heard back from them yet. He says he can trim it for them if they want. Also, regarding the new recycling signage, Trustee Distel says the drop-off locations look nicer and he thinks people are following the guidelines better.

Trustee Distel says we received the prosecutor’s opinion that we should probably leave the guardrail at the end of the Bishop’s lane. If we do decide to allow access through the township’s property for their customers and carriers we should contact our insurance agent because they will be driving in front of the fire department and could restrict the fire trucks from getting out. Trustee Distel says he did talk to our insurance agent, who also suggest that we do not allow access to the lane through our property.

Trustee Schmitz reports that he talked to Kathy Dandurand who gave him information from the Seneca County Conservation District that is their interpretation of the prairie and how it is being taken care of.

Trustee Distel reports that Andy replaced the brakes on the Ford truck.

Ray Bishop made a records request for any and all correspondence related to parcel #D17005248760100 between now and January 1, 2021. Fiscal Officer Bates says she will be on vacation most of the next 2 weeks and may not be able to get to this until she returns.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12879	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$284.30
12880	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
12881	James Lang	wages	\$243.31
12882	Stephen Welter	wages	\$609.19
12883	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00
12884	Aqua OH	station #2, fire hydrant service	\$25.39

12885	Bright Wireless	internet	\$97.67
12886	Rumpke of Ohio Inc	monthly trash service	\$56.48
12887	City of Tiffin	ambulance contract – 2 nd half 2023	\$19000.00
12888	Lowe’s	supplies	\$59.97
12889	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$44.82
48-2023	OPERS	June withholding	\$2536.17
49-2023	OPERS	interest	\$10.71

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz –yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Dan Schmitz, Ch., Trustee

Dennis Baugher, Trustee

Jim Distel, Trustee

Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer