

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
June 19, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Dan Schmitz and Trustee Jim Distel answered roll call. Trustee Baugher was absent. Also present was Fiscal Officer Jennifer Bates.

Guests: Jeff Bish, Rosemary Bishop, Ray Bishop, Steve Welter, Chris Hafley, Brent Busdeker, Dennis Kingseed, Ashley Decker, and Kathy Dandurand.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter

The minutes of the regular meeting held June 5, 2023 were read and approved.

At Fiscal Officer Bates's request, Trustee Distel made a motion to make an appropriations transfer of \$62,163.40 in the General Fund from 1000-760-720-0000 Buildings to 1000-760-730-000 Improvement of Sites for the purpose of paying the Clouse Construction invoice for asphalt. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – absent.

Zoning Inspector Welter reports that the Hoerig variance in Honeycreek passed and the Griffin variance in Deer Ridge passed. He also issued a pool and fence permit on Tecumseh Trail. Mr. Welter also says he received a phone call about an open sign being put up at Wise Powersports saying it blocks the view of SR 53 on TR 132. Road worker Andy Kimmet took a picture of it and does not believe it is within the 75 ft. setback but Zoning Inspector Welter will go look and talk to him about it. Mr. Welter also received a re-zoning application for Rivers Edge on TR 73 and several texts from Mrs. Kagy about an event at Tilly's with no parking attendant and no "no parking" signs in her driveway. Gary Cole drove by and said he did not see any problems.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley says they are holding an open house for the fire station on Sunday, August 13th from 1-3pm. He is going to invite the fire marshal and local politicians. They also will be holding the ox roast on September 24th starting at 11am. It will be drive-thru with sandwiches only. They also received a \$100 donation from Mike Landers for the use of chairs in March. Chief Hafley also says Tom Lonsway has not gotten back to him with a quote for countertops and he will call him this week.

Brent Busdeker introduced himself and says he is running for county commissioner for the term beginning in 2025.

Resident Rosemary Bishop asks if the Board has made a decision about restoring access to her lane. Trustee Distel says he has not yet received a copy of the deed. Once they have it, they will look into it.

Resident Jeff Bish asks how we plan to move forward regarding his neighbor's property. Ashley Decker introduces herself and says her mom owns the property and she has been helping her with the prairie restoration for the last couple year. She has a degree in environmental science and has had a career in ecological restoration for the last 15 years. They have bought \$3,000 in native seeds to promote pollinators and have been patch mowing where there are not beneficial plants and applying herbicide on a weekly basis starting in June. Trustee Schmitz asks how we can manage the property to be less of a concern for the surrounding neighbors and says they are probably concerned about the elevation of the vegetation as much as anything. Ms. Decker says an adjacent property has 10 ft. high grass and asks if there is a law about the elevation of vegetation. Trustee Distel says the last they spoke she had said they were going to mow down to 13 inches but Ms. Decker says as she was mowing she found areas that were really nice and did not think she needed to mow the native species. Mr. Bish claims there are thistles with flower buds and says he has also identified other noxious weeds on the property. Ms.

Decker offers to take care of any other noxious weed species that Mr. Bish points out and Trustee Distel suggests that the Board meet them both at the property to look at it together. They agree to meet on Tuesday June 20th at 5:30pm.

Resident Kathy Dandurand apologized to Mr. Bish and says when she purchased the property 6 years ago it had been used by Bilger’s Landscape as a dumping site for diseased bushes and weeds. She says they have been cleaning up the property for 6 years and are close to having it completely done. She says the lawn is now well maintained and they have invested thousands of dollars in creating a great ecosystem in their prairie. She will not let Canadian thistle and rag weed take over because of the money and time they have invested. Mr. Bish asks where the grasses and flowers that were planted are at and Ms. Decker says she will point them out when they meet tomorrow.

Trustee Distel reports that the American Standard lot has been mowed. He asks Chief Hafley if he has heard back from Charlene Watkins about policy and procedure grant money and Chief Hafley says she told him that she is working on a large grant but will contact him in a couple weeks. Trustee Distel also asks if Chief Hafley or Zoning Inspector Welter looked at the house at the corner of TR 159 and CR 50. Chief Hafley says the fire department will not enter the house if there is a fire. He also says there are several vehicles that are unlicensed. Mr. Welter says he will look at it.

Trustee Distel says the electric aggregate contract is being renewed and he received a letter in the mail about it today. Residents will have the ability to opt-out or they will be automatically enrolled. Mr. Distel also reports that the road workers addressed the poison ivy in the ditch on TR 122 and Ray Bishop confirms that they did cut and spray it.

Trustee Schmitz asks if there is an address sign at 152 8th Ave. He drove out to look at it but could not find it. Trustee Distel says he may have the wrong address but still has not received a compliant about the high grass. He also says there is a new 6 or 8 ft. chain link fence. He will drive by and look at it.

Bills were presented to be paid:

10849	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$274.49
10850	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
10851	James Lang	wages	\$503.12
10852	Stephen Welter	wages	\$242.40
10853	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00
10854	Aqua OH	station #2	\$13.92
10855	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$44.82
10856	Rumpke of Ohio Inc.	monthly trash service	\$56.63
10857	James Warnement	release of insurance escrow	\$5000.00
10858	Betty Depinet	release of insurance escrow	\$5010.51
10859	Lowe’s	supplies	\$639.88
10860	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	supplies	\$93.41
10861	Colonial Life	accident & disability insurance policies	\$137.88
38-2023	EFTPS	May withholding	\$1337.96
39-2023	Ohio Deferred Compensation	May withholding	\$1000.00
40-2023	Treasurer of State of Ohio	May withholding	\$155.82
41-2023	Treasurer of State of Ohio	interest	\$0.09

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz –yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – absent.

Dan Schmitz, Ch., Trustee

Dennis Baugher, Trustee

Jim Distel, Trustee

Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer