

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
August 14, 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, Matt Dysard, Sheriff Fred Stevens.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, Seneca County Regional Planning – special meeting notice, OTARMA – annual report

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 31, 2023 were read and approved.

Zoning Inspector Welter reports that he issued a house addition permit and a shed permit. He also received a text from Mrs. Kagy regarding a live band at Tilly's and saying there were no signs in her driveway. Mr. Welter drove out and said he thought the live band was done and there were no cars parked along the road but he will forward the complaint to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Zoning Inspector Welter also says he spoke to County Commissioner Tony Paradiso regarding solar farms and he says Seneca County did ban farms larger than 50 megawatts but says companies are connecting smaller farms together to get around the 50 megawatts restriction. Ohio Revised Code does allow us to regulate solar farms and Mr. Paradiso gave him Eden Township's zoning inspector's information because they are going through this right now. Mr. Welter is going to contact the zoning board and the prosecutor's office to start discussing zoning regulations for solar farms.

Seneca County Sheriff Fred Stevens presented his 2022 annual report and says Clinton Township had 1,128 calls for service. His report outlined the various types of calls they responded to. He says calls over the last couple years have increased but part of this is because he has pushed out the deputies and encouraged them to be more active and visible throughout the county. He says another reason for the increase is that paper service did not used to be included in the call numbers.

Sheriff Stevens also discussed the county jail and said they averaged 158 inmates per night with the average stay for local inmates being 33 days. He says the number of ICE detainees has increased over the last couple years because only 2 of the 6 facilities with ICE contracts in Ohio are remaining. They have passed all their Federal inspections since he took office and are compliant on State minimum standards. ICE detainees stay 82 days on average and in April 2022 they were able to renegotiate the contract from \$58/day to \$90/day, bringing in \$1.3 million in revenue in 2022. Trustee Distel asked if \$90/day covered the costs and Sheriff Stevens says it is enough to cover costs including overtime for the inspections and meals.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley says the fire station open house went well with around 86 people in attendance. He also reports that he has been communicating with Nikki Smith, a grant writer for Ohio first responder grants for the 2023 grant. He says we are not out of the running for a 2022 grant and that our application has not been declined. Chief Hafley also says they are starting the trucks' annual service at Keller's, hose testing has been ongoing, and pump testing starts tomorrow with costs being shared by New Riegel. Chief Hafley also says we have aging apparatus with the newest piece of equipment, Engine #31 being 17 years old, and the oldest, Engine #32 being 26 years old. Manufacturers are saying delivery is taking 3 years, so they are starting to put together a committee.

Matt Dysard says he is looking at a piece of land out by Sentinel to put in some housing and wanted to get the Board's thoughts on re-zoning before he starts the planning process. He says the property is at the corner of SR 100 and is enticing because it is adjacent to the sewer and water lines that were run to

the jail. He is working with Vanhorn in Findlay to do the plot and sitework. He says it is around 50 acres and they would be looking at 60-65 lots for single-family homes. Trustee Distel says re-zoning would go through the Zoning Commission and they would hold a public hearing. They would then make a recommendation to the Trustees, who would approve or deny the application. Mr. Dysard says they cannot do test digs until the corn comes off the field and the whole project will depend on if there is enough soil to get the sewer and water lines deep enough.

Dennis Kingseed asks what the final cost was on the new building. Fiscal Officer Bates says they are at \$1,271,322.40 with some additional paving the generator to do yet.

Trustee Baugher says they are going to replace the tail board on the tanker. He also says the pressure switch on the pump is out of whack.

Trustee Distel says Beck is going to issue us a refund on the propane we did not use. DT Petroleum is going to put us on auto-fill. He also reports that David Seasily from ODOT called him and says he received a phone call from Mr. Bishop asking about the parcel of land that was transferred back to the township. Mr. Seasily asked about the guardrail and the fence and says he did not see any issues with it and that he would call Mr. Bishop.

Trustee Distel says he will attend the Regional Planning meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. He also will attend the Seneca County Township Association meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Distel made a motion to set a public hearing on August 28, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. for the consideration of the re-zoning application for a parcel of land on TR 73 owned by Martin Vadalabene. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz –yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel asks if we have an Issue 1 project in mind. He says the road workers did not have any suggestions. Trustee Schmitz says TR 122 has a lot of seal on it but the asphalt is still in good shape. Trustee Baugher says the only thing he can think of is TR 15 but it may be able to be chip & sealed instead. Trustee Distel made a motion to request an engineer’s estimate for the paving of TR 15 from SR 101 to SR 18 for a possible Issue 1 Round 38 project. This was seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz –yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes. The Board also requested estimates to chip and seal TR 15 from SR 101 to SR 18 and estimates to pave TR 122 from TR 15 to TR 165 and to chip and seal the same segment TR 122 so they can decide which they would like to do.

Trustee Schmitz says he received a phone call from Jeff Greer about access back to their properties on TR 159. It is currently a private drive and he says County Treasurer Paul Harrison says the township could pass a resolution to take possession of the road but not be liable for maintenance. The residents do not like being taxed on the property when the county does not take care of the road. Trustee Distel says we would have to check into it more but the Board agrees that this is not something that we would probably want to do.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12905	Jennifer Bates	wages	\$1055.52
12906	Dennis Baugher	wages	\$971.88
12907	VOID		
12908	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
12909	James Lang	wages	\$645.42
12910	Daniel Schmitz	wages	\$923.32
12911	James Distel	wages	\$4.16
12912	AEP Ohio	township house	\$379.42

12913	North Central Electric Co-op	road lights	\$8.14
12914	Aqua OH	station #2, fire hydrant service	\$25.39
12915	Bright Wireless	internet	\$99.67
12916	Rumpke of Ohio Inc.	monthly trash service	\$56.72
12917	Loyal American Life Insurance Co.	cancer insurance policies	\$66.40
12918	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	supplies	\$39.76
12919	Central Ohio Farmers Co-op	fuel	\$621.00
12920	Heidelberg Materials Midwest	#411	\$257.50
12921	Montage Enterprises Inc.	mower parts	\$331.71
12922	The Dexter Company	parts	\$30.00
12923	Carquest Auto Parts Store	parts	\$339.76
12924	Lucius Door Co. Inc.	check & repair six doors	\$175.00
12925	Tiffin Farmers Co-op	parts	\$53.87
12926	Ag-Pro Ohio LLC	mower blade, parts	\$86.82
12927	VOID		
12928	Culligan of Tiffin	softener salt	\$40.81
12929	Dennis Wilkinson	special ends for nozzles	\$104.47
12930	CET Fire Pumps Mfg.	hose and connectors	\$243.20
12931	Seneca County Twp. Association	2023 OTA membership	\$280.00
53-2023	Treasurer of State of Ohio	July withholding	\$181.94
54-2023	Ohio Deferred Compensation	July withholding	\$1000.00
55-2023	EFTPS	July withholding	\$1480.13

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m., seconded by Trustee Schmitz. 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