

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, and Dennis Kingseed.

Correspondence: Seneca County Board of Elections – election equipment drop-off info, Zoning Commission – meeting minutes, Seneca County Regional Planning – Issue 1 Round 37 tentative schedule and Issue 1 Round 38 application info, Seneca County Engineer – utility permits, Ohio Secretary of State – memo regarding Issue 1, Seneca County Conservation District – tile replacement plan meeting, Ohio Public Utilities Commission – CD-ROM regarding Aqua Ohio

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 17, 2023 were read and approved.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that they have had 245 runs year-to-date compared to 249 runs last year. He also reports that he received an email from Aqua that the water tower by Sentinel is down for maintenance for 3 months. They have been asked to limit the opening of hydrants to emergency use. He talked to Jason at Aqua about doing our annual required hose testing and he said the hydrant can still be used but to slowly fill and not open it all the way. We need to call the pump station on Ella Street whenever we are using a fire hydrant so they can monitor water pressure. All our captains have that phone number.

Chief Hafley also reports that Noah Faber and Micah Kirchner have resigned. He is looking to see if any money is owed to us for their training. He says Micah will probably owe for EMR training but most of their fire training was paid through the Ohio fire marshal's grant.

Chief Hafley says 12 volunteers worked the demolition derby. He also says they just received 13 sets of fire boots that they desperately needed. This will be submitted for reimbursement through the state fire marshal's equipment grant.

Chief Hafley says they have been working hard to prepare for the dedication ceremony on August 13<sup>th</sup>. There is a mailing going out to 1100 township households that also includes an advertisement for volunteer firefighters and information about the ox roast. Regarding the dedication ceremony, instead of doing a ribbon cutting, they will be doing a hose uncoupling. They are also doing a pinning ceremony and oath. They may also push truck #31 into the building.

Chief Hafley also reports that Clouse Electric came out and looked at the siren. He tripped it and it worked so we will have to check it next time they test sirens to make sure it goes off.

Zoning Inspector Welter received a call inquiring about putting in a 30-acre solar farm on the Watson property. He checked with assistant prosecutor Ellie Anderson and forwarded the Board her opinion. Since we do not have anything in the zoning code about solar farms it is likely not permitted. OTARMA does provide a template for zoning regulations for solar farms and if we are interested he can forward it to the Zoning Commission for consideration. Trustee Distel says he believes all solar farms have to go through the county commissioners' office and they are not allowing them.

Zoning Inspector Welter sent JJ Miller the rezoning application for his 5 properties. There may be an issue with his drawing because since it is on the corner of Harley and Greeley there are two front setbacks under current zoning code. Mr. Miller asked about it being grandfathered so Mr. Welter may contact Bob Reinhart to see if that is possible. Mr. Miller may be able to apply for a variance also.

Trustee Baugher reports that Denny Kirian will dip out the ditch on TR 122. Also, the property on CR 50 has been mowed. He also says the deck on the TR 194 bridge was put in on Thursday.

Trustee Distel reports that the resident on Crestview did trim their brush. He also says he called Beck and they cannot match DT Petroleum's pre-buy price. The best they can do is cap the price at \$1.699. He verified that DT's price is still \$1.299 for summer fill and \$1.449 for pre-buy. Beck can either refund the 760.5 gallons we have remaining or fill our tanks and refund the remainder. The Board agrees to take a refund from Beck. Trustee Distel made a motion to contract with DT Petroleum to do a propane summer fill at \$1.299/gallon and pre-buy 3000 gallons at \$1.449, seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz –yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

The Board reviewed the proposed tax budget and Trustee Distel moved to accept the 2024 tax budget as presented- Revenue \$721,184.44 and Expenditures \$721,184.44. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12890	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
12891	AT&T	township house phone	\$102.89
12892	AEP Ohio	road lights, station #2	\$554.13
12893	Delta Dental Plan of Ohio	road worker dental premiums	\$27.14
12894	Carquest Auto Parts Store	parts	\$36.65
12895	Dan Schmitz	photos for fair booth	\$10.59
12896	iPad Mobile Solutions LLC	2023 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr IMS ePCR	\$300.00
12897	Elan Financial Services	postage	\$16.69
12898	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	supplies	\$61.07
12899	Heidelberg Materials Midwest	#411	\$176.91
12900	American Fire & Safety Services	fire extinguisher inspection & recharge	\$42.50
12901	Ag-Pro Ohio LLC	parts, mower blade	\$86.82
12902	911 Fleet and Fire Equipment	fire boots	\$5187.00
12903	Clouse Electric	install 2 50-amp receptacles	\$1655.00
12904	Colonial Life	accident & disability insurance policies	\$138.88

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 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