

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
August 28, 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 Denny Wilkinson.

Correspondence: Seneca County Engineer – engineer’s estimates for Issue 1 project and 2023 road program, Seneca County Regional Planning – temporary office location information

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 14, 2023 were read and approved.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he issued a permit for a garage addition. He also passed on information about Tilly’s to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Welter also says he is waiting on Charlene Watkins at Regional Planning to get back to him about solar zoning regulations.

Assistant Fire Chief Denny Wilkinson reports that all the pump tests passed. He also says hose testing is going well. They did have a 2 ½” hose blow and a 5” hose leaking at the coupling. He says they are still using some hose from 1962 and so far they are still in the running for a grant to replace it.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that year-to-date they have had 278 responses and 256 National Fire Incident Reporting System reports compared to last year-to-date with 277 responses and 214 NIFRS reports. He says the higher reports are likely because they may be reporting things differently than last year.

Chief Hafley also reports that they voted to recommend that the Board hire Brittany Frederick to the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department. She is Thomas Frederick’s wife and she has already passed her orientation and will be starting Firefighter 1 classes around September 12th.

Chief Hafley says the generator is in the process of being built with delivery in 2-3 weeks. He is also working on a grant through the Gary Sinise Foundation for 10 sets of bunker gear totaling \$42,000. He also gave the Board some information on the Ohio First Responder Grants company. This is the grant writer that got the grant for the air packs in 2019, and who recently got Old Fort Fire \$890,000. He is very successful and is starting to fill up his schedule.

Trustee Baugher asks what the Board wants to do about the phone line to the back shop. The quote from Clouse Electric is not to exceed \$2,000 but does not include boring. Trustee Schmitz says he does not think it makes sense to spend an extra \$1,600 to have Sound Solutions do wireless. Trustee Baugher says we can do the overhead wire for now and could bore it at a later date. The Board agrees to have Clouse Electric run the overhead wire.

Trustee Distel made a motion to hire Brittany Frederick to the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz –yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes. Chief Hafley says she qualifies for the state fire marshal grant that will pay for most of her training.

The Board discussed road projects and Trustee Distel says he thinks TR 15 is in worse shape than TR 122. If TR 15 is paved using Issue 1 funds, we could chip & seal TR 122. Trustee Baugher says TR 165 from SR 18 to TR 122 could be chip & sealed next year.

Trustee Distel moved and Trustee Baugher seconded, to enter into a cooperative agreement with Seneca County to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the 2025 Seneca

County Township Road Project and to set Clinton Township’s project as the paving of TR 15 from SR 101 to SR 18. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Schmitz moved and Trustee Baugher seconded Resolution 2023-17 authorizing Anthony Paradiso of the Seneca County Board of Commissioners as Chief Executive Officer, Julie Adkins, Seneca County Auditor, as Chief Financial Officer and Steve Naderer of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees as Project Manager to: Submit an application and to execute a contract with the Ohio Public Works Commission for resurfacing of various township roads with the county. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel asks if Fiscal Officer Bates spoke to the Seneca Motel about lodging tax. She says she did, and that the new owner was paying lodging tax to the City of Tiffin instead of to Clinton Township. He is going to mail a check for the past due tax. Trustee Distel says when they passed the lodging tax resolution he had asked for the funds to get set aside for fire equipment. Fiscal Officer Bates says the money goes into the General Fund and that money can be used for anything. Most of the General Fund carryover was used for the new building so there is not any money currently set aside.

Trustee Distel says he got a call about 246 8th Ave. requesting stone for the back alley. He says the center is over grown with grass but there is stone on the edges and we have brought stone in before. He says stone will be needed from Shawhan all the way to the end of the alley.

Trustee Distel says Turco and Sons submitted a bid for our trash service. They quoted a 2-yard dumpster to be dumped once per week for \$53/month. Trustee Distel says it is only a savings of \$3-\$5/month but we would be paying someone local. Trustee Distel made a motion to contract with Turco and Sons for our monthly trash service, seconded but Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel said the Ford truck needs front tires. The left front is almost bald, the right front is at about 20%, and the rear tires are at about 50%. He thinks we should replace them before it snows.

Chief Hafley says he has looked into getting flashing lights on SR 101 for the fire station and it would cost around \$19,000 each for the trucks to get a button to activate the lights when they pull out of the station. Assistant Chief Wilkinson says he has emailed State Senator Bill Reineke several times about getting lights and a sign and has not heard anything back. Trustee Distel says getting the State’s permission to do anything may be the biggest hurdle.

Trustee Distel made a motion to contract with Ohio First Responder Grants to write a grant for FEMA’s Assistance to Firefighters Grants program. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Assistant Chief Wilkinson says the Bureau of Workers Compensation has a \$40,000 grant for safety and intervention that we may want to look into for the road department.

Trustee Distel says we need to start thinking about looking for a new zoning inspector. We will be losing ours when Mr. Welter takes over as Fiscal Officer on April 1st.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12932	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$294.10
12933	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
12934	James Lang	wages	\$97.55
12935	Stephen Welter	wages	\$242.40
12936	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00

12937	AEP Ohio	road lights	\$494.25
12938	AT&T	township house phone	\$122.98
12939	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$44.82
12940	Delta Dental Plan of Ohio	road worker dental premiums	\$27.14
12941	Colonial Life	accident & disability insurance policies	\$137.88
12942	Elan Financial Services	postage	\$83.36
12943	John Deere Financial	supplies	\$201.19
12944	Staples	printer toner	\$116.89
12945	DJL Material & Supply Inc.	parts	\$78.04
12946	Heidelberg Materials Midwest	#411	\$267.99
12947	Maple Grove Materials	QPR cold patch	\$161.70
12948	Diversified Graphics	fire station dedication ceremony mailers	\$337.10
12949	Clinton Township Vol. Fire Dept.	supplies	\$296.66
12950	Lonsway Cabinet & Millwork Co.	countertops	\$3455.00
56-2023	OPERS	July withholding	\$2735.17

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 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