

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
October 9, 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, Doug Wilhelm, Ron Fry, and Eric Ziegler.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, OTARMA – newsletter

The minutes of the regular meeting held September 25, 2023 were read and approved.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports there is a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on October 16, 2023 at 7:00pm for the consideration of Dennis Kline's variance application for an addition. He also issued a propane tank permit and a fence permit. Mr. Welter also received a phone call from Bryan Wise about a driveway permit and Mr. Wise says that according to Hank & Associates, his neighbor, Tim Hess's propane tank is 7 ft. onto his property. Mr. Hess is going to have his property surveyed and said he may need a variance.

Mr. Welter says he has forwarded emails to the Board regarding Ron Fry's property. He asked the prosecutor's office for a definition of General Business and they said tree trimming service was not an allowable use and told him to hand-serve a seize and desist order, but no one was there and he had to mail it instead.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that the department voted to recommend that the Board hire Alex Kear and Dan Raufer. He also says he finished the FEEG grant for \$15,000 through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation. They have 4 grant applications out totaling over \$100,000, although he does not think we are getting anything for the AFG grant. Regarding the Ohio First Responder's Grant writer, we need to commit to a percentage that he will get paid if we are awarded the grant and the lowest he will take is 5%. He also does not believe that we can get a truck but suggested that we go after a battery-operated JAWS. Trustee Distel asks how often the JAWS needs replaced and Chief Hafley says around 15 years. Trustee Baugher says ours is still in good shape and Chief Hafley says a new battery-operated JAWS would come with battery-operated cutters and air bags to lift vehicles that we do not currently have. We could apply for both a truck and the JAWS, but the application for the first project is \$2,500 and the second project is \$1,500.

Chief Hafley says CERT has asked if we would allow their vehicle to come back to Station #2. It is currently out in the open at the fairgrounds. Chief Hafley says they could bring the antique truck back to Station #1 and put the CERT truck at Station #2. He says they will have to leave the keys in it in case we need to move it. Trustee Distel asks how many drivers they have and Trustee Schmitz says there is concern giving access to the building to a large number of people. Chief Hafley says he will talk to them about limiting the number of people with access.

Resident Ron Fry says he has owned the Hossler Construction property for 11 or 12 years and has had nothing but trouble. Currently, Mr. Zimmerman is trying to stop him from accessing the property through the easement on Marlyn St. He is also harassing his tenant EZ Tree Service. Mr. Fry says Mr. Ziegler parks his truck inside storage and does not operate his business on that property. Mr. Fry recently had three large maple trees taken down on the property that resulting in a lot of chipping and grinding noises. Zoning Inspector Welter says he has driven by and not heard any noise. He also called both the sheriff department and the police department and both say they have not received any complaints. Mr. Ziegler question's the prosecutor's decision and says he does not work on the property. All the cutting and chipping is done on at the client's site. He parks his trucks inside and that a wood chipping running on Mr. Fry's property is very,

very rare. He does sometime run chain saws to do maintenance. Mr. Welter says he acted on the prosecutor's advice, but had he been told to look into it further, he does not think Mr. Ziegler is running a tree service on property and is really just storing equipment and wood chippings on site. Mr. Welter also says they can apply for a variance to use the property outside of the General Business guidelines. Trustee Baugher and Trustee Schmitz say they do not think Mr. Ziegler is doing anything wrong. Mr. Welter says he has documented everything and sent it to the prosecutor's office.

Mr. Fry also says he wants to know what happened to Darby Road that is the drive off of CR 19 back to the Hossler property. He had to take Claude Perry to court over the easement to access his property and Mr. Perry ended up having to pay him \$18,500 but that easement is next to the driveway. Now he has received a letter from Mr. Zimmerman telling him not to use the drive off Marlyn that he is using now because that easement is on Zimmerman's property. Both the former and current city engineers have told me he can use it. Chief Hafley asks how Mr. Perry can block the drive if it is Darby Road because it is fire access. Mr. Fry says Darby Road is an easement for the city because they have sewer running through it. The Board is going to look into Darby Road.

Resident Doug Wilhelm says Mr. Kingseed has stacked bales of hay 10-12 feet high and put a red tarp over it so that Mr. Wilhelm cannot see out of his hunting blind. He also put up six new cameras along the fence row. He says he knows the township cannot do anything about that, but he would like to request that Mr. Kingseed maintain the 4 ft. clearance from the fence row like he is supposed to. Mr. Kingseed has been cutting trees and putting brush up against the fence. Trustee Schmitz asks if he has anything on Mr. Wilhelm's property and he says the red tarp is on his property. Mr. Wilhelm also says he cannot hunt on his own property because as soon as he goes out, Mr. Kingseed sees him on the cameras and arrive within a few minutes to drive around his property and scare all the deer away. Fiscal Officer Bates asks if the Board wants her to send a letter about clearing the fence row. Trustee Distel says he isn't sure if the law applies since it is dead brush. Fiscal Officer Bates says she can email the prosecutor's office and Trustee Baugher says he thought the prosecutor had told us at one time that he didn't know anything about the 4 ft. clearance for fence rows.

Trustee Distel reports that the company that put in the asphalt on SR 231 says they ground down the end of Siesta Dr. but Trustee Distel has not look at it yet. He also says Turco & Sons say they will be ready to take over trash service at the township house on November 1st. Trustee Distel will contact Rumpke to cancel our service with them.

Trustee Schmitz made a motion to hire Alex Kear to the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes. The Board tabled voting on Dan Raufer.

Trustee Distel says he notice pink flags at the edge of the township house property and asked if the property was surveyed again. Chief Hafley asks if it was from the paving.

Trustee Baugher says he spoke to Tim Clouse with Dundore Plumbing, who said he wasn't aware of everything that was going on at Station #2. He said it was normal for the heating unit to run longer, but wasn't aware that it wasn't cycling and was just running constantly. He says we could buy another unit to set on the floor, put in a tube heater, or install a forced air furnace. He is going to put together a quote.

Trustee Distel says he spoke to Chuck Wolf who lives on Ranchwood and he asked if we can put in some big rocks around the catch basin to filter. Trustee Distel asked road worker Andy Kimmert to look at it.

Trustee Schmitz say the ditch at Ron Brown's has been filled in.

Ray Bishop asks if we know why the grant writer doesn't think we could get a truck. Chief Hafley says he can ask but it may be that it just isn't old enough. He is starting to look into it because build times are around 3 years and the truck will be 30 years old at that time.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12985	Jennifer Bates	wages	\$1055.52
12986	Dennis Baugher	wages	\$971.88
12987	James Distel	wages	\$4.16
12988	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
12989	James Lang	wages	\$311.03
12990	Daniel Schmitz	wages	\$923.32
12991	AEP Ohio	township house, station #2, road lights	\$960.89
12992	AT&T	township house phone	\$102.58
12993	Aqua OH	fire hydrant service	\$12.39
12994	Bright Wireless	internet	\$97.67
12995	North Central Electric Co-op	road lights	\$8.14
12996	Rumpke of Ohio Inc	monthly trash service	\$58.64
12997	Loyal American Life Insurance Co.	cancer insurance policies	\$261.69
12998	Elan Financial Services	postage	\$1.50
12999	Central Ohio Farmers Co-op	fuel	\$741.95
13000	John's Welding & Towing	oil & air filters	\$239.69
13001	Welly's Monument Company	grave marker for indigent burial	\$425.00
13002	Ehove Adult Career Center	W. Wuescher volunteer fire class	\$575.00
65-2023	Ohio Deferred Compensation	September withholding	\$1000.00
66-2023	Treasurer of State of Ohio	September withholding	\$141.97
67-2023	EFTPS	September withholding	\$1297.30

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 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