

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
September 25, 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 Kingseed.

Correspondence: none

The minutes of the regular meeting held September 11, 2023 were read and approved.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he received an email from Jeff Feasel about putting in a basketball court/tennis court in the empty lot he owns and Mr. Welter says all he needs is a fence permit. He also received a call from Noel Zimmerman about noise at the old Hossler place. Ron Fry is renting space to a tree trimming service and they work and run their machines 7 days per week. Mr. Welter says it is zoned general business and he will look into whether tree trimming falls within the general business code.

Regarding solar farms, Mr. Welter received information from Charlene Watkins at Regional Planning, spoke to Carl Long with Eden Township, and received information from assistant prosecutor Ellie Anderson. Eden Township modeled their zoning after the information from OTARMA and it was approved by Regional Planning, but a question arose when it went to the trustees for approval and they may have to go back to the drawing board. Mr. Welter says the OTARMA template does seem to cover everything. He will take the information to the Zoning Board and see how they want to proceed.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that year-to-date runs are 311 compared to 312 last year. He also says the ox roast was a huge success. They sold out of 1746 lbs. of meat and this year they sold sandwiches and sandwich kits that saved us time. Their gross profit was \$14,203 and net profit minus a couple bills is \$6,738.

Chief Hafley says Melissa Boyers with the EPA emailed him the information about the complaint from Mr. Bish about open burning. He was advised to call our fire department with future complaints. Chief Hafley also says Alex Kear is coming to Wednesday's fire meeting to introduce himself. If approved, he would bring us to 24 on the department. Chief Hafley also reports that he is working to get a map issue at the dispatch center corrected because they don't know which department to dispatch. He also sent a certified letter to Micah Kirschner about repaying his training costs.

Chief Hafley says he met with Jenny Graham with the Boy Scouts troop who would like to do a 60th anniversary party at the township house next year and invite around 60 Eagle Scouts back to the party. The Board says they are okay with them using the township house and truck bays if needed but we will need them to sign off on a hold harmless agreement for liability purposes.

Resident Dennis Kingseed asked if the potential solar farm zoning code applies only to residential and Zoning Inspector Welter says it would be commercial also.

Trustee Distel says he spoke to Amy Huffman at the county township association meeting about gas aggregation. She says if we want to put it on the ballot for the March election we would need to get a resolution to the Board of Elections by December 20th. There would be no charge to us to put it on the ballot. Trustee Distel moved Resolution #2023-19, a resolution authorizing all actions necessary to affect a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code, directing the Seneca County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors. Trustee Schmitz seconded the motion. Mr. Schmitz –yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel says they also mentioned that OTARMA is offering a combined group payment option for membership that could reduce our annual cost from \$250 to \$175. Fiscal Officer Bates will look into what this includes because she thought it was for training and not our membership dues. Trustee Distel also says we can use the MORE grant to cover the costs.

Trustee Distel says Ron Brown called about having his ditch filled in at 3422 E. TR 122. We measured it and he has the materials ready. We will install the tile and he will bring in dirt and seed it.

Trustee Distel says he met with Tim from Dundore Plumbing and Heating at Station #2 last Friday at 11:45am. He measured and looked at the unit and thinks everything is in good shape. Trustee Baugher says there were a couple cold windy days last winter that it could only get it up to 48 degrees and he does not think the unit is adequate. He wanted to be at the meeting to explain that. Ray Bishop says a unit heater will never be enough and Trustee Baugher says he wants it looked at and done right. He says he will call Tim at Dundore.

Trustee Schmitz says the stone in the 8th Ave. alley is done and the berm on TR 122 is done. Also, there was a tree leaning over the road on TR 122 at the old railroad tracks that we took down. He also says he spoke to Eric Cook about the property for sale on TR 130 who had zoning questions and he gave him Mr. Welter’s information. He says he will talk to the road workers about getting the tile installed on TR 122.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12970	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$284.30
12971	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
12972	James Lang	wages	\$194.84
12973	Stephen Welter	wages	\$242.40
12974	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00
12975	Aqua OH	station #2	\$14.83
12976	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$46.49
12977	Colonial Life	accident & disability insurance policies	\$137.88
12978	Delta Dental Plan of Ohio	road worker dental premiums	\$27.14
12979	DT Petroleum Service	propane summer fill	375.93
12980	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	supplies	\$17.98
12981	Treasurer of State of Ohio	UAN fees – 4Q 2023	\$876.00
12982	John Deere Financial	supplies	\$44.94
12983	Heidelberg Materials Midwest	#411	\$191.30
12984	John’s Welding & Towing	Repairs to Truck #33	\$253.00

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 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