

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
October 23, 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, Dennis Wilkinson, Ray Bishop, Dennis Kingseed, Mark Zimmerman, Noel Zimmerman, Randy Kuhn.

Correspondence: Seneca County Engineer – 2 driveway permits and utility permit, Seneca County Auditor – email regarding HB 187, Ohio Secretary of State – memo regarding Issue 1 and Issue 2

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 9, 2023 were read and approved.

Fiscal Officer Bates requested an appropriations transfer of \$26,122.25 in the General Fund from 1000-760-720-0000 Buildings to 1000-760-730-000 Improvement of Sites and an appropriations transfer of \$3,011.40 in the General Fund from 1000- 760-740-000 Machinery, Equipment and Furniture to 1000-760-730-000 Improvement of Sites for the purpose of paying the M&B Asphalt bill for paving at the township house. Trustee Baugher so moved, seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that they have had 344 calls year-to-date. He also says he and Ben Bishop did 2 ½ hours of on-board training for the new Ohio Fire Incident Reporting Management System (OFIRMS), which is the new system for reporting all their calls. We are currently using IMS which costs \$300/quarter and the new system is free, but we also use IMS for our inspection reporting, which the new system does not do. Chief Hafley is going to continue to look at other option for inspection reporting and compare costs to IMS.

Chief Hafley reports that they completed ladder testing last Sunday and they all passed. He also says hose testing on all the trucks has been completed and they only have a small amount of hose to test on the rack in the truck bay. Regarding the CERT vehicle, he had Suzanne Black sign a new lease to store the truck at station #2. He told her they could not bring the vehicle over until the Board signed the lease as well.

Trustee Distel made a motion to hire Dan Raufer to the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Chief Hafley says Alex Kear has orientation this Friday and will be starting weekend fire school.

Assistant Chief Wilkinson says they started servicing the trucks and hopefully can get them all in before the end of the year.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that Dennis Kline’s variance was approved. He also says he met with Ron Fry, Brad Hawkins, and Eric Ziegler about a conditional use permit. They completed the application and that meeting will be on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. He also says he issued an accessory building permit, and a permit for a garage addition. He also responded to several phone calls and emails about the letters that were mailed regarding the conditional use permit at Ron Fry’s property. Eric Ziegler set an appointment with Mike Landers at 6:00pm on Wednesday for him to see the property before the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and says any other members of the Zoning Board are welcome to come at the same time.

Trustee Baugher says John Kastner who lives at 3842 E. CR 50 would like the property at 3872 E. CR 50 to be mowed again. Trustee Baugher moved Resolution #2023-20, a resolution declaring the property at 3872 E. CR 50 a nuisance pursuant to O.R.C. 505.87. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes,

Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes. Fiscal Officer Bates will send a certified letter and Trustee Baugher will also post notice on the property’s door.

Trustee Distel says Turco and Sons is not ready to take over trash service at the township house because a truck they ordered has been delayed. He also called Ryan Cook at ODOT because they only ground one side of Siesta and the drop off is still really deep so they are going to look and see what they can do to fix it.

Trustee Distel asks if the resolution for the natural gas aggregation was filed at the Board of Elections. Fiscal Officer Bates says it was, and Director Lori Elchert says she will mail us the official ballot language when she has it available.

Trustee Schmitz says the boring under TR 122 is supposed to happen in the next 2 weeks. He also says there are some trees that need to be maintained. Cliff Adams quoted \$400 to take care of the tree at Bakers and \$300 for the tree on TR 201. The Board agreed to have Adams take care of it.

The Board discussed the email received from Prosecutor Derek Devine regarding the fence row between the Kingseed and Wilhelm properties. He says the Board has two different options. The brush seems to create a nuisance under ORC 505.87 and ORC 971.33 also applies requiring the property owner to maintain a 4 ft. clearance from the fence. Trustee Baugher says Rose Wilhelm does not want to do anything about it at this time.

Bills were presented to be paid:

13003	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$284.30
13004	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
13005	Stephen Welter	wages	\$413.99
13006	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00
13007	Aqua OH	station #2	\$13.92
13008	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$47.15
13009	Lowe’s	supplies	\$63.40
13010	Heidelberg Materials Midwest	#8C	\$85.21
13011	John Deere Financial	supplies	\$26.16
13012	Ehove Adult Career Center`	Brittany Frederick- books, fees, CPR training	\$561.00
13013	IPad Mobile Solutions LLC	2023 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. IMS ePCR	\$300.00
13014	Colonial Life	accident & disability insurance policies	\$137.88
13015	John’s Welding & Towing	Engine #32 – service & air leak	\$587.22
13016	Column Software PBC	zoning ad	\$119.28
13017	Stephen Welter	postage	\$23.30
13018	Carquest Auto Parts Store	supplies	\$56.57
68-2023	OPERS	September withholding	\$2403.57

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Baugher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 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