

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
January 15, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Dan Schmitz and Trustee Randy Kuhn answered roll call. Trustee Jim Distel was absent. Also present was Fiscal Officer Jennifer Bates.

Guests: Steve Welter, Dennis Moyer, Ray Bishop, and Chris Hafley.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 2, 2024 were read and approved.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he received two phone calls regarding River's Edge and the inability to issue new permits for additions because it is in a flood plain.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that for the year 2023 they had 436 calls for service and 362 state fire reports. The prior year they had 420 calls for service and 363 state fire reports so we had an increase in calls of 3%. He also reports they have been working hard on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant with Ohio First Responders. He has to review the final draft and is working on getting our address changed in the Federal system. The grant is for 15 sets of bunker gear for around \$50,000. We also recently received the Ohio Bureau of Compensation Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant for \$14,975 for 4 sets of bunker gear for the 4 newest firefighters. He also applied for the BWC safety grant for a complete set of battery-operated spreader, cutter, ram, and airbag system with controller unit for \$50,591, of which our share would be \$12,647. He also is going to apply for 3 grants through the State Fire Marshal's office: and equipment grant, volunteer firefighters assistance grant, and a training grant.

Chief Hafley also says he starting working with Lexipol to update our policies. He also says all the firefighters are appreciative of the hourly increase in their pay. They also had an organizational meeting with the officers to develop goals for 2024 including more hands-on training, officer training, creating a fire prevention program, and CPR training. For equipment, they need pagers and radios and are also looking into replacing the brass hose on the engines. Finally, Chief Hafley reports that Prosecutor Derek Devine sent a letter to Micah Kirchner regarding the money owed to us, and he responded that he would be able to pay \$100 per month, so Mr. Devine drafted an agreement.

Denny Moyer asks the Board what prompted them to sell the grader and asks what we will do if we get a big snow. Trustee Schmitz says there are only two places they would use the grader and he can get there as fast with a tractor as we could the grader. It is a 1985 and only has about 1400 hours on it. Trustee Schmitz says the reserve is set at \$20,000 and the most it will cost us if it does not sell is \$495.

Mr. Moyer also asks about 3765 E. TR 122 and Trustee Schmitz says he talked to Renee in Fostoria and she says it is slated for demolition before summer's end and that they already have the grant in place to take care of the cost. Mr. Moyer asks about the township cleaning up the junk, and Trustee Schmitz says the land bank is the property owner and they will take care of it.

Trustee Schmitz says he is now working with a different boring contractor for JJ Miller's on TR 122. He also says station #2 is 60 degrees and the unit is cycling on and off every 15-20 minutes. Also, a resident called with concerns about some trees between the 2100 and 2800 block on TR 73. He says we will contact Cliff Adams to take care of them. We also got a set of new Firestone tires for the pick-up truck.

Trustee Schmitz made a motion to contract with WMS Auction to auction the 1985 John Deere 772AH grader with a reserve of \$20,000. The sale date is set for February 28, 2024. This was seconded but Trustee Kuhn. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Kuhn – yes.

Ray Bishop asks what contractor we were working with for the boring at JJ Miller’s and Trustee Schmitz says he was working with Neil Podack in Arcadia but is now working with Bohrer Excavating in Monroeville after trying for 5 months to get scheduled with Neil.

Bills were presented to be paid:

13131	Stephen Welter	wages	\$182.21
13132	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$337.63
13133	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1357.88
13134	Randy Kuhn	wages	\$918.16
13135	Stephen Welter	wages	\$242.40
13136	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$67.50
13137	AEP Ohio	township house	\$522.22
13138	Aqua OH	fire hydrant service, station #2	\$28.50
13139	Bright Wireless	internet	\$97.67
13140	North Central Electric Co-op	road lights	\$6.41
13141	Loyal American Life Insurance Co.	cancer insurance policies	\$49.80
13142	Rumpke of Ohio Inc.	monthly trash service	\$56.69
13143	Culligan of Tiffin	softener lease, softener salt	\$114.50
13144	City of Tiffin	EMS service – 1 <sup>st</sup> half 2024	\$21000.00
13145	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	flags, supplies	\$98.96
13146	Morgan White Administrators	life insurance policies	\$501.52
13147	Clouse Electric	install generator and transfer switch	\$37494.00
13148	Wilson Tire	tires for pick-up	\$776.32
13149	Seneca County Regional Planning	2024 assessments	\$3078.75
13150	Lexipol	fire policy manual, training bulletins	\$1274.05

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m., seconded by Trustee Kuhn. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Kuhn – yes.

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Jim Distel, Ch., Trustee

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Dan Schmitz, Trustee

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Randy Kuhn, Trustee

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer