

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
March 11, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

All Board members answered roll call – Trustee Dan Schmitz, Trustee Jim Distel, Trustee Randy Kuhn, and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Bates.

Guests: Steve Welter, Chris Hafley, Jim Lang, Ray Bishop, and Pat Bishop.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, OTARMA – newsletter, Seneca County Board of Elections – election equipment drop-off info, Ohio Department of Commerce – Cable TV consumer hotline info

The minutes of the regular meeting held February 26, 2024 were read and approved.

Trustee Schmitz made a motion to approve the 2024 permanent appropriations as presented by Fiscal Officer Bates. This was seconded by Trustee Kuhn. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Kuhn – yes.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that several properties such as Autumnwood, Danner's, and Willow Creek Apartments are showing incorrect zoning information on the zoning map on the county auditor's website. He contacted them to get it changed and was told that David no longer works in GIS and they are in the processing of hiring his replacement. Charlene Watkins at Regional Planning thinks she can change this for us and Mr. Welter has a meeting to meet with her tomorrow. He is also going to ask her about the process for approving zoning regulations. Mr. Welter also had a resident call and ask about installing solar panels on her house and garage. He also issued a house permit, and received a call about adding an addition to a house trailer on CR 50.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that they have had 77 calls year-to-date compared to 82 calls last year. Fire reports for this year and last year stand at 70. Chief Hafley also says the State's open burning ban is in effect and he received an open burning complaint from Mr. Jeff Bish on N SR 53 regarding his neighbor Carl Perry. The department was dispatched and he was advised to put it out. The EPA called Chief Hafley today regarding the incident and said Mr. Bish filed a complaint with them as well. They are going to send a letter to Mr. Perry.

Chief Hafley said he had a company contact him for approval to install solar panels at 2259 S. TR 159. Building code requires a 36" pathway to the ridge for firefighters and installing these solar panels would decrease the size down to 26". Chief Hafley contacted the state fire marshal's office and is waiting to hear back. He also reports that the Solar Eclipse Preparedness committee met and they plan to man both stations on Sunday, April 7th at 12:30pm with 4-6 people at Station #1 and 2-4 people at Station #2 working 6-hour shifts. We need to make sure the diesel and gas tanks are full the week before. They also want to purchase two adult and two pediatric medical bags to go on the vehicles. They also talked about barricading off the parking lots at both stations. Jim Lang says the State Hospital is planning on barricading that road off Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Chief Hafley says we need to keep track of our costs including wages, to be submitted to the EMA director because we will be reimbursed through the State.

Chief Hafley says Troop #449 will hold their anniversary party on August 4th. He also says he, Captain Henney, and Captain Meisner attended Northwest Ohio Volunteer Firefighters Association's fire school and took several classes. Also, on March 6th the officers attended training for the new State OFIRS reporting system and we are now live on the State's system.

Trustee Kuhn says there is a pine tree at TR 159 and Coe Rd. that is blocking the stop sign. He will stop and talk to the resident to see if they want to trim it or if they want us to do it. He also asks Chief Hafley if he

has talked to anyone at Eden Township about fire coverage and Chief Hafley says he meets with them next week. Bloomville suggested splitting the coverage with us.

Trustee Schmitz asks Jim Lang if they found the tile on TR 159 and Jim says it is all rock. They are going to take the backhoe out and dig it up.

Trustee Distel says he spoke to Jeff Hohman and he is going to get in touch with Zoning Inspector Welter about taking on the zoning inspector duties. He also reports that the grader sold for \$30,100 and the v-plow sold for \$125 and he gave the check from WMS to Fiscal Officer Bates. Lenny Clouse is interested in the other plow blade and Trustee Distel says he thinks we could sell it for the same price the v-plow sold. Trustee Distel made a motion to offer the plow blade to Lenny Clouse for \$125, seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Kuhn – yes.

Trustee Distel says he talked to Chuck Clouse about moving the old generator to Station #2. He has been busy but will get us a quote in a couple weeks. Jim Lang suggested shutting the drive behind the station and setting it in the back near the gas line.

Trustee Distel says he talked to Dave at the county engineer's office who says all their striping projects this year are at prevailing wage so we won't be able to piggy-back off them. He gave him the information for Griffin, who we have used before. Trustee Distel asked Trustee Kuhn if Trustee Baugher gave him the Mastermind book and he says he did not, so Trustee Distel will contact him and see if we can get it because we will need it for striping.

Trustee Distel also says Turco should be able to get us a dumpster sometime in April.

Bills were presented to be paid:

13206	Jennifer Bates	wages	\$1089.60
13207	James Distel	wages	\$21.72
13208	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1361.81
13209	Randy Kuhn	wages	\$1009.04
13210	James Lang	wages	\$522.24
13211	Daniel Schmitz	wages	\$944.74
13212	Aqua OH	station #2	\$13.10
13213	North Central Electric Co-op	road lights	\$8.13
13214	Bright Wireless	internet	\$97.67
13215	AT&T	township house	\$190.17
13216	AEP Ohio	station #2, township house	\$188.55
13217	Rumpke of Ohio Inc.	monthly trash service	\$65.18
13218	Loyal American Life Insurance Co.	cancer insurance policies	\$149.40
13219	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	supplies	\$34.77
13220	Elan Financial Services	copy paper, file boxes	\$157.62
13221	Central Ohio Farmers Co-op	fuel	\$1174.76
13222	Lowe's	supplies	\$179.34
13223	Culligan of Tiffin	softener lease, salt	\$86.00
13224	Dan Schmitz	material for gear washer repair	\$177.22
13225	James Distel	grader window pane	\$394.24
13226	Municipal Emergency Services	SCBA flow tests, batteries	\$1039.38
13227	Breathing Air Systems	annual preventative maintenance	\$1092.67
13228	Clouse Electric	replace barn light at station #2	\$466.62

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m., seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Kuhn – yes.

Jim Distel, Ch., Trustee

Dan Schmitz, Trustee

Randy Kuhn, Trustee

Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer