

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

July 29, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

All board members answered Roll Call Trustee Dan Schmitz, Trustee Jim Distel, Trustee Randy Kuhn and Fiscal Officer Steve Welter.

Guests: Chris Hafley, Ray Bishop, Jeff Hohman, and Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 15, 2024 were read and approved.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Welter reported that we received the 2023 OTARMA Annual Report.

Zoning inspector Hohman reported that he was meeting with five people tonight after the meeting for permits it has been a busy couple of weeks. He reported that a resident asked about putting a house on a commercial lot. A resident on State Route 101 has a small lot that had a mobile home on it that he wants to put a house on it. It was determined that he would need to request a variance if the house encroached on the setbacks. Zoning inspector Hohman also asked about a house on county road 19 that had a house trailer on it. It was thought that the property was grandfathered because it was plotted prior to the one-acre requirement to build a house. The new house would have to follow current setbacks or request a variance. Discussion was held on the minimum property requirements for a house in Clinton Township.

Ray Bishop reported that he found the email from the county that the state was not going to be reimbursing the Volunteer departments for manning stations for the eclipse. Discussion was held on the amount of money spent manning the station for the eclipse.

Chief Hafley reported that the department was at 267 calls for service so far this year. 232 were for fire. Last year at this time we were at 245 and 188 were fire reports. We are up quite a bit from last year. Chief Hafley reported that he received a notice about three rail road crossing closings in Clinton Township this week. Chief Hafley reported that John Spar from Seneca County Emergency Management voice a complaint that it would be difficult for emergency services to respond with that many crossings closed. The rail road agreed to leave one open. Chief Hafley reported that he sent a notice out to all of guys on the department and the City of Tiffin about the closures. Chief Hafley reported that the fire department manned the demolition derby at the Seneca County Fair. He also reported that we are still waiting to hear about the AFG grant.

Trustee Schmidz reported that Renee Smith got a contractor lined up to knock down the weeds on Township Road 122. He also reported that the township had Dars come out and jet out a tile in front of Jane Englehart's property on Township Road 122.

Trustee Distel reported that he got a hold of Ameriagas for the rate on propane. New rates came out the next day and he gave us the new rate of 1.649 which was lower. He contacted DT Petrolim to cancel service from them. Trustee Distel reported that he received estimates from Clouse Electric on installing the old generate at station number 2. They also provide an estimate for a new generator. Michele from the grant writers office thought she could get us a grant for that. Trustee Distel was not sure if that included upgrading the electrical since it is not completable. He said he would check with

her and report back. Trustee Distel inquired if anyone knew who farms the property beside Carmi's. One of the residents on Crestview believes that their field tile is dumping into their retention pond. They would like to talk to them about it.

The proposed tax budget was presented. The Board reviewed the proposed tax budget and Trustee Schmitz moved to accept the 2025 tax budget as presented - Revenue \$813,082.36 and Expenditures \$813,082.36. Seconded by Trustee Kuhn. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Schmitz Y.

Fiscal Officer Welter reported that we did receive another \$100.00 money order from Mica Kirchner in repayment of his training expenses that the township paid for. He also reported that he contacted the prosecutor's office on the state audit write up about the improper transfer since 1985 and they said to follow what the auditor's office says. He said he also talked to previous Fiscal Officer Jennifer and she suggested that we leave the fund where it is and start making transfers from the General fund instead of the fire fund. It was asked if we need to do a motion and it was determined that we did not. When they make the motion in December they would make the correct motion.

Zoning inspector Hohman reported that the property on county road 50 did sell at auction on the 19th. Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he received an e-mail requesting information where to send payment for mowing the property and he sent the information to them. It was determined we would hold off turning in the bill to the auditor.

Zoning inspector Hohman reported that Mark Zimmerman has been sending videos to him once a week from his video camera with sounds of some sort of equipment running with comments from him saying this is what I am listing too. Jeff asked if he is to respond to him every time. He said he is going to respond but they all seem like they are within the approved time frames of operation for the variance. He said he is unable to determine if it is actually EZ Tree service that is working or some one else working. He also said when he receives the video's it is usually not while the event is going on but a day or so later. Zoning inspector Hohman said that he can't do anything about it because the event has already passed. Trustee Distel said that he could go over and check on things if he needed help.

Bills were presented to be paid:

13444 Colonial Life	\$114.24
13445 AT&T	\$206.43
13446 Darr's Cleaning Inc	\$360.00
13447 Bright Wireless	\$97.67
13448 Delta Denta	\$27.96
13449 Andrew Kimmet	\$1,361.81
13450 VOID	\$0.00
13451 Elan Financial	\$8.05
13452 City of Tiffin	\$21,000.00
13453 John's Welding & Towing	\$2,983.95
13454 AEP Ohio	\$489.67
Total	\$26,649.78

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m., seconded by Trustee Kuhn. Mr. Kuhn – yes, Mr. Distel – yes. Mr. Schmitz – yes.

Jim Distel, Ch., Trustee

Dan Schmitz, Trustee

Randy Kuhn, Trustee

Steve Welter, Fiscal Officer