

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

November 18, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

The Following board members answered Roll Call Trustee Dan Schmitz, Trustee Randy Kuhn and Fiscal Officer Steve Welter. Trustee Jim Distel was absent/excused.

Guests: Chris Hafley, Ray Bishop, Dennis Kingseed, Ken Watson, Jeff Hohman, Jim Lang, Dan Raufer, Jason Keller, and Tom Hoyda.

The minutes of the regular meeting held November 4, 2024 were read and approved.

Correspondence

Email from Zac Fowler Director of Law for the City of Tiffin that the city is introducing legislation to petition the county commissioners to have our boundary lines match that of the City Of Tiffin.

Email from Auditor of State that the Audit is completed and a copy is available for download.

Email from Seneca County Auditor Julie Adkins with a list of Budget Commission Meetings for 2025.

Email from Dave Ziegler Seneca County Township Meeting is December 12, 2024 at the Chandelier. Reservations are due by December 2.

Email from Michelle Cochran Grant writer for Fostoria Economic and Development. She is available to help with grants.

Email from Uniform Accounting Network about year end conference in Westerville on December 8, 2024. Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he registered for it.

Chief Hafley reported that the department had 391 calls for service year to date 384 were reported to the Ohio State Fire Marshal's office. Chief Hafley reported that last month they responded to a mutual aid fire with Sycamore which was a grass fire. Chief Hafley reported that the new hoses were installed on all of the trucks except for one. One of the trucks was being repaired. As soon as it is back they will install the new hose. Chief Hafley reported that he is still working on the AFG grant.

Zoning inspector Hohman reported that he did speak to Jason Keller and he is here tonight and he will let him speak about the issue.

Dan Raufer asked what the Trustees next step is in this situation before Jason Keller spoke. He said that he is aware of a complaint. He said that there were no complaints prior to him doing this in regards to semi's out back or vehicles. Dan commented that Jason's business is an asset to Clinton Township that he brings money into the township. He is an asset to Clinton Fire. He can give us vehicles to train on. Zoning inspector Hohman explained to Dan and Jason that he received two complaints/concerns that what they were doing was not allowed by the zoning code which is why he went out to talk to Jason. Zoning inspector Hohman explained that the parking of vehicles longer than two weeks that could be unlicensed or not being able to operate are considered junk vehicles according to zoning code. The Highway business district code is vague about the storage of vehicles.

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Zoning inspector Hohman said he suggested to Jason to get a conditional use permit to comply with zoning. Jason Keller said the reason he came to meeting was to explain what happened. He said that when he read the zoning code he interpreted it that his towing and storage company was allowed the way it was zoned. He apologized for that and said he takes full responsibility for that. He got with his attorney and reviewed zoning code and his attorney said that the code was vague. He said he is not running a junk yard. He is running towing and storage company. Any vehicle on his lot only stays for a maximum of sixty days. Jason said that they use containment diapers for vehicles with damage that leak fluids to protect the environment. Jason asked what the best route was to proceed. Trustee Schmitz explained that when we receive a comment from residents zoning is required to look into any possible violations. The trustees agreed that a conditional use sounded like the best course of action for him. Jason said he would get the application filled out and back to Jeff in the next couple of days.

Trustee Kuhn made a motion 2024-11-01 to request an amended certificate from the Seneca County Budget Commission to receive, appropriate, and expend \$25,000.00 Fund 4401 from the Ohio Public Works Commission. This was seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Schmitz Y. Motion carried.

Bills were presented to be paid:

75-2024 Treasurer State of Ohio Taxes	\$144.46
76-2024 EFTPS Federal Taxes	\$650.13
77-2024 Ohio Deferred Compensation	\$1,17.00
13567 Christopher Hafley	\$326.83
13568 Jeffrey D Hohman	\$4.72
13569 Andrew Kimmet	\$1,361.81
13570 James Lang	\$330.38
13571 Dennis Wilkinson	\$67.50
13572 Great Lakes Ace	\$68.94
13573 Culligan of Tiffin	\$76.00
13574 Columbia Gas	\$51.92
13575 Seneca County Engineer	\$1,393.75
13576 Seneca County Auditor	\$117,735.81
Total	- \$123,445.19

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m., seconded by Trustee Kuhn. Mr. Kuhn – yes, Mr. Schmitz – yes.

Jim Distel, Ch., Trustee

Dan Schmitz, Trustee

Randy Kuhn, Trustee

Steve Welter, Fiscal Officer