

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

January 13, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Guests: Ray Bishop, Dennis Kingseed, Jim Lang, and Chief Chris Hafley.

The minutes of the organizational meeting held January 2, 2025 were read along with the minutes of the special meeting held January 2, 2025.

Trustee Distel made a motion to accept the minutes of the Organizational meeting and special meeting. Trustee Kuhn seconded. Trustee Distel Y, Trustee Kuhn Y.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he received an email from Julie Adkins the she had not received our acceptance of the budget commission amounts and rates certifying them to the county auditor.

Trustee Distel made a motion 2025-01 to accept the amounts as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Trustee Kuhn seconded. Trustee Distel Y, Trustee Kuhn Y, motion carried

Chief Chris Hafley reported that they finished the year with 433 responses. The average response time from dispatch to on scene was 5 minutes 58 seconds. Chief Hafley said that is really good for a volunteer department. They totaled numbers for how many people the department has. They had 9 people with less than 5% response, 4 people with no response. 7 people with less than 10%. Chief Hafley said he will try and do a year end report for February. Chief Hafley reported that they are hosting the Seneca County Fire fighters' associations meeting January 25th. They are bringing in the company called Pro Phoenixes. The Sherriff department uses them to dispatch calls currently. The county fire currently uses I am responding which you can bring up dispatched calls on their phones. They are a third-party processor that they have had a few issues with them. Pro Phoenix now has a module that will do that. Chief Hafley reported that the officers for Clinton Township Fire met, and had their organizational meeting to elect officers. Chief Hafley will handle administrative aspects policies and procedures and disciplinary actions. Assistant Chief Wilksons will handle all the apparatus equipment maintenance schedules. Assistant chief Hoover will handle departmental ppe equipment. Craig Lucius is going to be the safety officer. Captain Bishop is going to handle the financial records. Captain Meisner is going to be monitoring the Ohio Fire Incident reporting system. Captain Henney handling a lot of the training. Captain Gray is an administrative captain that the other captains can get information from. Chief Hafley reported that Pat Obringer contacted him about a house on county road 41 that they can use to train in. Chief Hafley reported that the EMR Training will be on January 25, 2025. We will have six going through that. Chief Hafley said our thermal imager is dead we need to purchase another one. They are looking at getting a grant. They are also looking at getting some safety harnesses. Chief Hafley said that they do have one canadate interested in joining that will be coming to the next meeting. Chief Hafley said that they do not know where their hose coupler is. They would like to purchase another one. Chief Hafley would also like to renew the subscription to Lexipol to keep policies UpToDate. They are still reviewing policies and updating old policies.

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Trustee Distel asked if they had a chance to start on the inventory. He said Trustee Schmitz will be asking about it. Chief Hafley said he has not as of yet.

Trustee Distel asked if they got an estimated or fixed the problem of the one truck not being able to draft out of a temporary pond. Chief Hafley said that they would have been able to get the truck to do it. They are finding out that there is a better way to do it. Chief Wilkson is working with Keller's to see about helping with it.

Dennis Kingseed asked about the difference between the Fire Chief's salary and the assistant Chief's salary. Trustee Distel said that is the way it has been for several years. Mr. Kingseed asked how much we pay the city for the ambulance service. Fiscal Officer Welter reported that this year the contract is \$42,000.00. Mr. Kingseed asked of the 433 calls from last year how many were actual fire calls. Chief Hafley reported that of the 433 calls 30 were actual fire calls. Mr. Kingseed said that the township residents are paying the city 42,000 for ambulance service and he is ok with that. He said now if we send fireman to respond with tiffin we are also paying the fireman. He said we are paying the city for a service and paying our fireman. If we are paying for a service why are we paying twice. Trustee Distel said that if we wanted tiffin to respond with fireman or more man power it would cost a lot more that what we are currently paying. Trustee Distel said some township are paying a lot more than what we are for ambulance service. Chief Hafley said that there are times where the township arrives before the ambulance service and if it is a life threatening situation someone is responding quicker. Trustee Distel commented that he has had other townships comment that they wished that they had the luxury that we have of having Tiffin so close. They have to pay a lot more to get the service we get.

Ray Bishop asked if the dispatch time to arrival time is individual or equipment. Chief Hafley reported that it could be both. Some medical calls they respond in their personal vehicles. Ray asked if they have equipment with them. Chief Hafley said we have several people who are EMT that have medical with them. Discussion was held on response times and no responses. Discussion was held on people calling for medical for everything.

Trustee Distel said the fire department asked about buying a new sweeper for the building. Trustee Distel said he was ok with them buying a new sweeper. Trustee Distel said he got a call about some one falling at the recycling area. He said he would ask the road workers to make sure the area is salted. Jim Lang said they they did salt the area and he thinks the sun came out and melted things and it refroze.

Trustee Distel made a motion to renew the Lexipol subscription for \$3753.00. Trustee Kuhn seconded. Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Kuhn Y. Motion carried.

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Bills were presented to be paid:

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| 13666 Advanced Auto Parts | \$85.98 |
| 13667 Streaker Tractor Sales | \$51.71 |
| 13668 AEP | \$794.17 |
| 13669 VOID | |
| 13670 Grand 3 Enterprizes | \$700.00 |
| 13671 James Distel | \$22.58 |
| 13672 Andrew Kimmet | \$1469.52 |
| 13673 Randy Kuhn | \$1,026.49 |
| 13674 Jim Lang | \$378.75 |
| 13675 Dan Schmitz | \$960.18 |
| 13676 Stephen Welter | \$1,600.21 |
| 13677 North Central Electric | \$4.60 |
| 13678 Turco and Sons | \$53.00 |
| 13679 City of Tiffin | \$21,000.00 |
| 13680 G & L Oil | \$1,793.56 |
| 13681 AmeriGas Propane | \$889.80 |
| 13682 Aqua | \$24.07 |
| 13683 Culligan of Tiffin | \$77.00 |
| 13684 Loyal American Life Ins | \$66.40 |
| 13685 OTARMA | \$32,417.00 |
| Total | \$63,415.02 |

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m., seconded by Trustee Kuhn. Mr. Kuhn – yes, Mr. Distel Y

Jim Distel, Ch., Trustee

Dan Schmitz, Trustee

Randy Kuhn, Trustee

Steve Welter, Fiscal Officer