Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

April 27, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

All Board members answered roll call – Trustee Dennis Baugher, Trustee Dennis Moyer, Trustee James Distel, and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Bates.

Guests: Fred Bishop, Dennis Wilkinson, Steve Welter, and Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the regular meeting held April 13, 2020 were read and approved.

Correspondence: Seneca County Auditor – memo regarding COVID-19 fiscal impact, Seneca County Engineer – driveway permits, OTARMA – memo and check from OTARMA CARES Program, Seneca County Regional Planning – email regarding Issue 1 funding, Seneca County Regional Planning – email regarding reduction of assessment in 2021

Fire Chief Bishop reports that the fire department voted to recommend that the Board re-hire Jake Crum. He also says the class B foam has been flushed out of the truck and the new foam is in. He recommends that we donate the old foam before we have to pay to get rid of it. Chief Bishop also says that they will do the hose tests on Sunday, weather permitting.

Asst. Chief Denny Wilkinson says Sabrina Schneppat with Winterberry Farms has not yet contacted Richland County. The Ohio Fire Marshall says no matter how it is zoned, agri-tourism may be exempt from building code, but they are not exempt from fire code. Wilkinson says it is up to Richland County to approve their plans and then Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department enforces it. Wilkinson also does not think the agri-tourism certificate should be for two years. He thinks it should be re-inspected every year. He is also concerned that if the barn catches on fire, they cannot get a truck to it. He wants to make sure everything is done legally to protect the township from any liability if there is a fire. The Board was under the impression that everything had been done and asked what needed to be done to fix this. Wilkinson says he is going to call Richland County and open a case. He questioned how Winterberry Farms can qualify for agri-tourism if 50% of the income is not from agriculture. Zoning Inspector Welter says businesses can also qualify if they have $2,500 in agricultural sales and own more than 10 acres of land.

Zoning Inspector Welter reports that he received an application for an expansion at Sentinel Career Center. He also issued permits for a deck, a porch, and two building permits for lots at Honeycreek. He also says he forwarded an email from Ellie Anderson at the prosecutor’s office with her revisions to an agri-tourism application. Zoning Inspector Welter asks if we want the certification to be good for one year or two years and if we want to charge for the application and renewal. Trustee Baugher asks if we can do annual renewals initially and change to every two years later. Asst. Chief Wilkinson thinks we should charge for the applications. Trustee Distel asks if it is the Board of Trustees or one of the zoning boards that would approve the application. Zoning Inspector Welter says the prosecutor’s office likes the idea of the applicant presenting their plan to the Board of Trustees, the zoning inspector, and the fire department. Trustee Distel says if that will be done at a Trustee’s meeting, he does not see the need to charge for the application because we will not need to pay the zoning board members to hold a meeting. Trustee Distel is concerned about requiring the business to reapply every year. He asks why a business would invest $1 million only to risk being shut down by the township a year later. He would like the prosecutor’s office to offer guidance, but thinks there should be assurance that if the business stays within the realm of agri-tourism and follows the rules they will not lose their agri-tourism designation. Trustee Baugher asked Asst. Chief Wilkinson to see if he can have someone from Richland County come up and meet with us.

Trustee Distel asks Fiscal Officer Bates if she heard anything about the OSS Solid Waste District grant reimbursement. Fiscal Officer Bates says they did receive the first round of paperwork that was sent, but she needs to submit the next round of paperwork that is to include pictures of the completed project. Trustee Distel says the city engineer called him about paving Remus Ct. and says he calculates that our portion would be about $2,700. As long as half of city council agrees, they plan to pave it next year. Trustee Distel also spoke to Dave Conn and told him we were getting bids to pave TR 1108 this year. He would like us to let him know who we contract with so he can have them finish the paving up to where he wants it also. Trustee Distel also reports that he ordered a new compartment door for on the pick-up.

Trustee Distel made a motion to re-hire Jake Crum to the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department. This was seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Moyer says Bob Reinhart called him and said he has trucks turning around on TR 1153. He wants to know if we can put a sign up or have any ideas on how to keep them out. Trustee Moyer also says the proposed cell tower on Nantucket is 750 ft. away from the other cell tower and 1200 ft. from the houses. Trustee Moyer also reports that he ordered 900 ft. of perforated tile. Also, Darr’s is coming tomorrow to jet the tile on TR 122.

Trustee Baugher reports that the ’02 truck is going to Keller’s tomorrow to get a pintle hitch put on. The Board agreed to install a brake controller also. Trustee Baugher says it will cost about $150 plus wiring.

Trustee Distel made a motion to approve the driveway permits for two lots at Honeycreek. This was seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Fiscal Officer Bates reports that the state auditor’s office has started our 2018-2019 Agreed Upon Procedure audit.

Bills were presented to be paid:

11130 Fred Bishop wages $295.21

11131 Michael Hoover wages $78.75

11132 Andrew Kimmet wages $1108.03

11133 James Lang wages $1354.47

11134 Stephen Welter wages $391.96

11135 Dennis Wilkinson wages $45.00

11136 AT&T township house phone $102.80

11137 AEP Ohio road lights $427.71

11138 Columbia Gas of Ohio station #2 104.98

11139 Delta Dental Plan of Ohio road worker dental premiums $84.57

11140 John Deere Financial supplies $53.96

11141 Cardmember Services postage, fire equipment $717.96

11142 Lehigh Hanson Heidelberg Cement #411 stone $531.31

11143 MGQ Inc. #411 stone $2224.77

11144 Republic Lumber Company Schlage lock keypad $43.60

11145 VOID

11146 SW Firefighting Foam & Equipment Novacool foam $1586.52

32-2020 OPERS March withholding $2152.78

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Moyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer