Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

July 20, 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, Steve Welter, Diana Warnement, Nick Dutro, Audrey Flood, and Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the regular meeting and the special meeting held July 6, 2020 were read and approved.

Correspondence: OSS Solid Waste District – email regarding recycling pick-up times, Seneca County Engineer- email regarding Issue 1 funding, Seneca County Auditor – memo regarding special assessments, Tiffin Seneca Economic Partnership – email regarding grant opportunity

Nick Dutro with the Tiffin Seneca Economic Partnership briefly talked about a grant opportunity available for certain types of industries in the township. He and Audrey Flood came to talk to the Board about the possible development of the remaining land in the Deer Ridge subdivision. It was recently purchased by the Atkins, and they intend to leave the lots next to existing houses as single-family parcels and sell the remaining parcels as condos. Mr. Dutro says a housing study conducted by the City of Tiffin showed the need for 350 to 450 additional housing units in the next three years. Of those units, there is a need for 40 to 60 condo units. The Deer Ridge proposal is for 22 condo units that are expected to sell quickly. He understands that there are concerns from the residents of Deer Ridge. He is just here to speak about the need for the project. Audrey Flood says T-SEP’s job is to work with both sides to help facilitate the project. She is also going to forward us a copy of the housing study. Trustee Distel says his concern is that the existing homes do not want condos in their backyards. Mr. Dutro says that area is staying single-family homes. He also says he will attend the re-zoning hearing and speak to that Board as well.

Fire Chief Bishop received a letter from AEP and questioned what it meant. Trustee Moyer says the letter is regarding the electric aggregation renewal. The new contract is with Energy Harbor. Trustee Distel says the new rate is .0432. He rate shopped and says this is a good rate.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter says he issued two pool permits, a deck permit, a utility shed permit, a deck addition permit, and a fence and addition permit. He says he meets with Lydia Atkins tomorrow at 5:30pm. She is supposed to have a new map and re-zoning application for the Deer Ridge lots. There is a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on July 27th at 7:30 pm to consider Jeff Feasel’s variance application for a pool cover instead of a fence around the pool. He also received Sabrina Schneppat’s agri-tourism application for Winterberry Farms. He said he found information about another township that tried to fight an agri-tourism designation and lost.

Audrey Flood says to let her know if we know of any businesses that are struggling due to COVID because there are many resources available to help them. She can also help businesses get ahold of PPE, hand sanitizer, or other things that are necessary for them to continue to operate under new requirements. Ms. Flood also says she has reached out to Winterberry Farms to help facilitate the agri-tourism requirements with the township. She plays a neutral role between the parties and has had success finding the middle ground between the township, fire department, and agri-tourism business in another county. Trustee Distel asked about Clinton Heights Golf Course and said Chris Magers had asked for her help at a previous meeting. Ms. Flood says they helped the golf course with a press release and social media exposure.

Resident Dennis Kingseed asked if there will be an ox roast this year. Fire Chief Bishop says as of now, they plan to have the ox roast and will likely do it as drive-thru service only.

Trustee Distel says he has left three messages for Jane Barone concerning the former American Standard property needing mowed. Trustee Moyer moved Resolution #2020-6, a resolution declaring the former American Standard property now owned by Cody Development 2 LLC, a nuisance pursuant to O.R.C. 505.87. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Moyer says the property owned by Doug Ludwig has thistles on it. Trustee Distel says he will try to contact him to have it mowed.

Trustee Distel says he received an email from the Ohio Township Association that says they strongly encourage townships to request their share of the CARES Act funds. There are too many uncertainties and townships may need the funds later. The email also had ideas on what the funds could be used for. Fiscal Officer Bates says we are required to set up a new fund to accept the CARES Act funds. Trustee Distel moved Resolution #2020-7, a resolution to establish a new fund for the receipt, appropriation, and expenditure of the CARES Act funds. This was seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Regarding propane, Trustee Distel says we are in a two-year contract with Sunrise at a rate of $1.199. The pre-buy proposal we received from Beck was for $1.349.

Trustee Moyer made a motion to hire Andrew Kimmet as a full-time road worker employee with benefits at the completion of his probationary period on July 27, 2020. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Baugher asked Fiscal Officer Bates if she had pictures for the fair booth. She forgot to pick them up and will have them tomorrow.

Trustee Baugher asked Chief Bishop if everything was going okay at Winterberry Farms, and he said he believes so. Trustee Baugher says after the meeting, Rick told him that we have a personnel problem. Trustee Baugher thinks Assistant Chief Wilkinson owes Zoning Inspector Welter an apology for shouting at him at the last Trustee’s meeting.

Fiscal Officer Bates says the county auditor says we can still waive the budget hearing. We do need to have the budget approved and submitted to the Budget Commission by August 24th. The Board agreed to waive the hearing and discuss the proposed budget at the next meeting.

Fiscal Officer Bates says she added Andrew Kimmet as an authorized user on the Lowe’s account. All of the Trustees are already on the account. She also contacted Rural King and John Deere Credit to make sure they were all authorized to make purchases there as well.

Trustee Moyer asked if the audit was done. Fiscal Officer Bates has not heard anything else other than an email saying that we are correct that the transfers to the permanent improvement fund are authorized and that the auditor has a copy of the meeting minutes from 1985 allowing us to make those transfers.

Bills were presented to be paid:

11267 Fred Bishop wages $285.36

11268 Andrew Kimmet wages $1164.22

11269 James Lang wages $1354.47

11270 Stephen Welter wages $650.63

11271 Dennis Wilkinson wages $45.00

11272 Aqua OH station #2 $10.36

11273 Columbia Gas of Ohio station #2 $33.38

11274 Rumpke of Ohio Inc. monthly trash service $34.74

11275 Advertiser Tribune 2020 road program ad $71.00

11276 Staples copier paper $26.99

11277 Lowe’s supplies $30.38

11278 The Dexter Company V belt 530 $87.30

11279 Bowling Green State University microfilm & digitize historical records $1652.15

11280 AutoZone V-belt $8.92

11281 Treasurer, State of Ohio Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Fund $150.00

11282 QDCIP Fire, LLC re-issue warrant #11239 $3239.11

52-2020 Treasurer of State of Ohio interest $0.10

53-2020 Treasurer of State of Ohio June withholding $185.45

54-2020 Ohio Deferred Compensation June withholding $835.00

55-2020 EFTPS June withholding $2097.95

57-2020 AT&T U-Verse internet $30.08

58-2020 OPERS June withholding $2690.64

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer