Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

July 6, 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: Dennis Wilkinson, Steve Welter, Garrett Gaietto, and Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the regular meeting held June 22, 2020 were read and approved.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, Aqua OH – memo regarding private fire service system testing, Seneca County Prosecutor – notice of hearing for State of Ohio vs. Jason Perkins, Beck – propane pre-buy info, Seneca County Regional Planning – email regarding OPWC funding, Seneca County Auditor – CARES Act funding info,

Fiscal Officer Bates is waiting for confirmation from the county auditor on whether or not the budget hearing may be waived again this year. Trustee Moyer made a motion to hold a public budget hearing on July 20, 2020 at 8:00p.m. should it be required by the county. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Asst. Chief Dennis Wilkinson reports that the department voted to recommend that the Board hire two new firefighters to the volunteer fire department. He also reports that Truck #32 is at BD Diesel with the front brakes locked up. Trustee Baugher says it has been to Keller’s and Monroeville in the past and they say it sets too much.

Regarding Winterberry Farms, there is a meeting on Wednesday at 10:00am with Clouse for the alarm system. The fire marshal’s office will have people there and they would like the three Trustees, Chief Bishop, and Asst. Chief Wilkinson there as well. Asst. Chief Wilkinson asked Zoning Inspector Welter to stay out of it and let he and Chief Bishop handle it.

Zoning Inspector Welter reports that he issued a fence permit, a garage permit, an accessory building permit, and received a rezoning application for Deer Ridge, but it was not filled out completely. He spoke to Lydia Atkin about getting a better drawing of what they want re-zoned. He also told her to fill out a new application for two-family residential because she originally applied for multi-family and he does not think that will be accepted by the Deer Ridge community. Zoning Inspector Welter also reviewed a lot split for Dan Depinet and received a variance request from Jeff Feasel who would like to install a safety pool cover instead of a fence around his pool. Trustee Distel says he has heard that the City of Tiffin has changed their rules to allow these covers now. Zoning Inspector Welter also reports that he received a phone call from Laura Kagy regarding an event at Tilly’s. She said several cars turned around in her driveway and that cars were parked along the road. Zoning Inspector Welter went out to the property and says all the cars were on Mr. Gibson’s property and were parked off the road. He also says there is not a sign in the Kagy’s driveway asking people to not turn around in their driveway. Finally, Zoning Inspector Welter reports that he turned in his quarterly report.

Resident Garrett Gaietto asked the Board about the notice in the newspaper regarding the city annexing land on 9th Avenue. Trustee Baugher told him it was the land around the spec building that Clouse built. Trustee Distel says they have a potential buyer for the building but part of the deal was to acquire the land around the building and widen the road to the corporation limit. Mr. Gaietto was worried it was the parcel behind him, which was just purchased by Doug Ludwig. He says the grass is getting high back there but he is not sure there are many weeds. He also said the lot in front of him needs mowed. Trustee Distel says he already contacted the lady in New York who is in charge of the maintenance of the former American Standard property.

Resident Dennis Kingseed asked where the CARES Act funding is coming from. Fiscal Officer Bates says it is Federal funds that are being distributed to the State. The State distributed it to the counties, and the local municipalities have to request their share from the county. It is being distributed using the same percentages as the local government distribution funds.

Trustee Moyer says we should talk to some of the land owners before Hovis comes.

Trustee Baugher says the two individuals that were recommended for the volunteer fire department are Don Henney and Dan Frankart. Trustee Distel asked if they were township residents. Asst. Chief Wilkinson says one lives on 5th Avenue and the other lives on one of the other avenues in town. Neither have experience. Trustee Distel made a motion to hire Don Henney and Dan Frankart to the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Baugher says he spoke to Wayne Smith, and the Zoning Board of Appeals would like Jeff Coon to take Ken Sarka’s place on the Board of Appeals. Trustee Distel made a motion to appoint Jeff Coon to the Clinton Township Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of the four-year term expiring on May 19, 2024. This was seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Fiscal Officer Bates says the auditor is questioning the $7,500 transfers to the permanent improvement fund and says it is an unallowable transfer and that the funds must be transferred back to the Special Levy fund immediately. She responded and told him that the previous auditor asked for the meeting minutes from a specific date in the 1980s that allows these transfers and that the transfers have been done every year but she has not received a response back from this auditor yet.

Bills were presented to be paid:

11242 Jennifer Bates wages $966.15

11243 Dennis Baugher wages $837.01

11244 James Distel wages $1.94

11245 Timothy Frisch wages $354.69

11246 Andrew Kimmet wages $1134.48

11247 James Lang wages $1354.47

11248 Dennis Moyer wages $808.18

11249 AEP Ohio road lights, station #2, township house $750.13

11250 North Central Electric Co-op road lights $15.76

11251 Aqua OH station #2 $10.42

11252 AT&T township house phone $90.27

11253 AT&T Long Distance long distance service $9.79

11254 Delta Dental Plan of Ohio road worker dental premiums $84.57

11255 Colonial Life accident & disability insurance policies $147.72

11256 Loyal American Life Insurance Co. cancer insurance policies $83.00

11257 City of Tiffin EMS service – 1st half 2020 $13750.00

11258 Electro Alarms Co., Inc. July – December 2020 $180.00

11259 Cardmember Services postage $61.95

11260 Central Ohio Farmers Co-op fuel $583.62

11261 Seneca County Engineer hydro seed for TR 122 tile project $656.52

11262 Warren Fire Equipment SCBA repairs $224.32

11263 Reineke Family Dealership A/C repair on Ford truck $1111.37

11264 John’s Welding & Towing 2002 International repairs, pintle hitch $3457.75

11265 Bucky’s Machine Shop aluminum sign posts $1240.00

11266 Western Ohio Rescue Supply Co. service & testing of AMKUS rescue system $700.00

50-2020 OPERS May withholding $2881.70

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer