Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

March 30, 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 and Steve Welter.

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 16, 2020 were read and approved.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, Seneca County Victim Assistance Program – memo regarding pre-trial hearing for Jason Perkins, Energy Harbor - community electric aggregation program info, Seneca County Regional Planning – memo regarding office closure for COVID-19,

Fire Chief Bishop reports that Mike and Kevin hooked up a temporary compressor. They are having a hard time getting parts from New York because of the corona virus pandemic. He also reports that Craig Lucius is under 14-day quarantine after traveling to New York for work. Chief Bishop has been staying informed on the pandemic to keep the firefighters safe.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he did not find where Rich Zeis’s property had been re-zoned. There was a variance agreement to build the storage units, and assistant prosecutor Ellie Anderson advised that they would have to build to the exact plans that were granted under the variance. Zoning Inspector Welter also issued a fence permit and sent permit information to Tony Phillips of Fullerton Engineering for a communications tower on Roland Zimmerman’s property. The prosecutor’s office has been going over the Ohio Revised Code and sent Zoning Inspector Welter information. Public utilities are exempt from zoning, but they must notify all residents within 100 ft. of their intention to build a tower. If the township trustees receive any complaints, the fiscal officer must sent a letter to the company informing them of the complaints. The trustees will then hold a public hearing. Zoning Inspector Welter says he was told the tower was being built for AT&T/Cingular, and Ellie Anderson said most wireless carriers are considered public utility.

Zoning Inspector Welter has also been in contact with Jerry Johnson with the Seneca County Commission on Aging. They are going to have to re-zone their property with the shed to commercial. Initially they said the shed was being used to store a lawn mower, but they are storing files and have asked about storing trucks and plugging them in as well.

Trustee Distel reports that the city’s public works department is still working, but the county is off until at least April 6th because of the pandemic. He also reports that the Energy Harbor electric aggregation was set up by the county commissioners when our program expired. The contract goes through May 2022. Trustee Distel also says Nimz called about the water issues on Lelar and Trustee Distel is going to call Soil & Water and see what they say. Dennis Zoeller says he is open to whatever it would take to fix the water issue. He says he was not able to mow the back of his property until June last year because it was so wet. Trustee Distel also got contact information for Luke Miller with Enhanced Servicing to look at the concrete floor at Station #2.

Trustee Moyer motioned Resolution #2020-1 to appropriate $1,603,476.19 for 2020 expenses. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Moyer asks if the MORE grant will be available this year and Fiscal Officer Bates says she believes it is. He also says the Board needs to do the road program. The Board discussed paving TR 118 next year and chip & sealing TR 130 and TR 155 this year. Trustee Moyer also asked about moving some ditches back and about possibly hiring Hovis to help. Trustee Distel asked about top-coat paving Harley & Huron but the Board says they should wait until the city’s work on Greeley is done. Trustee Distel is going to call the city and ask when they are paving Greeley.

The Board discussed bringing the road workers back from lay-off. Trustee Baugher says there is a lot of work that needs to be done and he would like them to come back tomorrow morning if they can. They only laid them off because the county shut down, but the city and state are still working. Trustee Distel asks what happens if they do not want to come back and would rather stay on unemployment. The Board agreed to call them and see if they will come back and will try to keep them separated. They also said they can work on berm.

Trustee Baugher asks the Board what they want to do about purchasing a durapatch machine with Scipio Township. The Board thinks a lease option would be the most fair. Trustee Baugher says can break usage down by the hour meter. He is going to attend their meeting on Friday to discuss it.

Bills were presented to be paid:

11096 Timothy Frisch wages $302.62

11097 Andrew Kimmett wages $126.77

11098 James Lang wages $846.44

11099 AT&T township house phone $90.55

11100 AEP Ohio road lights $449.40

11101 Colonial Life accident & disability policies $147.72

11102 Delta Dental Plan of Ohio road worker dental premiums $84.57

11103 Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership annual membership dues $100.00

11104 Advertiser-Tribune legal notice, zoning ad $136.32

11105 Fastenal Company fasteners $68.21

11106 Bucky’s Machine Shop aluminum sign posts $1196.00

11107 Tiffin Ag & Turf coolant & oil filter $147.16

11108 Seneca County Regional Planning 2020 assessments $3081.75

11109 James Distel drill battery $49.22

25-2020 OPERS February $2738.97

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer