Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

May 26, 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 May 11, 2020 were read and approved.

Correspondence: Seneca County Engineer – email regarding Issue 1 funding, City of Tiffin - MOU draft for N. Washington St. paving

Fire Chief Bishop reports that the equipment truck is still at D&D Diesel. The calipers are bent. Trustee Baugher asks if the tanker is working better since it was worked on and Chief Bishop says so far it is okay. Chief Bishop also reports that Winterberry Farms had a wedding there last weekend. They are not supposed to be operating until the fire code inspection has passed and he has not received plans from the architect yet. Zoning Inspector Welter asked if she was specifically told that she was not allowed to operate. Chief Bishop says it was implied, but Trustee Moyer says the fire marshal also mentioned something about having people posted until everything was completed. Zoning Inspector Welter said it was unclear to him that she was not supposed to be operating. Trustee Baugher says we should talk to the State and see what we should do. Chief Bishop will contact him.

Zoning Inspector Welter reports that he issued permits for a deck addition, a utility shed, an addition at Clouse Electric, a fence permit, and a house addition. He also received an email from a resident on Tecumseh about the property behind them that that operates as a tree farm. They were told that there had to be a minimum of 15 acres for this, and they are questioning if they still qualify since a house is being built on the property. Zoning Inspector Welter told the Board that he is unaware of anything in the zoning book about tree farms needing to be 15 acres. Trustee Moyer says she may be talking about a government program. Resident Dennis Kingseed agrees but neither Trustee Moyer or Mr. Kingseed know of any 15 acre requirement. Zoning Inspector Welter will email the resident and try to get more information about what she is referring to.

Trustee Distel reports that he spoke to Curtis King about getting 50 Lelar mowed. Nick’s Lawn Service can get it mowed on Wednesday or Thursday. Trustee Distel also says the property on TR 130 has been mowed.

Regarding the N. Washington St. paving project, Trustee Distel says we did not need to get a county engineer’s estimate because the city engineer said we could do it to his specs. He also said the sidewalk crossing at Tyber is not ADA compliant. They are going to put a new sidewalk crossing into the project plans, but we can elect to do the project on our own if we would like. The city engineer thinks it will cost about $1,500. It is close to being compliant, but the grade is not right. Trustee Baugher says it makes him wonder if Deer Ridge is compliant because they look the same and told the Board they should go out and look at it. Trustee Baugher also says one of the city engineer’s emails says the price per unit on a project bid with the city may be higher because of the curbs and manholes. He says the Board should look at the road because the township’s portion does not look that bad and he is not sure that it needs to be paved this year. There is only one spot near the cemetery but it could be fixed with the durapatch machine. He thinks the money could be better spent on an equipment truck or improvements to the building. After some discussion, the Board decided not to bid the project with the city. They can re-assess the need for paving and contact the city’s contractor later if they decide to proceed with the project.

Trustee Distel reports that Prosecutor Derek Devine looked at the fence row between Mr. Kingseed and Mr. Wilhelm’s property and says that there is nothing that the township needs to do. Anything further would be private action utilizing both of their individual attorneys.

Trustee Moyer reports that a resident on TR 159 has a sump pump that currently runs into his yard and wonders if he could run a line out to the ditch. Trustee Moyer told him the Board would try to look at it tonight after the meeting.

Trustee Moyer says we need to go over the road program. He thinks we may need to make some cuts. The total engineer’s estimates we received, including the Issue 1 project is $332,000. We will likely lose $20,000-$25,000 in gas tax revenue this year. Trustee Baugher does not understand why the engineer’s estimates included a $6,500 mobilization fee for each road and also questions if the contractor has to prove if and why they bill for any contingencies. He also thinks we should run the roads again. He says TR 130 from TR 15 to the river is not bad and the one spot that is can be fixed with the durapatch machine. After some discussion, the Board agreed to run the roads again to re-prioritize the 2020 road program.

Regarding Winterberry Farms, Zoning Inspector Welter says that during their meeting, he recalls the State telling Ms. Schneppat several times that they were not there to shut her down. He believes that may have caused confusion that led her to believe that she could continue to operate before the fire code plan was approved and implemented.

Bills were presented to be paid:

11167 Fred Bishop wages $285.36

11168 VOID

11169 Andrew Kimmet wages $1223.60

11170 James Lang wages $1354.47

11171 Stephen Welter wages $205.70

11172 Dennis Wilkinson wages $45.00

11173 Aqua OH station #2 $9.56

11174 AT&T township house phone $90.27

11175 Columbia Gas of Ohio station #2 $87.81

11176 Colonial Life accident & disability insurance policies $147.72

11177 John Deere Financial supplies $32.94

11178 Lehigh Hanson Heidelberg Cement #57 stone $83.54

11179 MGQ Inc. #411 & #57 stone $812.07

11180 Maple Grove Materials coldmix $108.00

11181 John’s Welding & Towing Truck #33 throttle repair $433.23

11182 Adams Tree Service tree removal on TR 159 $200.00

11183 Seneca Co. EMA shipping $14.20

11184 Mike Hoover auto pump $628.89

11185 Jeremy Showman Repair, LLC batteries for grader $456.00

35-2020 EFTPS April withholding $1206.33

36-2020 Treasurer of State of Ohio April withholding $178.27

37-2020 Ohio Deferred Compensation April withholding $835.00

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer