Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

August 17, 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, Jim Lang, Chris Liebold, Gina Grandillo, Gary Mason, Pam Mason, Tim Hess, Teresa Hess, and Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 3, 2020 and the special meeting held August 5, 2020 were read and approved.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings- newsletter, Seneca County Township Association – email regarding meeting cancelation and scholarship winners, Seneca County Regional Planning – email regarding Issue 1 project completion, email regarding engineer’s estimates for next round of Issue 1 funding, and email regarding 5G cell tower planning, Ohio State Auditor – audit engagement letter

Democratic candidate for the Ohio House of Representatives, Chris Liebold, introduced himself. He grew up in Green Springs, is currently on Fremont’s city council, and says he is running because he loves small towns and wants someone working for us in Columbus. He knows that over the last few years, local governments have been hit the hardest by the State’s budget and wants to work to get us back that funding.

Trustee Baugher says fire truck #32 goes in tomorrow for new tires.

Zoning Inspector Welter reports that he received a phone call regarding a property on Autumnwood that has farm animals. He drove back and did not see any animals out but did not go on the property. Another resident says there were chickens there at one time. Zoning Inspector Welter also says he called Columbus and Dublin Zoning departments about automatic pool covers. Columbus did not call him back, but Dublin says they were allowing pool covers, but they received complaints, and they have since redefined barriers to be fences but not covers. He thinks they should allow covers because they are safer than fences and says he used the International Code Council for a lot of their zoning code. Zoning Inspector Welter was able to get some information that he forwarded to the Zoning Board. He also emailed Assistant Prosecutor Ellie Anderson and asked her if she could come to the Zoning Board meeting for the Deer Ridge re-zoning application. He is hoping that she can help explain to concerned residents that we cannot control everything that happens there. Zoning Inspector Welter also reports that he issued an addition permit and a utility shed permit.

Gina Grandillo introduced herself as a Calvert graduate who is back in the area working as an attorney in Jim Gucker’s office. She came to support Chris Liebold and says he is a great candidate and she hopes we consider voting for him.

Resident Pam Mason says her and her husband Gary are buying Tim and Teresa Hess’s property at 11 E. TR 132. More than 2 months ago she spoke to Zoning Inspector Welter about the setbacks required for building a pole building on that property and then obtained a permit less than a week ago. Attica Lumber has excavated and were going to start the building today when Zoning Inspector Welter called and told them to halt and that they needed a variance because it is a corner lot and requires 50 feet on each side instead of 10 feet. Because of the septic system there is nowhere else to put the building. Zoning Inspector Welter says based on the drawings submitted, he did not realize it was a corner lot. The Masons want to see if there is a way to expedite the process because Attica Lumber needs to get back to work because they are booked for the rest of the year, and the Masons are on a time crunch to get out of their current house. They say the line of sight is fine on both roads. Zoning Inspector Welter says the zoning rules are set to protect everyone, but Mr. Mason asks what protects him? They did everything they were supposed to do and obtained the permit they needed. Trustee Baugher says we need to call the prosecutor’s office and see what they say. He explained that the Zoning Board of Appeals would need to hold a meeting to approve a variance. Mrs. Mason says that process will take too much time and asks if there is anything we can do to speed up the process. Teresa Hess asks what is the culpability of issuing a permit that is not valid? Trustee Moyer says we can ask the prosecutor if there is anything we can do to speed it up.

Trustee Distel says the attorney for the American Standard property finally received the letter sent requesting them to mow and wanted help finding someone to do it. Trustee Distel told him it was already mowed and would be put on their property taxes and said that he was told to contact the woman in charge of maintenance who is the owners wife. The attorney said in the future to call him as well so he can make sure it gets done. Trustee Moyer asks if we can just send them a bill instead of putting it on their taxes. Trustee Distel will get a mailing address for the attorney.

Trustee Distel also reports that he spoke to Dave Conn and told him that TR 1108 will be paved on Thursday and Friday and that when the tack coat is put down, they will not be able to drive on it for 24 hours. He also looked at Doris Bohrer’s property and they are going to try and use the same contractor to pave a car-length section at the end of their drive as well.

Trustee Distel says he emailed David Zak with Tiffin Seneca Economic Partnership about unclear wording in the annexation agreement. It sounds like the lodging tax is included only for future development when it should be existing development as well.

Trustee Distel made a motion to request an amended certificate to receive, appropriate, and expend CARES Act funds of $12,338.73 to a new fund- #2904 CARES Act Funds 2020. This was seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Moyer reports that they are going to start grinding the asphalt at Station #1 tomorrow afternoon. Trustee Baugher says Tiffin Farmers wants ten loads of grinds.

Trustee Moyer says he called Mark Zimmerman about the hole at Honeycreek and they are waiting on a camera to go through the sewer to make sure that is the problem. Trustee Moyer also asks the Board if they want to think about selling the V-plow. They agree to take some pictures and get it advertised.

Trustee Moyer asks Chief Bishop if he has an update on Jason Perkins court case. He says it has been postponed again. Trustee Moyer also says they have been talking about getting a computer for the road department to keep track of sign inventory and the road program. Fiscal Officer Bates has the old UAN computer that they could use. She will see about getting Microsoft Excel on it.

Trustee Moyer made a motion to approve a ditch project to set back the ditches on TR 194 and TR 165 and put in a tile on TR 122 from Clinton Heights Golf Course to just before 2996 E. TR 122. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Moyer made a motion to submit the paving of TR 118 for next year’s Issue 1 project. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Bills were presented to be paid:

11302 Fred Bishop wages $275.50

11303 Andrew Kimmet wages $1243.30

11304 James Lang wages $1354.47

11305 Stephen Welter wages $205.70

11306 Dennis Wilkinson wages $45.00

11307 Don Hovis Excavating LLC set back ditches on TR 194 & TR 165 $4620.00

11308 Tiffin Farmers Co-op grass seed $39.50

11309 John’s Welding & Towing power steering fluid $18.56

11310 Streacker Tractor Sales Inc. parts $157.50

11311 Advertiser Tribune zoning ad $65.32

11312 Postmaster – Tiffin postage for newsletter $420.00

60-2020 Treasurer of State of Ohio July withholding $197.32

61-2020 Ohio Deferred Compensation July withholding $835.00

62-2020 EFTPS July withholding $1304.36

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer