Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

December 21, 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, Dave Knowles, Steve Welter, Dan Raufer, Jim Jang, and Joe Worland.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, Seneca County Engineer – email regarding mileage

The minutes of the regular meeting held December 7, 2020 were read and approved.

Assistant Fire Chief Denny Wilkinson asked if Chief Bishop still needs to be working on bids for a new equipment truck. Trustee Baugher said to wait until everyone has a chance to look at the used truck that was purchased before deciding what to do. Dave Knowles asks if it will be able to handle everything that we need and Trustee Baugher says he is sure it will.

Joe Worland discussed the township’s insurance renewal. He said the liability limits stay the same at $3,000,000 in coverage. Building insured values went up 4% and he also went over the values of the listed equipment and vehicles. New equipment to be added is the gear dryer, the LED sign, an equipment truck, and the breathing air compressor. Trustee Distel asked about insurance coverage costs for houses in Clinton Township vs. the City of Tiffin. Mr. Worland said that Clinton Township is a 6/9 protection class. If there is water within 1000 feet of the home, it is in a protection class 6. Otherwise, it is in a protection class 9 with higher insurance rates. The City of Tiffin is a class 2. Mr. Worland also says OTARMA is going to do the MORE grant again in 2021.

Zoning Inspector Welter says a real estate agent called him about a property on TR 155 being zoned commercial. He looked through zoning board minutes and found where they recommended that the Board of Trustees change the zoning to residential on September 25, 2001 because the property was being sold and would have a house built on it within a few years. However, he went through the township meeting minutes and did not see where the zoning was ever changed. The house was never built and it is currently a sheep farm with a barn on the property. Trustee Moyer said the information may have never been passed on to the Trustees.

Zoning Inspector Welter also reports that Dave Straub called about his neighbor putting in a propane tank between their two houses. Zoning Inspector Welter explained that it needed to be 10 feet from the property line and 10 feet from any buildings. His neighbor, Mr. Bish, then called to obtain a permit for the propane tank and to discuss the possibility of putting in a privacy fence because Mr. Straub was not happy with the way the propane tank looked.

Zoning Inspector Welter also mailed a letter to the resident at Jeff Kuhn’s property on Ranchwood regarding the shed. The resident called him and said he would not be closing on the property until August and did not know that the shed needed to have a permit. Zoning Inspector Welter asked the Board if the township has a 60-foot right-of-way on Ranchwood and TR 201 and says the shed may need to have a variance also. The permit drawing for the house shows that it is only 42 feet from the road, so he is unsure why a variance would not have been needed for the house. Trustee Moyer says they will look at the map and see what it says.

Trustee Distel says City Engineer Matt Watson asks that we let him know when we are doing paving anywhere there are manhole covers. They have had problems in Hopewell Township where a manhole cover is paved over and then they do not know where it is at.

Trustee Distel says he, Troy Felter, and Dale Thornton met and went over the sewer rate study and Mr. Thornton said nothing could be done to lower sewer rates in the township. He said they periodically raised rates by 5%, but the rate study showed that only a 4% increase was needed at the next increase. They are also watching for the possibility that a House bill will pass that caps the township rate at 125% instead of the current 150%.

Trustee Distel asks Fiscal Officer Bates if we were ever paid for mowing the former American Standard property and she says we have not received payment yet. He asked for a copy of the invoice and said he will call about it. Trustee Distel also reports that Deluxe Carpet is coming on Wednesday to clean the carpets at the township house.

The equipment truck’s engine blew and acting under an emergency resolution, the Board purchased a used equipment truck for $45,000 and drove it back from New Jersey. Trustee Moyer made a motion to appropriate and expend $45,000 from the Permanent Improvement Fund #4301 for the purpose of purchasing the equipment truck. This was seconded by Trustee Distel. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Trustee Distel says Electro Alarms asked him about getting a code to get into Station #1 and Station #2 to install the security cameras. Assistant Chief Wilkinson says he can set up a temporary code for them.

Trustee Moyer asks Zoning Inspector Welter if we need to change any zoning fees for 2021. He thinks everything is fine.

Trustee Baugher says he talked to Soil & Water about getting the $500 back for the TR 122 drainage study. He said they have to do some paperwork with the County Auditor to get it done and they will start the process. Trustee Moyer says he talked to Jason Kurgis who said they got a little surveying done there. He was going to call Hank Associates but they do not do civil engineering anymore. He is going to call Terry Wright and see if he will do an estimate on the cost to engineer the project and let Gary Solomon know so the residents and decide what they want to do.

Bills were presented to be paid:

11512 Fred Bishop wages $285.36

11513 Timothy Frisch wages $243.55

11514 Andrew Kimmet wages $1134.48

11515 James Lang wages $1354.47

11516 Stephen Welter wages $205.70

11517 Dennis Wilkinson wages $45.00

11518 Sound Solutions of Ohio LLC digital/analog portable radios $2229.57

11519 Warren Fire Equipment full face respirators with voice amplifier $4108.50

11520 VOID

11521 Columbia Gas of Ohio station #2 $107.12

11522 Rumpke of Ohio Inc. monthly trash service $37.08

11523 Lehigh Hanson Heidelberg Cement #8 C stone $82.76

11524 Perry Builders of Tiffin install windows & door at Station #2 $640.00

11525 Electro Alarms Co., Inc. security cameras for Stations #1 and #2 $5381.62

11526 Bishop’s Plumbing and Heating water heater, sinks, faucets at Station #2 $8030.00

11527 Siesel Distributing sanitation and safety supplies $4075.15

11528 Great Lakes Specialty Equipment nomex hoods for fire department $2378.02

11529 Mohawk Supply LED lights $78.00

11530 Republic Lumber Company siding $60.00

11531 Wayne Smith Zoning Board of Appeals meetings $90.00

11532 Clair Forrest Jr. Zoning Board of Appeals meetings $70.00

11533 Ken Sarka Zoning Board of Appeals meetings $20.00

11534 Mike Wise Zoning Board of Appeals meetings $90.00

11535 Jeff Kuhn Zoning Board of Appeals meetings $60.00

11536 Gary Cole Zoning Board of Appeals meetings, supplies $455.56

11537 Sentinel Career & Technology Ctr CARES Act funds grant $5000.00

11538 Craig Clark Zoning Commission meeting $40.00

11539 Daryl Moyer Zoning Commission meeting $10.00

11540 Tony Monaco Zoning Commission meeting $10.00

11541 Ken Estep Zoning Commission meeting $10.00

11542 James Distel mileage, tolls, meals for NJ trip $833.95

11543 Clouse Electric electric to LED sign $1700.00

105-2020 Treasurer of State of Ohio November withholding $207.34

106-2020 Ohio Deferred Compensation November withholding $835.00

107-2020 EFTPS November withholding $2110.02

108-2020 AT&T U-Verse internet $40.10

109-2020 Bureau of Workers’ Compensation policy date 1/1/21 to 1/1/22 $3936.00

111-2020 OPERS November withholding $2811.60

112-2020 OPERS interest $48.39

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer