Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

September 28, 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, Roland Zimmerman, Bob Reinhart, and Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the regular meeting held September 14, 2020 were read and approved.

Fire Chief Fred Bishop reports that the pump tests are done and they both passed. He also says Truck #34 is going in the shop tomorrow for the alternator.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he issued a new accessory building permit for Tim Hess. He also issued a permit for a propane tank and took another conditional use permit application for Dan Sturgill and that meeting will be held on October 12th. Zoning Inspector Welter says he has received several complaints from Honeycreek residents about the new owners of the 5 acres behind Honeycreek. They have heard they would like to have horses and cows and thought that the zoning book says it was not allowed within 100 feet of a residential district. After discussing it with Assistant Prosecutor Ellie Anderson, they have determined that this does not apply because the land is not in a plotted or unplotted subdivision and is not under 5 acres. Zoning Inspector Welter also says he has called Steve Bohrer but he has not called him back.

Resident Bob Reinhart says he has a problem with the township’s handling of zoning and the zoning appeals board. He outlined his prior discussions with Zoning Inspector Welter regarding an accessory building being built at the corner of SR 53 and TR 132 and says he never received a letter regarding the variance hearing. After speaking to the secretary of the appeals board, Gary Cole, he was told he only received three names to be notified. Mr. Reinhart says he called the zoning inspector and was told the resident only provided three names and he did not check them. The zoning inspector later told him that the prosecutor’s offices says that all interested parties had been notified, but Mr. Reinhart says it has been the policy for 30 years that everyone within 500 feet be notified, as determined by a previous prosecutor. Mr. Reinhart says the zoning inspector told him that the meeting would probably be rescheduled, but he later found out that they met and passed the variance without ever discussing the issue of not giving proper notification. Mr. Reinhart feels that the zoning inspector lied by omission of the facts and questions if the Board was involved in the lies and cover-up. Trustee Moyer says the zoning book does not say interested parties are within 500 feet. Resident Roland Zimmerman says he supports Mr. Reinhart and agrees that when he was on the zoning board, that is how it was always done. Resident Dennis Kingseed says he checked with neighbors and only three people received letters. Zoning Inspector Welter says there are inconsistencies within the zoning book and the variance and re-zoning applications. He was never told that he needed to compile the list of interested parties and thought that the zoning board took care of this since they mailed the letters. After some further discussion, the Board reassured all parties that they would address the problem and review the procedures including a possible update to the zoning book. Trustee Baugher says this was a misunderstanding and that he has faith in Zoning Inspector Welter and he is doing a good job.

Trustee Moyer reports that he called Bugner’s and their equipment is broke down so it will be at least October 20th before they are available. Trustee Baugher says we should call Darr’s instead. Trustee Moyer says M&B Asphalt called and says they will begin grinding for the Issue 1 project at the end of this week.

Trustee Distel asks if we want to do the advertising for the V-plow through WMS. Trustee Baugher asked about putting it on the government bid website but Trustee Distel is concerned that it won’t hit enough people. Glenhill thought that WMS would reach a broader group and be the best place to list it. The Board agreed to set a minimum bid of $2,000 and Trustee Moyer says he was told that it would probably sell around $2,500.

Trustee Distel reports that he watched the CARES Act webinar that talked about helping local business in our community. There is a second webinar that discusses the process to go through if you do want to help businesses. Trustee Distel asks if we could use the funds to help the county museum, but the Board says they assume the funds would have to stay in the township. Trustee Moyer asks who would put together the process of contacting businesses or awarding grants. Fiscal Officer Bates says Regional Planning talked about helping townships put together an application process. Trustee Baugher says it would be nice to be able to spend the funds rather than give it back.

Bills were presented to be paid:

11364 VOID

11365 AT&T township house phone $91.70

11366 Colonial Life accident & disability insurance $147.72

11367 Delta Dental Plan of Ohio road worker dental premiums $84.57

11368 Seneca County Treasurer special assessment $237.67

11369 AEP Ohio township house, road lights, station #2 $724.02

11370 Timothy Frisch wages $807.31

11371 Andrew Kimmet wages $1134.48

11372 James Lang wages $1354.47

11373 Stephen Welter wages $205.70

11374 Dennis Wilkinson wages $45.00

11375 VOID

11376 Fred Bishop wages $295.21

11377 Benjamin Bishop supplies $57.39

11378 Lee Stover pave driveway approaches on TR 122 $7650.00

86-2020 OPERS August withholding $3573.72

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moyer. Mr. Moyer – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer