

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
September 12, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

All Board members answered roll call – Trustee Dennis Baugher, Trustee Jim Distel, Trustee Dan Schmitz, and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Bates.

Guests: Steve Welter, Chris Hafley, Dennis Kingseed, Sheriff Fred Stevens, Pat Bishop, Eric Bishop, and Ray Bishop.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, Seneca County Prosecutor – Williams drainage easement, OSS Solid Waste District – municipality tire collection info, OTARMA – board of director application info, Seneca County Auditor – 2023 original certificate of estimated resources and levy rates and amounts

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 29, 2022 were read and approved.

Seneca County Sheriff Fred Stevens presented and discussed his office's 2021 annual report. For Clinton Township, the sheriff's office had 1,078 calls for service in 2021. He outlined his accomplishments since taking office including increasing salaries, opening a new dispatch center, passing Federal inspections, and being State compliant. He has been trying to get more deputies on the road but the commissioners did not approve his budget request last year. He will be discussing it with them again this year.

Eric Bishop reports that he turned in his fire gear. He also accused the Board of operating on personal vendettas when they released him and Fred Bishop from the fire department and said they should question their ethics from a community standpoint.

Pat Bishop addressed the Board by reading a letter outlining her displeasure in the Board's dismissal of Eric and Fred Bishop. She said they did not have a chance to defend themselves of any allegations and were blindsided. She is not asking for the decision to be reversed but is upset with how it was handled. The Board said they met with former Chief Bishop several times last year to discuss the negativity and also met with the prosecutor, who suggested a change should have been made some time ago. Trustee Distel says they know how much the Bishop family has done for the fire department but did what they believed was best.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he issued 2 shed permits and a garage addition permit. He received a text from the Kagys about Tilly's. He says he also received a reply from assistant prosecutor Ellie Anderson regarding Tilly's. She says that as of June 22nd, Mr. Gibson was permitted to continue operating Tilly's for 6 months with certain specifications including having a parking attendant, no turn around and no parking signage at the Kagy's, and designated parking signs at every event, and having a sound abatement plan in place. Ms. Anderson advised to give any information regarding Tilly's to the Zoning Board of Appeals so they can review it. Zoning Inspector Welter also says Richland County says they do not approve parking plans, only the existence of accessible parking and signage. Richland County also says the occupancy permit for the pavilion is expired.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley says he attending the regional volunteer firefighter task force meeting on August 17th. It was primarily to discuss ways the State can assist with recruiting and retention.

Chief Hafley says they thought they would have to send Eric Cook to fire school, but because he had an extension on his card, he is within an 18-month window where he can submit his CE credits and take a fire knowledge test for his level and then be reinstated.

Chief Hafley says Rescue #34 is at Keller's. He thought they would get it back today but did not.

Chief Hafley also says the EMR's in the county and our township used to operate under Dr. Fitzpatrick, the medical director for the county. When he retired as an emergency room doctor he did not realize that a change in state law then prohibited him from being a medical director. The county and city are going to go with the Northwest Ohio EMS Consortium and will have Dr. Nick Sauber. Chief Hafley has spoken to him on the phone and is supposed to have a conversation with him this week. With Dr. Fitzpatrick there was not cost, but there will be a cost involved now. Attica's chief says this year they paid \$2,500 for half a year and it is based on run volume.

Chief Hafley reports that he submitted a grant through the Tiffin Community Foundation for \$50,000 for equipment for the training room. Jodie Reinbolt says they received an abundance of requests this time. He also submitted a donation request to Roppe Rubber.

Regarding the cost of physicals, Chief Hafley says we cannot use PathLabs for any of the testing, but he sent an email to Mercy Occupational Health about pricing and says Tiffin is threatening to use a mobile unit for their physicals that costs around \$600.

Trustee Baugher asks if we can send Tom Gordon a thank you note for the donation he made in memory of Bob Crabill. Trustee Distel says Bob's wife was upset that we did not tell her about the donation so she could thank Mr. Gordon. In the future we should ask the donor if they would like us to publicize their donation.

Trustee Distel says the broadband task force released a strategic report for Seneca County that is available online. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 21st at 10:00am NCOESC.

Trustee Schmitz moved Resolution #2022-13 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. This was seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

Bills were presented to be paid:

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| 12421 | Jennifer Bates | wages | \$1220.18 |
| 12422 | Dennis Baugher | wages | \$951.88 |
| 12423 | James Distel | wages | \$1.89 |
| 12424 | Andrew Kimmet | wages | \$1255.66 |
| 12425 | James Lang | wages | \$672.11 |
| 12426 | Daniel Schmitz | wages | \$900.89 |
| 12434 | AEP | township house | \$385.16 |
| 12435 | Aqua OH | station #2 | \$11.49 |
| 12436 | North Central Electric Co-op | road lights | \$15.76 |
| 12437 | Bright Wireless | internet | \$86.91 |
| 12438 | Loyal American Life Insurance Co. | cancer insurance policies | \$66.40 |
| 12439 | Central Ohio Farmers Co-op | fuel | \$1665.20 |
| 12440 | Lehigh Hanson Heidelberg Cement | #411 stone | \$164.71 |
| 12441 | Carquest Auto Parts Store Tiffin | supplies | \$66.37 |
| 12442 | Treasurer of State of Ohio | UAN fees – 4 th qtr. 2022 | \$762.00 |
| 57-2022 | EFTPS | August withholding | \$1388.27 |
| 58-2022 | Treasurer of State of Ohio | August withholding | \$207.57 |
| 59-2022 | Ohio Deferred Compensation | August withholding | \$985.00 |

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Baugher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

James Distel, Ch., Trustee

Dennis Baugher, Trustee

Dan Schmitz, Trustee

Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer