

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
January 16, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Dennis Baugher and Trustee Jim Distel answered roll call. Trustee Dan Schmitz was absent. Also present was Fiscal Officer Jennifer Bates.

Guests: Steve Welter and Chris Hafley.

Correspondence: Grassroots Clippings – newsletter, Seneca County Engineer – driveway permit

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 2, 2023 were read and approved.

Trustee Baugher asks if we signed the ambulance contract with the City of Tiffin and says Chief Chappell called about it. Fiscal Officer Bates says it was at the prosecutor's office for approval and she also spoke to Chief Chappell who told her the invoice had been mailed and to mail the signed contract back with the check.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley says he and Trustee Baugher went to Keller's to look at the engine that was rolled. They are going to drop the oil pan and check the rods and if everything is okay they will drive it to Station #1 so we can check the pump and drop the hose so they can check further into the hose bed. The dividers for the hose are damaged. Trustee Distel asks if they are going to check the frame and Chief Hafley says they are going to take it somewhere to check the alignment and the frame. Trustee Baugher says that they are currently estimated it will cost \$25,000 to \$30,000 and Chief Hafley says the biggest hold up may be the roll-up doors. Trustee Distel asks if we were able to rent a replacement pumper and Chief Hafley says they decided not to get one. If the firefighters are not comfortable with the equipment it may not even get used. Chief Hafley talked to Chief Chappell, who says they will automatically respond to any structural fires in Clinton Township. Chief Hafley is also going to send letters to the Sheriff's office as well as the fire departments in Republic and Bascom letting them know we may need help. Repairs on the engine are expected to take 2 months.

Chief Hafley says Friday night they had a run and the numbers on the keypad for the equipment truck door would not work. He spoke to Jim Lang, who hid a key to the entry door so they could get in that way. Also, the keypad on the entry door to the existing township building was frozen so Jim Lang put a rubber flap over it to protect it from the elements. Trustee Baugher says they will talk to Clouse Construction tomorrow about getting locks on the new building so they can move fire trucks into it. Chief Hafley asks if we need to get Sound Solutions here to install the antenna and run the coax. Trustee Baugher says we can ask Clouse Construction tomorrow.

Chief Hafley also reports that so far this year, they are close to the same number of runs as this time last year.

Trustee Distel says they have been saving pallets for the ox roast and asks Chief Hafley to let us know if they decide not to do it or to hire it out so we can get them cleaned up.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he received a phone call from a resident on Autumnwood asking if we had a noise ordinance. The residents at 475 Harley St. use the structure next to the house for band practice and they play music very loudly from 3pm to 8pm every night. He told her that we do not have a noise ordinance but he emailed Ellie Anderson at the prosecutor's office to see if anything else can be done.

Zoning Inspector Welter also reports that he completed the annual US Department of Commerce census for permits issued for new housing units. He says we had 7 new homes built in 2022 with a total value of \$2,818,782.

Trustee Baugher asks Chief Hafley if he put together an annual report for 2022. He says he is still working on it along with 5 applications for grants.

Trustee Distel says he does not have any updates on the Kingseed dispute. The last email he received was from Mr. Kingseed's attorney saying she was going to talk to him because she thought that everything was done except for the weed removal. Trustee Distel says at the time of that email the equipment had not been moved but he did not check today. He is waiting to hear back from Prosecutor Derek Devine on what the next step is.

Trustee Distel says he has been talking to Lucius Fence about fencing. He meets with them at Station #2 tomorrow to come up with the best layout. OSS Solid Waste District would like us to use 25% recycled materials when possible and Lucius Fence says we may be able to get creative and use used fencing to meet that requirement. He is also going to check and see if a coating on the fence is made from recycled material. Trustee Distel says at Station #1 they need 230 feet of 4ft. chain link fencing which will cost over \$5,000 installed and the grant funding is only for \$2,000 at Station #1 so he says we may have to purchase the fencing and install it ourselves. Trustee Distel says he is hoping if we turn in our applications early and our projects don't meet the requirements that we will have time to revise our plan.

Trustee Baugher says Gary Hohman who lives at 863 Greenfield has a driveway off a township alley and there is a dead tree in the alley that he is concerned will fall on his garage. Trustee Baugher says it is too big for us to remove. He will call Cliff Adams.

Trustee Baugher says David Seasily from ODOT called and would like a copy of the deed that is in the process of being recorded for the parcel returned to us from the State. Amy Dunn at the prosecutor's office says she needs a check for \$66 for the filing fees at the recorder's office. Fiscal Officer Bates says she has a check to sign tonight and will take it to the prosecutor's office in the morning.

Bills were presented to be paid:

12620	Christopher Hafley	wages	\$284.30
12621	Andrew Kimmet	wages	\$1295.43
12622	James Lang	wages	\$541.38
12623	Stephen Welter	wages	\$242.40
12624	Dennis Wilkinson	wages	\$45.00
12625	Seneca County Recorder	deed transfer	\$66.00
12626	AEP Ohio	township house	\$972.85
12627	Aqua OH	fire hydrant service, station #2	\$28.25
12628	Columbia Gas of Ohio	station #2	\$210.10
12629	Bright Wireless	internet	\$84.91
12630	Rumpke of Ohio Inc.	monthly trash service	\$51.79
12631	Loyal American Life Insurance Co.	cancer insurance policies	\$132.80
12632	Central Ohio Farmers Co-op	fuel	\$1332.18
12633	City of Tiffin	EMS contract – 1 <sup>st</sup> half 2023	\$19000.00
12634	Tiffin Farmers Co-op	parts	\$65.98
12635	iPad Mobile Solutions LLC	2022 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr IMS ePCR	\$300.00
12636	Firelands Regional Medical Center	physicals- M. Kirchner & H. Welter	\$207.00
12637	Carquest Auto Parts Store	supplies	\$126.08

5-2023	Treasurer of State of Ohio	December withholding	\$174.43
6-2023	Ohio Deferred Compensation	December withholding	\$985.00
7-2023	EFTPS	December withholding	\$2315.54

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Trustee Baugher. Mr. Schmitz – absent, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Baugher – yes.

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Dan Schmitz, Ch., Trustee

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Dennis Baugher, Trustee

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Jim Distel, Trustee

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer