

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
April 22, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

All Board Members answered roll call - Trustee Dan Schmitz, Trustee Jim Distel, Trustee Randy Kuhn and as Fiscal Officer Steve Welter.

Guests: Chris Hafley, Ray Bishop, and Jeff Hohman.

The minutes of the regular meeting held April 8, 2024 were read and approved.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Welter reported that we received an e-mail from Jim Darr OSS Solid Waste District they will continue its recycling drop-off awareness and education program for the summer. There was an attachment with a schedule. We also received from the Seneca County Board of Elections the results of the request to allow the township to aggregate the retail gas loads in the township. 585 votes yes, 283 votes no, total case 868.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reported that we are currently sitting at 142 runs so far this year. Last year at this time we were at 130. The solar eclipse went off with out any issues. An e-mail came out that the state may not reimburse volunteer departments for manning their stations during the eclipse. We have three possible new hires which would bring the department to 28 members. Tracy Hyer was voted on by the members and chief Hafley recommends that the board hire him. Brandon Toben has not been approved by the members yet. Brandon Stucky was on the department but dropped off during his mom's cancer and would like to get back on the department. They will have to be voted on by the department. We did receive the BWC grant totaling \$37,943.25, 12,647.75 would be the departments share for a total of 50,591.00 for the Battery operated extrication tools that will cut the high tensile steel. Chief Hafley reported that they would be having training on that those tools at Johns Welding and Towing Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Chief Hafley did apply for the OTARMA grant to complete the Nationwide grain tube project. we are in dire need of pagers because of the number of people we have added. Chief Hafley order ten pagers that will come out of the fire equipment grant. Chief Hafley extended an invitation to the Clinton Township awards banquet at the Moose at 6:00 pm Saturday.

Jeff Hohman asked questions about what the zoning inspector job entails. Fiscal officer Welter gave an explanation of what the job would require.

Trustee Distel made a motion to hire Tracy Hyer Dan Schmitz seconds Mr Schmitz Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Kuhn Y. Motion carried.

Trustee Distel made a motion to tentatively hire Brandon Toben pending his acceptance from the members. Trustee Schmitz seconded. Mr. Schmitz Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Kuhn Y. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on salary for zoning inspector. Trustee Distel made a motion to hire Jeff Hohman as zoning inspector with a salary of \$3000.00 per year and \$11.00 per meeting attended, and \$15.00 permit. Trustee Schmitz seconded. Mr. Schmitz Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Kuhn Y.

Trustee Distel reported that they ran the roads on the 18th and has a list of items to work on. Trustee Distel reported that there were two items that need addressed on 15 near the bridge just past cliff adams house. He said the road is getting bad but we need to look at it. He also reported that they need to look at sealing the parking lots at station one and two. Trustee Distel reported that he reached out to Lucius Fence to get

quotes to extend both fences at station two. Discussion was held on moving the old generator to Station number two and then adding onto the fence.

Chief Hafley reported that Clouse Electric called him and said that the generator was single phase and it is three phase at station two. He said the electric at the location is very old and needs upgraded. Chief Hafley asked for a quote to upgrade and move the generator.

Chief Hafley asked if we had one-way signs for around the building. If we should make it one way around the building. People are going really fast around the building for recycling. Trustees said that they would take a look at it.

Trustee Kuhn said he was approached by Denny Wilkson about moving the Crack Seal Machine to the last bay instead of where it is currently. Trustee Distel said that we could look at that.

Trustee Distel said he got a hold of Larry Cook about the property on Township Road 130 has not been mowed this year. Larry Cook said he does not have any contact. The man that owns the house passed away and his children live out of town. Trustee Distel said we need to declare it a nuisance and send them a letter. Trustee Schmidtz agreed.

Trustee Distel reported that all of Greeley St is in the City. He said that he contacted the city about some of the chuck holes and he said the water company is doing some work down that road and it will be about three years before they will do anything about Greeley.

Trustee Distel asked if anyone talked to Ken Bowers he left a message about putting fences on property lines. Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he did call him and he told him you could put a fence on the property line.

Fiscal Officer Welter reported that they are having a meeting tonight about Tillies. Mrs. Kagy sent him a txt with pictures showing parties in his home and people using the chaple that he does not have a permit for. She stated that these pictures are from other people who are tagging Mr. Gibson. They show dates from late fall and winter. He always claimed that his venue was mostly summer so he is lying to your board. Fiscal Officer Welter reported that the pictures she sent look like they came off of Facebook and he is not sure how Facebook chooses what date they use when they are posted if it is the date taken or post date. Fiscal officer Welter said that he had a txt from Mark Zimmerman on Sycamore Woods Lane that there were trucks and a skid loader running at the Hossler property at around 6:30 pm after the 4:00 deadline. Fiscal Officer Welter contacted Eric Zigler and he said he was just bringing his equipment back and unloading his Skid Loader Fiscal Officer Welter relayed that information to Mr. Zimmerman. His response was "Well of Course. Skid loader running for ten minutes and shaking it's bucket is part of the unloading process. Thought the cutoff was 4:00? I guess I don't understand why the equipment can't be unloaded the next morning if it is after 4:00.

Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he received texts from Tom Kramer concerned about the old Hossler property. Upset that he heard that that there was activity after 4:00 pm Fiscal Officer Welter explained to him everything that he explained to Mark Zimmerman. Mr. Kramer then began telling him that Ron Fry has had issues with the neighbors.

Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he went over to the property on 4/15 to see what activity was going on. No one was there at that time. Fiscal officer Welter went back over on Tuesday 4/16 at 8:30 am. He went down Marlyn St turned around came back stopped at the back of the property. He used a decibel app that he downloaded on his phone. Just standing there it was at fluctuated around 47 to 52 decibels with birds chirping loudly. When the chain saw was running it increase to 55 – 57 decibels. He then went over and talked to Mr. Hawkins. Brad said they have been trying to get along with the neighbors. He has been looking at lower noise chain saws and other equipment. He said he has been operating during the requested hours.

Mr. Fry apparently stopped at Mr. Kramer's house to talk to him but Mr Kramer told him to leave. Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he did a house permit along with answering a few phone calls. Chief Hafley also said he had pictures of fire wood stacked up and asking if it was legal. Chief Hafley said he was going to check the fire code.

Bills were presented to be paid:

13271 Seneca County Township Association	\$240.00
13272 JD Alarm Systems	\$463.60
13273 Aqua Ohio	\$15.75
13274 Columbia Gas	\$84.10
13275 Boy Scout Troup 499 Clinton Twp	\$400.00
13276 John's Welding & Towing	\$66.38
13277 Heidelberg Materials	\$1,470.30
13278 Lowe's	\$37.96
13279 Elchert's Lawn Service	\$3,500.00
13280 John Deer Financial	\$58.51
13281 Ag-Pro Ohio	\$290.66
13282 Chris Hafley	\$337.63
13283 Andrew Kimmet	\$1,361.81
13284 James Lange	\$136.47
13285 Dennis Wilkinson	\$67.50
Total	\$8,530.67

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes.

Jim Distel, Ch., Trustee

Dan Schmitz, Trustee

Randy Kuhn, Trustee

Steve Welter, Fiscal Officer