

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

June 30, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

The Following board members answered Roll Call Trustee Dan Schmitz, Trustee Jim Distel, Trustee Randy Kuhn, and Fiscal Officer Steve Welter.

Guests: Jeff Hohman, Chris Hafley, Mark Cook, Kim Herman, and Ron Ranker.

The minutes of the regular meeting held June 16, 2025 were read and approved.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Welter reported receiving an email from Lisa Tracy about trees on Tr 165 between CR 38 and 130 needing trimmed. Received an email from a Laura Maki on Tr 201 across from Sentinel about a slow tile. Received an email from Lisa Tracy at Seneca County Engineers office about next years issue one projects. Received an email from Adam Gilmore reminding about pictures for the fair. All were forwarded to the trustees.

Chief Hafley reported that the department was up 17 runs year-to-date. Total runs so far year-to-date are 227 compared to 244 for last year. Chief Hafley reported that he gave Trustee Distel A report on the cost to outfit a new firefighter starting out. Discussion was held on the report. The report showed that the township spends a little over \$19,000.00 to outfit and train a new fire fighter. It was mentioned that the bunker gear is good for ten years. After ten years the NFPA says that bunker gear is expired. Firefighters can still wear them, however there was some question on if something happens to that firefighter is the township liable for allowing them to use expired bunker gear. Chief Hafley reported that they have a couple of companies giving them quotes on a new fire engine. Spencer Fire Equipment's quote came back at \$660,000.00 Chief Hafley said the company who built our current trucks would not even quote a new truck. A couple of companies said that we could not afford them. Some of the salesman said that the latest technology for fire engines cost in excess of \$900,000.00.

Trustee Schimtz asked how many are on staff now. Chief Hafley reported twenty four. Chief Hafley reported that they have three individuals interested in joining the department. One from Carey is already trained. Trustee Schmitz asked how much bunker gear is expired. Chief Hafley reported about twenty. Four were just purchased a couple of years ago.

Kim Herman reported that she lives in Deere Ridge subdivision. She reported that there are no speed limit signs after pulling in. On her car it shows that the speed limit is fourty five till you get to Township Road 1195. She said she thinks some how this got over looked. Kim reported that she talked to the engineer's office and they were shocked. She said she and couple of residents are concerned about the number of small children in that subdivison and their safety.

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Kim asked about Seneca Poultry that is going to throw chicken manure behind Deere Ridge subdivision on St Francis property. Discussion was held on St Francis annexing into the city. Discussion was held on Seneca Poultry and the EPA approval that they received and the meeting coming up July 15th at the Seneca County Fair Grounds and how the approval is on hold. Discussion was held on the proposed buildings that Seneca Poultry is putting up and the locations that they are going to be dumping the chicken manure. Trustee Distel took Kim's phone number and said he would get back to her on the speed limit sign.

Mark Cook said he may be inheriting a family cabin and wanted to know who he needed to talk to about zoning and adding the cabin to his property. Zoning inspector Hohman gave him his contact information. Mark asked about a catch basin in front of his mailbox. There is an 8-inch tile that runs north that has been working great. Recently it has been filling up and running slow, and water has been going across the road. He would like the Trustees to look at it. Trustee Schmitz said that they would take a look at it.

Ron Lutz who lives in Deer Ridge entered the meeting. He is concerned about Seneca Poultry who is building a chicken farm and was going to spread Manure behind them and was concerned. He was told about the meeting at the Seneca County Fair grounds and what was gone over previously.

Zoning inspector Hohman said he has done quite a few permits. Several remodels, fences, and sheds. Zoning inspector Hohman said he has not heard anything back from Ellie Anderson about the Truck in Honey Creek. He said he believes she is on vacation but will check in with her and follow up.

Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he reissued Samuel Allen's expired checks and did the required notifications to the county Auditor since the checks were from last year and will be affecting the beginning balances for this year.

Trustee Schmitz asked what the status was for the zoning information requested by Mayor Wilkson. Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he made copies of the information and dropped it off to Mayor Wilkson and has not heard anything since.

Fiscal Officer Welter reported that the ad for the 2025 Road Project was in the paper and he has had three emails asking for the project information and mentioned the companies that requested the information. Zoning inspector Hohman said one of the requests was from a builders exchange that puts it in an ad on a web site for contractors to see if they want to respond.

Trustee Kuhn reported that Ron Lutz contacted him about the Poultry Farm. Trustee Kuhn said Tyler Clouse contacted him about the tree branches on Township Road 165 between State Route 18 and 122 that are hanging pretty low. Tyler owns the old Barto farm. He said that currently the limbs brush the tops of their tractors now and if they come by in a combine something might get damaged. The Trustees said they would go and take a look at it and see if it needs to be added to the road workers list. Trustee Kuhn reported that he saw a large pot hole on Huron St. again. The Trustees said that they would have the road worker take a look at it. Trustee Kuhn said Jason Fox contacted him about a ditch that may need digging out that was supposed to be done previously. The Trustees said that they would look into it.

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Trustee Distel said he called Seneca County Engineer Mark Zimmerman about the trucks coming in for the cell tower construction and he was out of the office at the time. He will contact him again.

Trustee Distel said Twp Rd 130 and 132 are now mowed. He asked if we received a bill yet for the mowing. Fiscal Officer Welter said no not yet. Trustee Distel said he talked to the lawyer for American Standard's property. He called Trustee Distel and said the mower is fixed and should be done by Thursday and said that if it was not done to let him know. Trustee Distel said he had a call Saturday night bout a tree down on 155. Trustee Schmitz said he received a call also and went out on Sunday Morning and said the Tree was off the road. Trustee Distel said that they should have the road worker look at Township Road 155 and 73 when the Road Worker runs the roads if things need trimmed or if we need to have Adams Tree Service take care of some of it.

Trustee Distel said he contacted Julie Adkins about getting some figures on how much income would be generated if the Township ran a renewal for the fire levy. Trustee Distel said we should be prepared for questions and maybe hold a meeting and be proactive telling residents why we would be requesting a renewal. It has nothing to do with the current building. There is a need for new equipment, and replacing bunker gear for 18 firemen. Trustee Schmitz asked what year the newest Truck is. Chief Hafley said the newest truck is a 2007. The cost of a new truck has increased considerably. The current fire levy is based off of old real estate values from 1990's. Chief Hafley suggested working with the chamber or SIDEAC. He said they helped Seneca EMS with a Facebook page. Trustee Distel asked if Chief Hafley could contact them to see if they can help. Trustee Distel suggested maybe doing a newsletter or some flyers to get information out. Chief Hafley said that they looked up what the last fire engine cost and that was \$189,000.00.

Trustee Schmitz said he wanted to do the tile on 159. He also reported that 3765 Township Road 122 was sold. Renne Smith said a Zimmerman purchased the property. Renne said that the owners have the intention of cleaning up the property.

Trustee Schmitz said that he asked Andy to get Adams Tree Service to look at Tr. 155, Tr. 169, and Tr. 73. Trustee Schmitz said he would go with them and let them know what they want done.

Trustee Distel made a motion to hire A&D Excavating for \$3,570.00 for repairs on Township Road 159. Trustee Kuhn seconded. Trustee Kuhn Y, Trustee Distel Y, Trustee Schmitz Y. Motion carried.

Zoning Inspector Hohman asked if anyone went and looked at the tile on County Road 13. It was mentioned that it was a county road. Zoning inspector Hohman was told to have the resident call the county because the township can not go on the county right of way. He was also told to ask if the tile was on a maintenance program if so they county should jet it out.

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The following bills were presented to be paid:

13894	6/30/25	Void Printer error	\$0.00
13895	6/30/25	Void Printer error	\$0.00
13896	6/30/25	Void Printer error	\$0.00
13897	6/30/25	JOHN'S WELDING & TOWING	\$1,498.42
13898	6/30/25	SOUND SOLUTIONS OF OHIO, LLC	\$1,018.92
13899	6/30/25	NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$35.27
13900	6/30/25	KUHN SALES & SERVICE	\$100.80
13901	6/30/25	AT & T (Long Distance Sve)	\$290.21
13902	6/30/25	SENECA COUNTY TREASURER	\$0.21
13903	6/30/25	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF OHIO	\$29.12
13904	6/30/25	911 FLEET AND FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$4,043.00
13905	6/30/25	John Deere Financial	\$720.68
		Heidelberg Materials Midwest Agg,	
13906	6/30/25	Inc.	\$200.69
13907	6/30/25	Column Software PBC	\$341.44
13908	6/30/25	COLONIAL LIFE	\$137.88
13909	6/30/25	JEFFREY D HOHMAN	\$227.65
13910	6/30/25	ANDREW W KIMMET	\$1,425.69
13911	6/30/25	Bright Wireless	\$97.67
13912	6/30/25	SAMUEL ALLEN	\$199.76
13913	6/30/25	American Electric Power	\$470.48
		TOTAL	\$10,837.89

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Trustee Kuhn Mr. Kuhn – Y, Mr. Distel – yes.

Dan Schmitz, Ch., Trustee

Jim Distel, Trustee

Randy Kuhn, Trustee

Steve Welter, Fiscal Officer