

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

July 14, 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, Dennis Kingseed, Ray Bishop, and Derek Devine Seneca County Prosecutor.

The minutes of the regular meeting held June 30, 2025 were read and approved.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Welter reported that the township received an e-mail from Michele Cochran Grant writer for issue 1 round 40 with instructions. The township received an email from Craftco about setting up an account it used to be DJL Materials. The Township received an e-mail from Suzanne Pfeiffer of Sedgwick the MCO with a quarterly report. The Township received an email from Derek Devine and Ellie Anderson of the prosecutors' office on Rolland Jenkins property. No Estate has been open as of yet. The first half taxes have been paid. First Federal Bank of Ohio has a mortgage recorded on the property. The Township has received an email from Harbor Freight after opening a charge account with a \$5000.00 limit. Road worker Andy Kimmet requested to open a charge account like we have at Great Lakes, and Lowes. The Township received a letter from O'Reilly Auto Parts approving the township for a \$2000.00 line of credit. The Township received a letter and flyer from Great Lakes Community Partnership with a flyer for Seneca County Home Repair. No cost home repairs for qualifying individuals. The Township received a check from the Ohio Township Association for their Fire and EMS Grant. The Township received an email from Derek Devine County prosecutor about the current fire levies. The Township received a letter from Julie Adkins Seneca County Auditor with information on special assessments.

Derek Devine Seneca County Prosecutor began the meeting by explaining that the Township has three fire levies from 1976, 1981, and 1988. Derek said that the Trustees have to decide what they want to renew. He said the current levies are based off of house values from 1976. Derek said that to get things started the Trustees need to pass a resolution telling Julie to certify the tax valuation for the township. Once we receive that information the trustees will need to pass another resolution proceeding with the renewal. Discussion was held on informing the public about the renewal. Trustee Distel said that other townships levies are currently higher than Clinton's. Trustee Distel was going to ask County Auditor Julie Adkins what the other Townships levies are currently. Trustee Distel asked about who helps with the speed limit in Deer Ridge. Derek said Mark Zimmerman the County Engineer would work with the Trustees. Trustee Distel asked about the trucks going in and out of Honey Creek working on installing the Cell tower. Derek said that the Engineer usually goes out and examines the road for damage if any.

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Chief Hafley reported that they have 267 runs year-to-date which is up 27 from last year. The average response time is about five minutes. Chief Hafley said he receive an email from the grant wrighter for the EFG grant. The grant writer said everyone is frustrated with the government right now. They were told information would be coming in June and it has not. They were then told information would be coming in July and they have not received anything. Chief Hafley said they have not received the second quote for a new fire engine yet through 911. Trustee Kuhn asked what the length of the new truck was going to be. Chief Hafley reported that he thought it was going to be five feet longer than truck 31. Discussion was held on a new fire truck. Chief Hafley said once we decided to buy a truck it takes three years to build it. Trustee Distel asked when the township has to pay for it. Chief Hafley said he would find out.

Dennis Kingseed asked if Tiffin City Schools was putting on an income tax. Mr. Kingseed said he did not think that it would be good to have two levies on the ballot. Mr. Kingseed asked about a guard rail on Township Road 155 the west side is hanging over the road. The Trustees said that they would take a look at it.

Zoning inspector Hohman asked about doing a zoning permit for himself which is for a client of his. It was determined that Fiscal Officer Welter should review it and sign it. Zoning inspector Hohman said he had an inquiry about doing modifications to a cell tower on county road 13. It was mentioned that as long as it was not increasing the foot print no permit is needed for upgrades. Zoning inspector Hohman asked about North Central Electric putting a substation on township road 122 by the cell tower. Zoning inspector Hohman asked if they would need a variance. It was determined that they would because of the 50-foot setback. Zoning inspector Hohman reported that he talked with Mike Landers of the Zoning Board of appeals and set up a meeting with Eric to go over what type of sound barrier to put up. Zoning inspector Hohman reported that he had a call from a Claude Perry about Ron Fry's property not EZ Tree Service. He said his grandson lives in the adjoining property and one morning at about 3:00am there were people running around the with tires on there backs beating on drums. He said he called the Sherriff and they went out and did not find anything. It was said CrossFit was renting that building at one time but it was thought that they moved to a building on county road 54. Zoning inspector Hohman has drafted a letter for the resident in Honey creek about the Semi, chicken coup in a residential area, and putting up a fence with out a permit.

Trustee Kuhn asked if Barb from Republic Lumber contacted Zoning Inspector Hohman. Zoning inspector Hohman said yes and he gave her the information she requested.

Trustee Distel reported that the lawyer for American Standard called and said they have the property half mowed and his bushhog broke. They said that it would be a couple of more days to be completed. Trustee Distel reported that he sent in the pictures that were sent to him for the fair booth. Trustee Distel receive a letter from AmeriGas for LP gas for this winter. He said he would shop around and have more information at the next meeting.

Trustee Schmitz reported that the tile on Township Road 159 is completed. Andy will be getting Hawk Tree Service to get trees trimmed on Tr 73, and 155.

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Trustee Distel reported that he did get a txt that EZ Tree service was running their skid loader at 1:00pm on a Sunday. He said he did not get the txt until 9:00 pm that night so he was unable to verify.

Trustee Schmitz said he wanted to open the floor for discussion on the levy renewals. Trustee Distel reported that the Trustees looked into increasing the levies in the past. He said they talked about improving the building and possible a new truck, then covid came along and we got some money from Covid and did not put a levy on. Discussion was held on how old the levies are. One being 1976, and one from 1981, and one from 1988. Trustee Distel said that the levies currently generate 127,103. If we renew all of them it will generate \$300,174.00. Renewing all of them would generate \$173,071.00 more income for the township. Lengthy discussion was held on how much of an increase it would be for residence property taxes. Trustee Distel pointed out that the EMS contract with the city is also increasing each year along with the cost for running the fire department.

Trustee Distel made a motion to pass resolution 2025-7-2 to place a renewal on the ballot for the fire levy from 1976. Trustee Schmitz seconded. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Schmitz Y. Motion Carried.

Trustee Distel made a motion to pass resolution 2025-7-3 to place a renew on the ballot for the fire levy from 1981. Trustee Kuhn seconded. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Schmitz Y. Motion Carried.

Trustee Distel made a motion to pass resolution 2025-7-4 to place a renew on the ballot for the fire levy from 1988. Trustee Schmitz seconded. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Schmitz Y. Motion Carried.

The following bills were presented to be paid:

55-2025	7/9/25	TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO	\$230.02
56-2025	7/8/25	Ohio Deferred Compensation	\$1,039.58
57-2025	7/8/25	OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	
		SYSTEM	\$2,380.11
13914	7/14/25	Elan Financial Services	\$69.86
13915	7/14/25	LOYAL AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$132.80
13916	7/14/25	KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC	\$366.42
13917	7/14/25	AQUA OH	\$28.00
13918	7/14/25	Culligan of Tiffin	\$77.50
13919	7/14/25	Montage Enterprises, Inc.	\$445.73
13920	7/14/25	TIFFIN FARMERS CO-OP	\$18.11
13921	7/14/25	CITY OF TIFFIN	\$21,000.00
13922	7/14/25	G & L OIL CO., INC.	\$675.25
13923	7/14/25	ELECTRO ALARMS CO., INC.	\$630.00
13924	7/14/25	TPC FOOD SERVICE	\$436.27
13925	7/14/25	Turco & Sons	\$53.00
13926	7/14/25	TIFFIN HARDWARE CO.	\$298.11
13927	7/14/25	NORTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$8.14
13928	7/14/25	AEP OHIO	\$232.00

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13929	7/14/25	LOWE'S	\$155.21
13930	7/14/25	JAMES K. DISTEL	\$0.00
13931	7/14/25	ANDREW W KIMMET	\$1,425.69
13932	7/14/25	Randy D Kuhn	\$1,026.49
13933	7/14/25	Daniel Schmitz	\$963.51
13934	7/14/25	Stephen E Welter	\$1,604.75
13935	7/14/25	Sedgwick	\$809.00
TOTAL			\$34,105.55

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Trustee Kuhn Mr. Kuhn – Y, Mr. Distel – yes. Mr. Schmitz Y.

Dan Schmitz, Ch., Trustee

Jim Distel, Trustee

Randy Kuhn, Trustee

Steve Welter, Fiscal Officer