

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

July 28, 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, and Dennis Kingseed.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 14, 2025 were read and approved.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Welter reported that we received an email Andy Vancamp about the ditch on Township Road 130 asking about any progress and expressing concern that it may be a safety hazard. Fiscal Officer Welter responded to some of his questions. Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he received an email from Derek Devine about the Fire Levies. Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he received an email from Julie Adkins about the fire Levies. Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he received the estimates from the Seneca County Engineers office for the issue one round 40 program.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reported that that runs are up 26 from this time last year. Last year the department was at 265 we are currently at 291. The fire department spent a couple of days covering the Seneca County Fair. They monitored the demolition derby on Sunday. Chief Hafley reported there were eight fire fighters that helped cover the fair. Chief Hafley reported that while they were covering the fair it was very hot and several individuals suffering from being light headed. The Rescue truck with its Airconditioning was very helpful. Chief Hafley reported that he went to Sentinel Vocational School to do a preliminary inspection on their addition.

Dennis Kingseed reported that he has had several people comment that the ditches need mowed. Trustee Schmitz reported that the rear mower has now been repaired. They are a little behind and they will be working on it.

Zoning inspector Hohman reported that Ellie Anderson said that North Central Electric being a utility company is exempt from Zoning restrictions. Zoning inspector Hohman notified North Central Electric. Zoning inspector Hohman contact Mike Landers about meeting with Eric Zigler about his sound barrier. They contacted Clair Forrest about meeting with Eric. Clair has not gotten back with him yet. Zoning inspector Hohman said that the Honey Creek Letter to Mr. Braun did go out about parking his truck in the cu-de-sac, the shed with out a permit, and dog kennel. Zoning inspector Hohman received a call from an engineering firm and the owner of Carmine's They are looking at building a Dollar General where the old house trailer use to be. They were asking if they would grant a variance because they only have one hundred fifty feet of frontage and zoning code says they need two hundred feet of frontage.

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Fiscal Officer Welter emailed a copy of the 2026 budget to the Trustees previously and asked them to look it over and approve it at the next meeting. The budget commissions meeting is the third Monday in August. Fiscal Officer Welter reported that he contacted Julie Adkins about making a motion to waive the public budget meeting and she said we are not required to do that anymore. Fiscal officer Welter said that we received two bids for the 2025 Chip and seal project.

Discussion was held on the Proposed Fire Levies. Trustee Distel Shared with the board what other townships have currently for levies. Clinton is a total of 1.75, Adams 1.4, Bloom 3.10, Eden was at .5 but they are going to 2.5, Scipio 2.5, Thompson 2.2, Jackson 1.5 Liberty 1 Pleasant 1. Bettsville 3, Green springs 2.5 Attica Venice Reed 3.25 Basom 2.5, new Riegel 1.8. Trustee Distel said that we are well below what others have and some of those do not have Fire departments.

Trustee Distel made a motion 2025-7-5 to replace the fire levy A. Trustee Schmitz seconded. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Schmitz Y.

Trustee Distel made a motion 2025-7-6 to replace the fire levy B. Randy Kuhn seconded. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Schmitz Y.

Trustee Distel made a motion 2025-7-7 to replace the fire levy C. Randy Kuhn seconded. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Schmitz Y.

Chief Hafley commented that several people have expressed interest in supporting the levies. Discussion was held on how the fire department can help support the levy. Trustee Schmitz said that Derek said that the Trustees can not tell people how to vote but can explain what the issues do. Trustee Distel said he looked up that the estate tax went away in 2013. He said that was a big drop in income.

Trustee Kuhn reported that he went and looked at a tile on County Road 50 and informed the resident that it was a county issue. Trustee Kuhn said he also went out and looked at a sink hole on State Route 231 and informed the resident that it was a State Issue.

Trustee Distel said Mark Zimmerman did call him back on Deer Ridge speed limit. Mr. Zimmerman looked it up and said that the entire Deer Ridge Subdivision is listed as 45 miles per hour. He said he could get ODOT to do a study to see about changing it. He said if Deer Ridge Subdivision would write a letter requesting this, it might help. He said he would also need a motion from us. Trustee Distel said that the Association only meets twice a year. It was decided to wait until they get a request from the Association.

Trustee Distel reported that he got quotes for our LP gas for the winter. Beck 1.699, DT Petroleum 1.699 Amerigas 1.659 Heritage 1.449 Central Ohio Farmers 1.899 sunrise 1.749 Feral gas never called back, Cole 1.749.

Trustee Distel made a motion to accept a prebuy of 3900 gallons from Heritage at a price of 1.449 per gallon, Trustee Schmitz seconds, Trustee Kuhn Y, Trustee Distel, Y, Trustee Schmitz Y. Motion carried.

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Trustee Distel made a motion to transfer \$1500.00 from account 2191-220-599 Other Expenses to 2191-220-212 Social Security. Trustee Kuhn seconded, Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Schmitz Y.

Trustee Schmitz makes a motion to accept the issue one road estimates from the Seneca County Engineers office. Trustee Kuhn seconds, Mr. Kuhn Y. Mr. Distel Y. Mr. Schmitz Y.
Motion carried.

The following bills were presented to be paid:

59-2025	7/8/25	EFTPS	\$2,261.85
13936	7/28/25	Christopher J Hafley	\$337.63
13937	7/28/25	JEFFREY D HOHMAN	\$242.67
13938	7/28/25	ANDREW W KIMMET	\$1,425.69
13939	7/28/25	DENNIS WILKINSON	\$67.50
13940	7/28/25	G & L OIL CO., INC.	\$133.00
13941	7/28/25	A & D Excavating LLC	\$3,565.51
13942	7/28/25	COLONIAL LIFE	\$137.88
13943	7/28/25	COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO	\$53.89
13944	7/28/25	Montage Enterprises, Inc.	\$48.10
13945	7/28/25	Heidelberg Materials Midwest Agg, Inc.	\$106.91
13946	7/28/25	KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC	\$216.53
13947	7/28/25	John Deere Financial	\$163.27
13948	7/28/25	AT&T	\$315.89
13949	7/28/25	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF OHIO	\$29.12
		AMERICAN FIRE AND SAFETY SERV.,	
13950	7/28/25	INC.	\$194.75
13951	7/28/25	CLOUSE ELECTRIC	\$131.92
		TOTAL	\$9,432.11

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 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