

## Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

January 26, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Guests: Dennis Kingseed, Denny Wilkson, Andy Kimmet, Dan Schmitz, Chris Hafley, Ray Bishop, Bob Reinhart, Sandy and Robert Gambescia.

The minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on January 12, 2026 were read and approved. The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2026 were read and approved.

### Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Welter reported receiving an email from the Seneca County Engineers office about the Annual Meeting of County Township Authorities and Seneca County Township Trustees and Fiscal Officers Quarterly Meeting. Received a Christmas card from M&B Asphalt. The Township also received an email from Marisa Stephens with an invitation on behalf of Destination Seneca County about the upcoming America 250 Program.

Denny Wilkson reported that 32 needs a compressor. Discussion was held on what was needed. Road Worker Andy said that we have a compressor that they can put out there. They will install it when they have time.

Chief Hafley reported that the department is at 59 runs so far this year. Last year at this time they were at 38. They have had 2 mutual aid calls, 6 motor vehicles crashes, 1 service call gas odor, and 50 EMS calls. Average response time is 3 minutes 49 seconds. We have had 8 emergency calls to Eden Township so far this year. Chief Hafely said they are going to put in another Ohio State Fire Marshal fire equipment grant for another Thermal Image Camera. The price of the equipment is \$14,000.00. Chief Hafely reported that they did not go up to Spencer Equipment because of the weather. They did a zoom meeting instead.

Dennis Kingseed asked about the run count for the month. He asked how many were to Eden Township. Chief Hafley said 8 were to Eden township. Mr. Kingseed asked why we could not move the old Generator over to station 2. Trustee Distel said that it was three phase over there and it would be very expensive to convert it. Mr. Kingseed asked if anyone was going to the winter conference. Fiscal Officer Welter and Trustee Mckinney said that they were. Mr. Kingseed asked if they were thinking about putting out a Newsletter. Trustee Distel said it has been several years and they have not discussed one yet. Fiscal Officer Welter asked if he knew how many townships had a newsletter. Mr. Kingseed said no.

Mr. Schmitz asked if the fireman had any use for the desk at station 2. He said they would like to set the compressor on the desk. Chief Hafely said that should be fine all the reports are done at home.

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Road worker Andy reported that he talked to Mr. Hunter and he was going to get tile and get back to him.

Robert Reinhart inquired that he heard the township was planning on putting in a catch basin in on Township Road 1153. Discussion was held on where tiles run in that Area and which tile, they were going to tie into. Trustee Distel said that before they start the project, they would check with them. Mr. Reinhart suggested contacting the Seneca County Engineer for suggestions for the water runoff. Trustee Distel said that we have some more work to do before anything is actually done.

Trustee Kuhn made amotion to amend tempory appropriations by \$100,000.00 to pay the down payment for the new fire truck. Mr. Mckinney seconded. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Mckiney Y. Motion carried.

Trustee Distel asked Fiscal Office Welter if got the information on the Ohio Revised Code about setting up another account to set money aside for a new fire truck for the future. Fiscal Officer Welter said that he did get instructions on how that should be done and it was suggested that he contact the prosecutor about the wording for the motion. Fiscal Office Welter said he would be contacting the prosecutor's office this week. Trustee Distel asked if we have already received money from Eden Township. Fiscal Office Welter said no. Chief Hafley said the agreement has the first payment coming in after six months. Trustee Distel asked if Trustee Kuhn got ahold of the Zoning board members whose terms are expiring to see if they would stay on. Trustee Kuhn said that he had contacted them and they are all willing to serve again.

Trustee Distel contacted Fiscal Officer Welter about what pay rate we are paying Jim Lang for seasonal help snow plowing. He said he was told \$22.10 per hour. The Trustees agreed to pay Mr. Schmitz \$22.10 per hour also.

Trustee Kuhn said he did talk to the Tow truck guy and asked him if there is anyway, he can find some place to park his towtruck some where else. He claimed Trustee Distel told him he could park there. Trustee Kuhn said he did not think so. Trustee Distel said he did not tell him that. Trustee Distel said he told him he did not want to go to the prosecutor and he told him to go ahead and he would have his attorney field his call. Trustee Distel said he talked to Fred Stephens and Derek Devine about that. Trustee Distel said the City of Tiffin has an ordinance that commercial Vehicles can not be parked on the street. He said maybe we can adopt something like what the City of Tiffin has. Discussion was held on if he was running a business out of his home. It was mentioned that property was zoned agricultural.

Trustee Kuhn got a call from Alan Dryfuses daughter about a mail box on River Road. Mr. Kuhn said the mail boxes on that road are all deteriorating and it does not look like the township hit it. He told her she would have to take care of it.

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The following bills were presented to be paid:

16-2026	2/7/26	American Electric Power	\$448.26
17-2026	2/7/26	AQUA OH	\$13.66
18-2026	2/7/26	AEP OHIO	\$554.47
19-2026	2/7/26	AEP OHIO	\$116.96
20-2026	2/7/26	Elan Financial Services	\$941.57
21-2026	2/7/26	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	\$102.57
22-2026	2/7/26	COLONIAL LIFE	\$137.88
14137	1/24/26	Christopher J Hafley	\$345.64
14138	1/24/26	JEFFREY D HOHMAN	\$267.17
14139	1/24/26	ANDREW W KIMMET	\$1,811.98
14140	1/24/26	DENNIS WILKINSON	\$66.94
14141	1/24/26	SENECA COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC	\$75.00
14142	1/24/26	Spencer Manufacturing Inc	\$100,000.00
14143	1/24/26	G & L OIL CO., INC.	\$1,558.08
14144	1/24/26	KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC	\$260.34
14145	1/24/26	JOHN'S WELDING & TOWING	\$10.24
14146	1/24/26	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF OHIO	\$29.12
14147	1/24/26	John Deere Financial	\$201.62
14148	1/24/26	Stephen Welter	\$234.00
14149	1/24/26	LOYAL AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$49.80
14150	1/24/26	MOHAWK SUPPLY	\$17.28
14151	1/24/26	FASTENAL COMPANY	\$33.60
		TOTAL	\$107,276.18

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m., seconded by Trustee Kuhn, Mr. Kuhn – Y, Mr. Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Mckinney Y. motion carried.

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Randy Kuhn, Ch., Trustee

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Jim Distel, Trustee

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Willaim Mckinney, Trustee

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Steve Welter, Fiscal Officer