

## Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

March 23, 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: Jeff Hohman, Dennis Kingseed, Dan Schmitz, Andy Kimmet, Dennis Wilkson, Bob Reinhart, and Ray Bishop.

Trustee Kuhn asked everyone to recite the pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 were read and approved.

### Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Welter reported receiving an e-mail from the Ohio Department of commerce that Clinton Township did not receive the small County Fire department grant. The township was carbon copied an e-mail from Mike Estep to the county engineer about water flooding on County Road 19. Received an e-mail from Ivy Knapp asking if the numbering at 760 Township Road 122 was changed. Received an e-mail from Martin and wood's appraisers asking about the zoning on a property and forwarded it to zoning inspector Holman. Received an e-mail from a Brandon MacDonald asking about zoning on some properties in Doylestown OH emailed him back and asked him if he had the correct Clinton Township. E-mail from a Charlie Brill about doing a fire inspection and forwarded on to Chris and Denny. E-mail from Josh Cahill asking about doing a fire inspection on a home. Received an email from a Christine Huth inquiring about a neighbor's shed being too close to the property line and debris piled up along the property line encroaching on their property. Fiscal Officer Welter was going to respond to the email and forward it to Zoning inspector Hohman.

Assistant chief Wilkinson reported that they received their grade card for breathing air they passed. The department is at 170 runs so far this year as of this time last year they were at 110 runs. They are up about 60 runs. So far in March they are at 39 runs last year in March they were at 25 runs They had six fire calls four were field fires, one locomotive call, one tractor fire, and three motor vehicle accidents. Mr. Wilkinson reported that when he was going to station two to do the breathing test some guy went flying around the building and said he managed to get stopped but if he wouldn't have, he would have taken out your new fence that you just added on so there should be a sign or something there.

Zoning Inspector Holman reported that he has done four solar permits so far this year.

Bob Reinhart reported that the zoning meeting for March 31<sup>st</sup> has been changed to April the 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Bob reported that the party doing the zoning request did not get back to them and get the proper paperwork turned in corrected for the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting so it had to be changed.

Road worker Andy reported that he cleaned up a bunch of trees from the previous windstorms. He also reported that he fixed the heater in the back it is now working.

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Trustee Mckinney reported that the tow truck driver from Autumnwood called him last weekend and was asking why now it's a problem for him to park along the side of the road. Trustee McKinney said he explained to him that he is parking in the right of way and that is not allowed he told him that if he wanted to go out in the middle of the street and step off the measurements that would show him where the right of way is. He told him if he had any more questions, he could come to the township meeting and I see he doesn't seem to be here. He said that he has already been in disputes with Autumnwood they won't let him use their parking lot to park behind his residence. He said the few times that he has been passed he has not seen the truck parked there anymore. Trustee Distel said that he talked to the owner of the property that he was renting from and the owner told him to find someplace else to park it because he was tearing things up parking where he was. Trustee McKinney reported that last Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> he went to the county board of health meeting They needed 17 people there for a quorum only 15 showed up there were two mayors there and the county commissioners who gave their reports.

Trustee Distel reported that he received a letter from the county board of elections asking if we are still willing to participate in the election and he did sign and return saying that we would. Trustee Distel reported that he and fiscal officer welter attended the engineers/townships quarterly meeting. There were numerous items that they reviewed. There was a Lady there from El Tap talking about the sign grant our signs have been in for about 10 years now and we are eligible for that grant again we are able to borrow a reflectometer from them to check the reflectivity. Dave Kin spoke about the paving projects that they were going to be working on they were going to be doing county road 43 from 67 to 101 also going to be paving County Road 5 the oldest county road from 18 to 60 and widen it one foot. Jason also spoke about the bridges that they were going to be replacing. Jim said the only thing that the fire department would have to worry about is the bridge in Eden Township. Scipio Township County Road 43 north of 67 Seneca Township 591 east of county road 7 Eden Township 17 S of 224 and Big Spring Township 25 north of Township Road 96 Adams Township 148 east of 143 are also going to be paved.

Tim Lynch was also in attendance and spoke about the OTA and the people trying to get something on the ballot to do away with property taxes. He passed out handouts explaining all of the services that townships do and what would happen if property taxes went away. Local government funding has been down about 50% Personal property tax was eliminated and inheritance tax was eliminated also. So be prepared Something's going to have to give. Make sure people know what they are voting for if real estate taxes are eliminated. State income tax could go from 11% to 15% sales tax could go up to between 15 and 21% trustee Distel said he's even heard estimates higher than that nobody knows what's going to happen. Fiscal officer welter mentioned that he did download the Flyers from that township meeting and posted them on our Facebook page. Trustee Distel said that he spoke to Dave Kinn and he said that he overlooked that we were filling in the cul de sacs and he said that you can't do that with issue one money. He said that he would like to meet with the trustees this week he has some ideas of what they can do and would like to talk about it.

Trustee Distel makes a motion to have the engineer look at Township Road 207, 1153, 1154 and 1155 to fill in and asphalt the center of cul-de-sac, and looking at the drainage issue. Also

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get an opinion on the sinkhole on Township Road 130 near 73 and drainage on Cherry St tile on wolf creek size/capacity. Trustee Kuhn seconded. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Mckinney Y. Motion carried.

Trustee Distel reported that he has been getting a lot of questions about the project on 231 asking what's these low-income homes that are going in and people that are concerned about it and it is not low-income home it's low-income senior housing. Mr. Kingseed said that it is going to be subsidized. Trustee Distel said yes, it is going to be subsidized but it is senior low-income housing. Bob Reinhart said let's be honest they're asking for RM8 and they can show you their current plans but they could throw those plans out the window and change once it's passed. Mr. Wilkinson asked if anyone has driven around and looked at their other properties that they manage.

Trustee Distel asked about setting a special meeting for the zoning recommendation It was pointed out that they needed to wait until they have the zoning meeting and the zoning board makes their recommendation to the trustees to schedule a meeting that we do have 30 days after that to set a meeting.

Trustee Kuhn reported that last week roadworker Andy went to go get the cold patch machine from Scipio and the old truck blew a brake chamber. Trustee Kuhn said that they called the county on the hot patch and they said that it was too early for them to think about that. Trustee Kuhn reported that he spent most of the day cleaning up branches using his van to run around to various places while Andy was also cleaning up branches from the wind. Trustee Kuhn reported that on Saturday he received a call from the sheriff's Department about a stop sign on 122 which ended up being a stop ahead sign. Trustee Kuhn reported that he went to autumn wood and talked to crystal about the lighting in the park and she reported that they have that problem solved already and then she informed him about the tow truck owner. She said that he did a lot of damage to their parking lot and drove around there like a maniac. Trustee Kuhn reported that he talked to the parks district about a light and they said they were not willing to put a light out and he said that crystal from Autumnwood said that they got it passed and they got all of the smokers out of autumn wood so no one will be going over there at night when it's dark to have a smoke.

Trustee Kuhn said that the old dump truck in question is the only one that can pull the hot patch machine because it is the only one that has a hitch on it and a door in the back. Trustee Kuhn said that going through the finances with Steve he is not seeing a real issue why we can't afford a new truck. Trustee Kuhn said that after doing the math on the fire truck It was questionable if we were going to have enough to pay for it out of the fire fund and may have to use some of the general fund Mr. Wilkinson said that is a whole separate fund. Mr. Wilkinson asked why don't you have your truck redone that way you can save it for a few years. Mr. Wilkinson asked how often do you use it only during the winter a lot. Trustee Kuhn said it is an older truck and it's a manual truck and we're wanting to hire an employee and nobody seems to want to drive a manual truck. Trustee Kuhn said that he talked to Keller's about putting an automatic transmission in the truck and Mr. Wilkinson said that would be a waste of money. Trustee Kuhn said that there is no problem affording the fire truck and a dump truck. Trustee Distel said as long as the property taxes stay on. Mr. Wilkinson said that's what you have to watch because he's afraid that's going to pass. Trustee Distel said that the state of Ohio is pinching pennies

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right now. That they are not even going to do the tax-free day for kids going back to school. Trustee Distel said that in road and bridge right now we have about 800,000. Bob Reinhart asked if anyone has really sat down and looked at what the dump truck is costing us right now including downtime from employees when it is down. Trustee Distel said we do have two trucks so he can drive the other truck The other truck does not have a hitch so he would not be able to haul anything. Road worker Andy Said that the other truck has also broken down this year. Trustee Distel said that we are due for a new truck. If property taxes go away in November, we are all going to be hurting. Trustee Kuhn said that if property taxes go away every township is going to be hurting correct, they agreed trustee Kuhn said that if property taxes go away, he would rather have the new truck already rather than good numbers.

Fiscal officer welter reported that the balance as of the end of the year and the general fund was \$361,356 the motor vehicle licensing tax fund was \$81,258 gasoline tax fund was \$623,494 road and bridge fund was \$884,664 special levy fire fund was at \$142,913 the permissive motor vehicle licensing tax was \$192,152.

A lengthy discussion was held on maintenance and repairs on the old truck and what would it take to add a hitch and door on the newer truck so it would be able to do the patchwork. Trustee Kuhn said say something epic happens to it are we going to put another engine in a truck that the bed is half rotted out. Trustee Distel asked How bad is the bed on that truck Have we gotten a quote to repair the bed? Road worker Andy said No he has not gotten a quote to get the bed fixed that it is badly rust jacked underneath. Mr. Schmitz's said I don't argue the fact that we need a new truck my point is it's just not good timing. Trustee Distel said I agree trustee Kuhn said we're going to miss out on the deal. Trustee Mckinney asked if we could get an estimate on what it would cost to put a hitch on and a shoot on the newer dump truck so that they actually could hot patch roads.

Trustee Kuhn made a motion to buy another truck. Motion died for lack of a second

Trustee Kuhn asked about the email Fiscal Officer Welter sent to the trustees about our certificate of deposit investment that was paying .15 percent. Fiscal officer welter reported that when the certificate of deposit matured in October the rate changed to .15 per cent a notice was not mailed it was sent electronically and that is in a different section of the online access for the account which he was not aware of. Fiscal officer welter went over the local certificate of deposit rates and it was determined to cash in the certificate of deposit and pay the penalty of about \$86.82 and reinvest the certificate proceeds at star Ohio currently paying 3.8%. Fiscal officer welter had a form to sign to allow electronic payments to star Ohio to speed up the process for the future. He and trustee Distel would have to sign.

Trustee Distel made a motion to have the county engineer's office review our permits seconded by trustee Kuhn. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y. Mr. Mckinney Y. Motion carried.

Fiscal officer welter reported that he contacted the Bank about increasing the credit limit on the credit card and was told to call the number on the back of the card and once he did that he put the request in to have the credit limit increased and was sent a turn down notice and told they needed to submit financials and submitted financials and then they increased the limit to

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\$20,000 instead of the \$5000 that you folks approved fiscal officer welter will be calling the credit card company to have it reduced to \$5000

Trustee Mckinney made a motion to cash in the certificate of deposit and move it to Star Ohio. Trustee Kuhn seconds. Mr. Kuhn Y, Mr. Distel Y, Mr. Mckinney Y. Motion carried.

Two permits were approved by the Trustees.

The following bills were presented to be paid:

31-2026	3/28/26	Seneca County Auditor	\$19,390.88
33-2026	3/28/26	Seneca County Auditor	\$165.88
45-2026	3/22/26	Culligan of Tiffin	\$86.75
46-2026	3/22/26	Bright Wireless	\$97.67
47-2026	3/22/26	COLONIAL LIFE	\$104.40
48-2026	3/22/26	BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$4,221.00
49-2026	3/22/26	AEP OHIO	\$202.69
50-2026	3/22/26	AEP OHIO	\$124.88
52-2026	3/22/26	AEP OHIO	\$510.99
53-2026	3/22/26	AT & T (Long Distance Sve)	\$34.41
54-2026	3/27/26	Old Fort Bank	\$156.27
55-2026	4/4/26	NORTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$9.33
56-2026	4/4/26	EFTPS	\$939.29
57-2026	4/4/26	AT & T (Long Distance Sve)	\$34.41
58-2026	4/4/26	AEP OHIO	\$538.89
59-2026	4/4/26	AQUA OH	\$13.66
60-2026	4/4/26	Column Software PBC	\$40.40
61-2026	4/4/26	Column Software PBC	\$63.12
62-2026	4/4/26	Great Lakes ACE Hardware	\$56.86
63-2026	4/4/26	COLONIAL LIFE	\$104.40
64-2026	4/4/26	AEP OHIO	\$120.86
		OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	
66-2026	4/4/26	SYSTEM	\$2,076.63
67-2026	4/4/26	AEP OHIO	\$496.28
68-2026	4/4/26	AEP OHIO	\$115.77
70-2026	4/4/26	Turco & Sons	\$53.00
71-2026	4/4/26	Elan Financial Services	\$892.65
14188	3/21/26	Christopher J Hafley	\$345.64
14189	3/21/26	ANDREW W KIMMET	\$1,656.89
14190	3/21/26	Daniel Schmitz	\$47.97
14191	3/21/26	DENNIS WILKINSON	\$66.94
14192	3/21/26	JEFFREY D HOHMAN	\$267.17
14193	3/21/26	JEFFREY D HOHMAN	\$211.25
14194	3/21/26	BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS	\$1,233.28
14195	3/21/26	Tiffin Deluxe Services Inc	\$355.95
14196	3/21/26	KUHN SALES & SERVICE	\$580.09
14197	3/21/26	Streamline Automation Systems LLC	\$3,362.00
14198	3/21/26	EHOVE ADULT CAREER CENTER	\$1,350.00

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14199	3/21/26	Gaietto's Oil and Tire LLC	\$1,701.76
14200	3/21/26	JOHN'S WELDING & TOWING	\$275.00
14201	3/21/26	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF OHIO	\$29.12
14202	3/21/26	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$8.39
14203	3/21/26	LOWE'S	\$28.46
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$42,171.28</b>

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Kuhn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Trustee Mckinney, 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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William Mckinney, Trustee

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Steve Welter, Fiscal Officer