

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

October 5, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Guests: Jeff Hohman, Dennis Kingseed, Andy Kimmet, Ray Bishop and Chris Hafley.

Trustee Distel asked everyone to recite the pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on September 21st 2026 were read and approved.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Welter reported receiving an e-mail from Lisa Tracy Seneca County engineers office that County Road 43 will be closed until September 25th the e-mail was forwarded on to the trustees and road worker Andy. Received an email from Derek Devine that the cyber security policy looked fine. Received an email from resident Anne Huth Fretz stating that someone was surveying a property next to her and when asked what was going on they said that Mr. Fabrizio requested the survey of the church that it was going to be annexed into the city and she was wondering if trustees knew about that. The email was forwarded to the trustees. Trustee McKinney answered her email that we were not made aware of anything. Fiscal Officer Welter reported receiving an email from Andy the auditor that the audit is just about complete and that we will need to make an adjustment They found one receipt of \$30,225 for the sale of a grader V plow that was recorded in road and bridge fund sale of an asset that should have been recorded in the Permanent Improvement Fund. The error has been corrected in the Township's accounting system. Fiscal Officer Welter was also requested to go into the Auditor's website and update the contact information for the trustees. We received a public records request from a Brian Bennett of Skyview Media about the zoning meeting for the property on State Route 231. Zoning Inspector Holman also received a public records request for information about the zoning meeting. We also received an email from the OTA a legislative update about the gas tax suspension taking effect for 90 days. We received an email from the Seneca County Conservation District which was forwarded to the trustees with their monthly newsletter we received an email from the Seneca County General Health District with their monthly newsletter. Fiscal Officer Welter reported receiving several calls about the electrical aggregation program. AEP Energy sent letters to some residents of Clinton Township stating that their supplier was going to be switched This was a mistake on their part They are running an electrical aggregation program for Clinton Township in Franklin County They contacted Fiscal Officer Welter explained their error and said that they would be sending out letters notifying residents of the error.

Chief Hafley reported that the department is currently at 482 runs for the year. Last year at this time they were at 388 runs. That's an increase of 94 runs over last year There were 26 fire calls 8 mutual aid calls 401 medical calls and 27 motor vehicle accidents. Service calls were at 20 the only number that was down. Chief Hafley reported that the ox roast was a success. They

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went through 1,441 pounds of beef, and 341 pounds of pork. They still have some remaining that will be selling as requests come in. Chief Hafley reported having 11 firefighters helping at the Ox roast and 22 volunteers. They had plenty of help.

Dennis Kingseed asked about hiring another road worker Trustee Distel said that he had talked to a Rod Fry who has a CDL about helping part time with snow plowing He used to work for the county. Most of the applications received from Ohio Means Jobs we're not from around this area and said they were not willing to relocate.

Zoning Inspector Hohman reported receiving several emails one was from the Skyview media asking about the state Route 231 rezoning. The other one was the same one the Township received from Ann Huth Fretz asking about the rezoning of that property. Zoning Inspector Hohman said he responded that he has not heard anything about the property being annexed. Zoning Inspector Holman reported receiving a call from Mr. Kirschner about the Deer Ridge project he said he is not doing that anymore but he wants to split off one section of the property for a neighbor the section that was being split off did not have any access to a road and was wondering if that was OK It was determined that since the property is being sold to a neighbor that does have access to a road that it was OK.

Road worker Andy reported receiving 40 tons of road salt from our order from the county. Trustee Distel said that we used 70-ton last year. Discussion was held about a couple of other vendors that were contacted. It was determined to order another 20 to 25 tons from one of the other vendors. Trustee McKinney would contact them this week. Road worker Andy reported that Kaleida truck called him and said they were going to be setting up a meeting in November. Road worker Andy said that it has been brought up before but we have a crossover on Township Road 130 that needs fixed. He said that it is starting to undermine the road. He has talked to the county and they will repair it but they need a resolution from the trustees to work on it. Road worker Andy said that they would only charge us materials.

Trustee McKinney said he would go ahead and order more salt from Renewed Outdoors that Hopewell Township uses.

Trustee Distel suggested that we sell the old generator since we are not able to install it at station 2. Trustee Distel wanted to talk about the trees on Township Road 122. He asked Ray Bishop if they wanted the wood from the trees, he said no. Trustee Distel said that he talked to Cliff Adams about taking the trees down. Mr. Adams said that the dead tree he could take down for \$500 Jim talked to him about taking three more trees down that looked like they we're not looking good and Mr. Adams said that if he did all four, he would knock it down to \$300 apiece for a total of \$1200.00. Trustee Distel said that he spoke to Jim Lang and he said he would be interested in the wood from the trees and Mr. Adams is also interested. Discussion was held on the number of trees that need to be taken down it was determined that eight of the ten trees could actually be removed It was determined to do five this year and five next year Trustee Distel said he would talk to Mr. Adams about doing that. There was discussion on when a good time to take them down. It was determined to have Mr. Adams coordinate with Bishop's after harvest.

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Trustee McKinney made a motion to take five trees down this year trustee Distel seconded the motion Trustee Distel yes trustee McKinney yes motion carried.

Trustee Distel said that Mr. Adams also asked him about a large white pine at the peak of his property on the corner of 15 and 194 that he believes is in the road right of way The roots are starting to creep out onto the road he said he's fearful that it's going to fall down soon Trustee Distel asked the other trustees to take a look at it. He said that if he was to take that one down it would be 1200. Road worker Andy and trustee McKinney said that they would take a look at that.

Trustee Distel said that a Honey Creek resident contacted him and said that their new sign is up and that he drove by it and it looks really nice. Trustee Distel said that he has been getting calls about the annexation. Neighbors and residents out in the 231 area have been asking trustee Distel about it. He said that he has not spoken to anyone from the city nor anyone from FSD properties. Last conversation he had was several months ago when Nick Fabrizio contacted him and said they were going to explore other options. Trustee Distel asked if anyone else has heard anything about the annexation No one has heard anything Other than from the email from Anne Huth Fretz questioning about the annexation. Mrs. Fritz's email stated that they were surveying the Redeemer Church and Mr. Fabrizio was paying for it. Discussion was held on what the Township can do about the annexation. It was said that the Township cannot fight it. Discussion was held on when St Francis annexed to the city of Tiffin and the Township was not notified until six months after it was annexed. Trustee Distel mentioned that if the property is annexed into the city of Tiffin there is the possibility that Camden Falls, Hampden Inn and Dollar General will annex into the city of Tiffin also and then the Township will lose approximately \$70,000 in hotel motel tax.

Trustee Distel mentioned that the issue one roads being paved was coming up this weekend and asked about putting signs up letting the residents know that they are going to be paved if that was possible.

Trustee Distel made a motion to accept resolution 2026-10-1 to adopt a cybersecurity policy as approved by Derek Devine. Trustee McKinney seconded Mr. Distel yes Mr. McKinney yes motion carried.

Trustee Distel made a motion to move \$30,225 from Fund 2031 Road and Bridge to Fund 4301 Permanent Improvement Fund per the auditor's request Trustee McKinney seconded. Mr. Distel yes Mr. McKinney yes motion carried.

Trustee Distel made a motion to accept resolution 2026-10-2 to contract with the Seneca County Engineers office to repair the cross over on Township Road 130 east of Township Road 165. Trustee McKinney seconded. Mr. Distel Y, Mr. McKinney Y. Motion Carried.

Trustee Distel made a motion to have Cliff Adams remove the White pine at the intersection of Township Road 15 and Township Road 194 if it is in the right-of-way. Mr. McKinney seconded Mr. Distel yes Mr. McKinney yes motion carried.

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Dennis Kingseed reported that there is a huge hole at the intersection of Township Road 15 and 101. Road worker Andy reported that he fills that in every year.

The following bills were presented to be paid:

219-2026	10/3/26	AT & T (Long Distance Sve)	\$24.29
220-2026	10/3/26	COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO	\$57.56
221-2026	10/3/26	AEP OHIO	\$127.47
222-2026	10/3/26	AEP OHIO	\$131.58
223-2026	10/3/26	AEP OHIO	\$396.71
225-2026	10/11/26	AT & T (Long Distance Sve)	\$48.96
226-2026	10/11/26	Culligan of Tiffin	\$56.00
227-2026	10/11/26	Turco & Sons	\$78.30
228-2026	10/11/26	TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO	\$252.58
229-2026	10/11/26	EFTPS	\$837.95
230-2026	10/11/26	Ohio Deferred Compensation	\$1,090.46
231-2026	10/11/26	COLONIAL LIFE	\$137.88
232-2026	10/11/26	OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$2,527.18
14383	9/26/26	911 FLEET AND FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$3,852.80
14384	9/29/26	VOID	\$0.00
14385	9/29/26	Streamline Automation Systems LLC	\$2,267.00
14386	9/29/26	911 FLEET AND FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$9,323.00
14387	10/3/26	John Deere Financial	\$101.10
14388	10/3/26	Heidelberg Materials Midwest Agg, Inc.	\$115.38
14389	10/3/26	TIFFIN FARMERS CO-OP	\$38.00
14390	10/3/26	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF OHIO	\$29.12
14391	10/3/26	G & L OIL CO., INC.	\$280.10
14392	10/3/26	CRAFCO	\$42.25
14393	10/3/26	JAMES K. DISTEL	\$0.00
14394	10/3/26	ANDREW W KIMMET	\$1,524.85
14395	10/3/26	Randy D Kuhn	\$1,029.66
14396	10/3/26	WILLIAM D MCKINNEY	\$1,005.47
14397	10/3/26	Stephen E Welter	\$1,630.82
		TOTAL	\$27,006.47

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Trustee McKinney, Mr. Mr. Distel, Y, Mr. McKinney Y. motion carried.

Randy Kuhn, Ch., Trustee

Jim Distel, Trustee

William McKinney, Trustee

Steve Welter, Fiscal Officer