

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 21st 2016 at 999 Chambers Rd. Present were Trustees John Coneglio, Jane Cera, and Carl Reardon, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Fire Chief Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent of Roads Dan Klopfenstein, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Whalen, many residents were in attendance. Township Manager Skip Apple was not in attendance.

Next meeting will be held on January 4th at 3820 Cleveland Ave. at 7:00pm.

GENERAL

Res. No. 16-12-020 Motion by Chair Reardon to approve the agenda with flexibility. 2nd Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

There was an update about the new township buildings construction updates from Chris Widener of WDC group. There has been progress about water supply for the new buildings however the need for retention walls as a fire suppression system is increasing the cost of the project. With moving operations to modular units in a few months departments have been preparing to move their offices. Temporary signs will be posted at 3820 Cleveland Ave. that will direct members of the public during the construction.

Res. No. 16-12-021 Motion by Chair Reardon to approve a Purchase Order to Mod Space for modular units needed during construction as a cost of \$62,655.00, utilizing line item 1000-190-500. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Res. No. 16-12-022 Motion by Chair Reardon to approve the revised cost estimate update for the Police/Fire/Township facility dated 12/21/16. 2nd Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Trustees began reviewing the 2017 Temporary Appropriations. There was discussion of the process of turning over for the year. Fiscal Officer Steele (FO) will send yearly reports to the county auditor and the Certificated of Estimated Resources that will be sent to the township to use to make Permanent Appropriations in early spring. Permanent Appropriations need to be approved by March. Chair Reardon and Trustee Coneglio reviewed the policy that the General Fund covers all Departments' HRA expenses for the year. Trustee Coneglio inquired what the line item titled "Fiscal Officer Assistant Services" is intended for; the FO replied it is for an employee in her Department and that she had no assistants in 2016. There was then an accusatory conversation with Residents Paul Theodore and Linda Buckel stating the FO is not doing her job and she should step down before hiring an assistant. The FO reiterated all Elected Officials serve on a part time basis, and in the interest of fiscal security and strong controls there should always be more than one person in the Fiscal Department. Turning back to Temporary Appropriations Trustee Cera pointed out that the line item for lawyer fees is a little slim. Trustee Reardon clarified where new construction costs will be paid from, such as CEDA revenues. The Fiscal Officer stated she put more monies in the line item called "Improvement of Sites" and that the Bond Fund will cover the Phase 2 of construction for the main Police/Fire/Township facility and the General Fund is covering the Phase 1 construction of the Roads Building. The FO suggested revisiting this after the Executive Session that is on the agenda.

Chair Reardon read the next item on the agenda is to discuss the investment options. The FO provided 3 offers seeking Bond investments from UBS, US Bank, and 5th 3rd. She recommended putting \$500K with UBS and \$500K with 5th 3rd. UBS was showing stronger projections on a Bond product however the township has a longer relationship with 5th 3rd. Resident Paul Theodore accused the FO of having a financial relationship with UBS on her other job. The FO strongly stated that her job at a nonprofit called Ohio Interfaith Power and Light has nothing to do with UBS and that everything she does is documented. Trustee Coneglio stated that these are low growth investments. Overall the goal is to move the \$1M current "Investment Account" with US Bank that is only growing \$16.00 a month. Everyone has been agreement that Bonds are a good starting point because it is keeping money in the country and the investment can be made liquid if needed easily. Trustee Cera stated that the Board has had these numbers for months now and anything, even .5% would be better than where we currently are. Resident Bobbie Olt encouraged the Board to move forward because the \$1M is currently doing nothing. The FO read the offers provided by the banks that the Trustees were reviewing.

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GENERAL CONT:

Trustee Reardon discussed the idea of putting \$333K in each, and the FO stated that is an option however US Bank's offer did not project as strongly. The FO stated that more monies should be invested soon, as Bobbie Olt was also voicing support to invest beyond \$1M. There was general consensus around moving the \$1M now and revisiting the subject in May or June.

Res. No. 16-12-023 Motion by Chair Reardon to approve moving \$500K to 5th 3rd Bank and \$500K to UBS to invest in Bonds coming out of the US Bank Investment Account. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Res. No. 16-12-024 Motion by Chair Reardon to accept the resignation of the Township Manager Skip Apple. 2nd Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – No, Trustee Cera –No, Trustee Reardon – No

Trustees reviewed that Manager Apple had sent an email about resigning his position. Trustee Coneglio read a follow up email that Trustee Cera sent the following morning regarding her security questions and concerns, and a severance package suggestion. There was much discussion that erupted into shouting from residents. Residents Paul Theodore, Linda Buckel, Karen Ward, Jane Margiotta, and Bobbie Olt spoke of support and concern for Manager Apple and wanted to know what happened. Trustee Cera stated several times it would be more proper to have this conversation in Executive Session like any other personnel matter or with the Manager present, out of respect for all involved. Manager Apple's daughter came to share her insight into how dedicated her father has been to the township over 20 some years of working there. She wanted the record to note she did not inform him she was planning to attend and speak at the meeting in his defense. Trustee Cera asked if Manager Apple had rescinded his resignation as she has not seen or heard of him doing so.

Res. No. 16-12-025 Motion by Trustee Coneglio to give the Township Manger a 3% raise effective upon him rescinding is resignation. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –No, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Trustee Cera reviewed that the Manager had already received a 25% raise in the spring. One resident named Dan questioned the merit in providing a raise at this time.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Not present

FIRE

Chief Fraley reviewed the successful Holiday Parade that happened the previous Saturday, and that there are extra stuffed animals if folks would like them.

ROAD

Superintendent Klopfenstein provided a November monthly report and inspections.

Res. No. 16-12-026 Motion by Chair Reardon to hire William Margiotta into the Road Department at Step One of the Road Dept. pay scale, to be paid from line items 2011-330-100, 2021-330-100, 2031-330-100, and 2231-330-100, effective 12/31/2016. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Res. No. 16-12-027 Motion by Chair Reardon to create a Purchase Order to Cargail Salt for \$5,500 for 100 tons of road salt, utilizing line item 2031-330-599. 2nd Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

POLICE

Res. No. 16-12-028 Motion by Chair Reardon to accept the resignation of Part Time Police Officer Joseph Dickson effective Dec. 15th 2016. 2nd Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

CODE ENFORCEMENT

There was an update that 2006 Sale Rd. has weatherization and sanitary issues.

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NEW BUSINESS

Resident Linda Buckel requested upcoming meetings be posted on the township’s website calendar. A newer resident named Dan from the Westside had questions about the leaf pick up discussion from a prior meeting and wanted to know when the notes would be posted online.

Res. No. 16-12-029 Motion by Chair Reardon to go into Executive Session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. 2nd Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes
Start: 8:47pm
End: 9:06pm

Res. No. 16-12-030 Motion by Chair Reardon to accept the November 2016 Fiscal Report. 2nd Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Nov 1st 2016 the Township had a total Fund Balance of \$10,738,259.13 with \$126,721.99 in Revenue and \$910,393.11 in Expenditures leaving a balance of \$9,954,588.01 on Nov 30th. The Fiscal Officer noted there is a delay in posting the CEDA revenue for November but it will post in December, and there were some contrition bills paid. Overall revenue was lower and expenditures were higher for the month of November.

Res. No. 16-12-031 Motion by Chair Reardon to accept the 2017 Temporary Appropriations. 2nd Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Meeting ended at 9:05pm

ATTEST:

Carl Reardon, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer