

## The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7pm 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, Township Manager Skip Apple, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Whalen, and many residents.

Next meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 at 7pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

### GENERAL

**Res. No. 16-02-017** Motion by Chair Reardon to approve the agenda with flexibility. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Coneglio –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

**Res. No. 16-02-018** Motion by Chair Reardon to go into Executive Session for discussion of a Potential Purchase of Real Property for a Public Purpose O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (2). 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes, Trustee Reardon – ABSTAINED  
Start: 7:02pm  
End: 7:31pm

There was a presentation by Ted Beidler from the Franklin Co. Engineers about building a sidewalk along Kinnear Rd. City of Columbus, Ohio State University, and the Franklin Co. Engineers have been in discussion for the past few months about how to fund and build the sidewalk. The Ohio Rail Development Commission is assisting with a section of the sidewalk that would need to be built over rail tracks. The project as a whole is going to cost almost 1 million dollars and the team of entities working on this project are seeking \$100,000.00 from Clinton Township before the year 2016 is over. The public and members of the Board all voiced general support for the project. Residents asked about the possibility of having a crosswalk to the northern side of Kinner Rd. to more safely access the sidewalk. Mr. Biedler will examine what would be needed to include a crosswalk in the project.

**Res. No. 16-02-019** Motion by Chair Reardon to authorize an offer to purchase approximately 8.3278 acres of property identified as Franklin Co. parcel numbers 130-011682 and 130-011869. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Coneglio –Yes, Trustee Reardon – ABSTAINED

**Res. No. 16-02-020** Motion by Chair Reardon to table till the next meeting the monthly Fiscal Report from the Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Coneglio –No, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Trustee Cera discussed township meeting procedures. She suggested considering to change some items such as not doing an individual roll call on each item to help save time. Residents have spoken of their frustration having to wait during Executive Sessions. The Trustees explained that Executive Sessions that have a lawyer present are normally moved to the top on an agenda to save on fees, and that Executive Sessions can't happen outside of a public meeting format. There was discussion between the Board and residents to think of ways to streamline some processes. The Fiscal Officer stated she would like to utilize a projector for posting the agenda and when she is reading the Fiscal Reports so everyone can see what she is reading. Trustee Coneglio suggested more residents connect directly with members of the Board to allow them an opportunity to address issues outside of just the public meetings. He also highlighted that the meetings are not strict, as such many residents speak freely during the meetings that does take more time but everyone tends to appreciate the openness of the Board to be approached in a flexible manor.

Trustee Cera also reported that she attended a recent COTA meeting on the Cleveland Ave project. COTA presented time tables for the coming new rapid transit service that will run along Cleveland Ave from downtown Columbus up to Westerville.

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### TOWNSHIP MANAGER

There was discussion of the west side establishing a community garden. There is always a need for water at a garden and the township could support installing a tap at a site. Two nearby possible locations would be in Chambers Circle parcel number 130-001742 or at a vacant parcel on Chambers Circle 130-001617.

There was also discussion about the Township acquiring a vacant parcel near the main township offices on Cleveland Ave. The Township Manager will seek an asking price from the current owner.

### FIRE

No new business.

### ROAD

**Res. No. 16-02-021** Motion by Chair Reardon to approve a 3% raise for the road crew starting February 27<sup>th</sup> 2016, utilizing funds 2011-330-100, 2021-330-100, 2031-330-100, 2231-330-100. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Coneglio –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

**Res. No. 16-02-021 Amended** by Trustee Coneglio to not include the Step 1 rate in the 3% raise. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Coneglio –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

With the 3% raise in effect the Step 2 hourly pay is \$14.25, Step 3 is \$14.91, Step 4 is \$16.27, Step 5 is \$18.17 and the Foremen rate is \$19.92.

**Res. No. 16-02-022** Motion by Chair Reardon to approve hiring a new road crew member. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – No, Coneglio –No, Trustee Reardon – No. Motion **did not pass**.

Trustee Coneglio suggested that the Superintendent help plow roads if needed to provide more training time for the 2 newer road crew members. Trustee Cere, while new to the Board suggested that after her review of the monthly report that perhaps a better use of current resources might meet the needs of the township with existing staff levels.

Superintendent Klopfenstein provided information about the continued City of Columbus water main updates in the Township along Ward Rd, Ferris Rd, and Sale Rd.

### POLICE

Chief Jones updated the Board that the department has applied for a \$55K grant to cover the costs for updated radios.

The Police Deptment participated in the Project Safe Program with the Cabela's Store at Polaris. The police issued out free gun locks provided to the department by Project Safe to ensure that folks have safe weapons storage in their homes. The Police Department also has these locks free of charge to pass out to any resident who wishes.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Officer Whalen discussed demolition of 1715 Elmore Ave and that it will be funded by the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation as long as it continues to meet their requirements.

Officer Whalen also updated the Board that in order to use an abandoned house for fire training the township would need to complete the tax foreclosure process. An abandoned home can NOT be burned if it is still in the prior owners name.

### NEW BUSINESS

Resident Jane Margatta discussed the need to limit the number of homes that are being rented instead of occupied by the owners. There is concern that the University could claim eminent domain over the west side of the township if too many homes are rented out. The civic association needs to know what the history is of establishing Home Rule.

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**NEW BUSINESS CONT:**

Trustee Coneglio said that residents need to be the lead in creating a Home Rule. Trustee Reardon suggested working with an owner when they sell to attach a restriction to the deed of a house that it not be used as a rental property. There is much concern about basement's not having an exit should there be a fire. It was discussed that residents should connect with County officials more about this important concern. Perhaps the County could pass a "Single Family" ordinance for the west side.

Meeting ended at 9:35pm

**ATTEST:**

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**Carl Reardon, Chair**

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**Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer**