

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Special Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, August 16th 2016 at 6:30pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave. Present were Trustees John Coneglio, Jane Cera, and Carl Reardon, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Fire Chief Fraley, Superintendent of Roads Dan Klopfenstein, Township Manager Skip Apple, and many residents.

Next meeting will be held on September 7th 2016 at 7pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

GENERAL

The purpose of the Special Meeting related to construction items for the new buildings at 3820 Cleveland Ave. There was about 30 minutes of discussion with residents present about choosing roof, bricks, trimming, and down spout colors for the new buildings. Two color schemes were chosen and it was agreed that the building committee will make the final decision the following day with the architects.

There was discussion about how often the Board will need to meet to approve needed change orders. Trustee Coneglio thought future change orders had already been approved at the most recent meeting, however that was approval of a contingency amount that the architects build in to their cost estimates. Trustee Cera suggested meeting twice a month again sooner than scheduled. There was general agreement among the Board, but Trustee Coneglio will need to wait to see his schedule before being able to discuss potential dates for additional meetings.

A resident asked what a change order is, the Trustees and FO explained that approval is needed when the project’s projected cost exceeds estimates, such as tonight’s need for a detention pond.

Everyone acknowledged this is a huge and complex project. Trustee Reardon expressed some concern that recently there was miscommunication about how a Building Committee meeting is to be scheduled. Trustee Coneglio asked who the architect from WDC Group talks to. Trustee Cera, Chair of the Building Committee, reported that they talk to her, the Township Manager, or the Chief of Police, depending on the need, and this is still being refined. Trustee Cera stated that it has been long-standing practice in the Township that committee chairs decide on meeting dates, and that it is the nature of the topic that determines whether it is a committee or a board concern. Trustee Cera felt the emails that were written to her from the Township Manager were missing important details, and that in fact, a committee meeting was not required, but the issue at hand was one for the board. She stated that she should know any pertinent information that the Township Manager knew so that she could answer questions from the other Trustees. Trustee Coneglio agreed, he also stated that he believed email was a low form of communication, Mr. Apple agreed. Resident River Wolfe suggested emails are a better way to communicate rather than relying on verbal conversations for a governmental body.

Res. No. 16-08-018 Motion by Chair Reardon to approve a construction change order and overall project timing for the Road Dept. A detention pond needs to be built in the amount of \$85,895.00 utilizing line item 1000-190-500 and will be constructed by JCar Construction. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Coneglio – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Meeting ended at 7:53pm

ATTEST:

Carl Reardon, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer