

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on November 15th, 2017 at 7pm at 4093 Cleveland Ave. Present were Trustees Jane Cera, John Coneglio, and Carl Reardon, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Fire Chief Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent of Roads Villa, Code Enforcement Officer Whalen, and several residents.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 6th, at 7pm at 999 Chambers Rd.

GENERAL

Res. No. 17-11-014 Motion by Chair Coneglio to pass the agenda with flexibility. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Chair Coneglio congratulated Aliena Sword and Carl Reardon who recently won their race to be Township Trustees.

Trustee Cera presented sample policies for Public Record Requests to the other Trustees. She stated she is not currently recommending one policy be approved now, rather she wanted to provide examples to consider. She further stated there should be a poster stating the Township's policy as well as the Fiscal Officer needs to have an acknowledgement process for receiving requests. Trustee Coneglio stated that this will affect future Boards so it is helpful to have other sample policies to consider and he will leave it to the other two members of this Board to take into consideration for the upcoming Board to address. Trustee Reardon liked some of what he was seeing in Perry Township's policy. The Ohio Township Association sample is longer than Perry's approved policy, and Trustee Cera suggested she craft a draft to have ready in January for the new Board to consider.

There was a presentation and introduction by Franklin County Deputy Ken Upton who is a Community Liaison for Zone 2, there are 4 Zones total. He has worked 3rd shift in the NE side of the county for the previous six years. He stated Clinton Township Police Dept. and Police Chief Jones do a great job and his presence is to provide additional support in the Township. Before becoming a Deputy, he worked ten years in the County Jail. Trustee Cera asked what area Zone 2 covers, Sheriff Upton stated that nearby Townships like Mifflin and Jefferson Township area included. He works variable hours in his position as a Community Liaison. One newer program the county is working on is using drones to help locate the elderly or those who are dependent on others for their wellbeing and have bracelets to monitor their location.

There was continued conversation about abandonment of an alley behind 3595 Cleveland Ave. Trustee Reardon stated he has been monitoring the county zoning meeting and has not seen any discussion about properties in this vicinity. Trustee Coneglio stated that perhaps if the Township allows public access to the alley that could improve the property. Business owner Sandy Hoopes said that the sort of traffic that is in the area has not been good. Drugs and prostitution have been a constant problem in the alley for the previous decade she has up kept the alley. Putting the fence up on the South end of that alley that cut off access to the Northern Lights parking lot help lessen the criminal activity. Two electric or phone utility poles are in the alley. Trustee Cera stated she does not want to decide on abandonment or not with only taking in one property owner's needs, rather she would prefer to do what would be best for long term development that would create safer places to live and do business. There remain unknowns about what COTA's development of the area will do. Trustee Reardon asked about easements. Trustees discussed continuing to research titles, location of utility poles, and existing easements. There have been individuals from the Franklin County Engineer's Office working in the area and the Township will have the Superintendent of Roads Villa learn more.

Res. No. 17-11-015 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approval of the November 1st meeting minutes. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

The Fiscal Officer read the October 2017 Fiscal Report. Oct 1st the Township had \$10,177,059.90 with \$386,652.86 in Revenue and \$882,589.82 in Expenditures leaving a balance of \$9,681,122.94 on October 31st, 2017.

Res. No. 17-11-016 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve the October Fiscal Report as read. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

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The Fiscal Officer Steele placed discussion of a Home Rule petition effort from Spring 2017 on the agenda. She stated she continues to get requests for documentation of the petition that the Township does not have a record of. Fiscal Officer Steele stated she knows there has been discussion already in the Township public meetings with those who wanted to see the issue on the ballot, but for clarity's sake, she asked if any Board members had any recollection of the petition being submitted to the Board. Trustee Coneglio stated he thought the petition was presented to the Board on the Westside of the Township at a public meeting at 999 Chambers Rd. Resident Jane Margiotta stated the petition was brought to the May 17th public meeting which was held in the Northern Lights Library, and she placed the petition in front of Trustee Cera who was sitting next to Trustee Coneglio. She further recalled Trustee Reardon was talking with someone in their chair in the audience when she placed the petition on the table where Trustees sit. Jane Margiotta finds it suspicious that audio recordings of that public meeting cut out before the conclusion of the meeting. She also stated she and others have started collecting signatures again and plan to submit the needed signatures to get the issue on the ballot soon. Trustee Reardon suggested bringing legal counsel to a meeting in December.

There was follow up discussion about medical marijuana dispensaries in the Township. Trustee Reardon stated that the previous meeting was very informative and he learned there are not many existing spots that fit the existing restrictions for the location of these business. Specifically, a Day Care recently went in near one of the only locations that would have fit the requirements but with the Day Care being established that location is no longer an option for a marijuana dispensary. Trustee Reardon agreed to review drafted language with legal counsel about the issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

For the new building, there was an update that ceilings were too low in their design and there was a modification to plans to make them 11 feet high instead of 8 feet. The rain has slowed progress some.

From the Budget Committee Trustee Reardon updated that Board that Temporary Appropriations will include resources for staffing up the Westside location with more Fire/EMS and Police support. Support from the General Fund utilizing CEDA. Trustee Cera asked Trustee Reardon to send those numbers from the Budget Committee meeting.

Trustee Cera stated from the Health Insurance Committee that they are still shopping for a policy that will start in 2018.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

No Business

FIRE

Res. No. 17-11-017 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve hiring Forrest Dill, Derek Choops, Collin Dotson & Parker Ketler as volunteer firefighters effective upon passing physicals and drug screen. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-11-018 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve hiring Jason Coreno and Jordan Hempker as part-time firefighters/paramedics at a rate of \$13/hr to be paid from 2111-220-100 & 2281-230-100 upon passing physicals and drug screen. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

POLICE

Res. No. 17-11-019 Motion by Chair Coneglio to terminate Jimmy Skeens as a full-time Police Officer for a probationary cause. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-11-020 Motion by Chair Coneglio to promote Mathew Pate as a full-time Police Officer to be paid at the Step 1 rate in the Police Contract. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

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ROAD

Superintendent of Roads Villa updated the Board that the merry-go-round is almost done being repaired.

Trustee Cera mentioned that she and Trustee Reardon attended a ceremony this morning. The Melrose & Lamont project has been completed and was opened. She thanked Superintendent Villa and Roads crew for their help in facilitating the project.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Res. No. 17-11-021 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve an [ORC 5543.14](#) for tree removal at 1811 Audry Rd. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Trustee Cera inquired about what company is chosen to remove trees. Code Enforcement Officer Whalen responded Cox Tree Service. Trustee Cera suggested considering other companies that might be located in the Township such as Jacob Sauer, as one she knew of. Other residents named companies Kings and Phenox to consider.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Coneglio noted this would be his last meeting on the Eastside of the Township. He thanked the residents for providing him the opportunity to serve for the previous 12 years.

Res. No. 17-11-022 Motion by Chair Coneglio to go into Executive Session to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statues. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Start at 8:13pm

End at 8:19pm

Res. No. 17-11-023 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve a Purchase Order for attorney Bill Wayhoff in the amount of \$6,000 utilizing line item 1000-190-500. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Chair Coneglio made a motion to adjourn that was 2nd by Trustee Cera

Meeting ended at 8:24pm

ATTEST:

John Coneglio, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer