

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on December 20th, 2017 at 7pm at 999 Chambers Rd. Present were Trustees Jane Cera, John Coneglio, and Carl Reardon, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Fire Chief Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent of Roads Villa, Township Manager Apple, and several residents.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018 at 7pm at 4093 Cleveland Ave.

The pledge was led by Chair Coneglio

GENERAL

Res. No. 17-12-014 Motion by Chair Coneglio to pass the agenda with flexibility. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio – Yes

Trustee Reardon invited township attorney's Don Brosius and Pete Griggs to discuss [Limited Home Rule](#) for Township's (TWP's) in Ohio with the Board and attending residents. The Ohio General Assembly created a law in 1991 for larger TWP's to have more power like cities do. At the moment there are about 31 Limited Home Rule TWP's in Ohio. A TWP needs to have 2,500 or more residents to qualify. Residents need to collect at least 10% of the number of people who voted in the last race for Governor. If a petition with about 80 names is collected, it needs to be submitted to the Board by turning it into the Fiscal Officer and asking for a receipt of the submission. After the TWP Board receives, a petition in support of putting Home Rule on the ballot it should be submitted to the Franklin County Board of Elections. The BOE will verify the signatures and place the issue on the fall or November ballot, if they find 10% or more of the amount of people who voted in the most recent race for Governor signed the petition. It is then up to the residents to vote on the issue, if the TWP should become a Limited Home Rule TWP. Becoming a Limited Home Rule TWP gives more authority to the Board to address quality of life issues. Recent dog tethering [laws](#) have gone into effect and without Home Rule the TWP could not pass such legislation. Noise issues, parking, passing a curfew, and addressing water and sewer issues are more things a TWP can address more with Limited Home Rule in effect. It is often a tool for Economic Development. [Blendon TWP](#) has had successful grant or loan programs. TWP's have given out low or no interest loans to moderate income residents for home improvements if they are a Home Rule TWP. A TWP needs three things if they become Home Rule, a Police Dept, Law Director, and a TWP Administrator who does not have to be a full time employee. The TWP already has a Police Dept, and the County Prosecutor can serve as the TWP Law Director. Trustee Cera asked questions about zoning, as it is likely a large reason many residents support the idea of going Home Rule. The TWP already relies on the County Prosecutor's office to help with zoning issues and she has concerns many issues are unresolved or take too long to be resolved there. Trustee Cera also asked about the TWP having the option of passing a Zoning Ordinance separate from having Home Rule, and the attorneys agreed this was possible. Residents or the Trustees can bring such an issue forward. The attorneys emphasized that they could act as Law Director or in zoning issues, in place of the county. Blendon TWP modified county zoning to establish their zoning commission. Home Rule TWP's can do more to address the amount of rented homes allowed. If voters approve going Limited Home Rule it needs to remain in place for at least three years, after that time voters could do another process to remove being a Home Rule TWP.

As to the subject of Marijuana Distribution, the TWP can pass resolutions that limit or prohibit the cultivation, and or distribution of marijuana. Some cities have banned or limited the amount of locations of these businesses, other cities have passed larger license fees. Chair Coneglio asked if the TWP became Limited Home Rule could the TWP have larger license fees as well, and the attorneys were not sure of the answer but it seemed likely.

Res. No. 17-12-015 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve the December 6th 2017 meeting minutes. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio – Yes

The Fiscal Officer read the November 2017 report. Nov 1st there was a total fund balance of \$9,681,122.94 with \$297,740.34 in Revenue and \$1,213,704.89 in Expenditures leaving a balance of \$8,765,158.39 on November 30th 2017.

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GENERAL CONT:

Res. No. 17-12-016 Motion by Chair Coneglio to pass the November Fiscal Report. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-12-017 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve the 2018 Temporary Appropriations. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-12-018 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve Option 1 with Anthem BCBS. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Reardon stated that the Beatification Awards are going out and there will be a presentation in March or April next year.

Fiscal Officer Steele stated she filed for rebates and as a result the TWP will be receiving about \$8,000.00 back for Energy Efficiency projects from the first phase of construction.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Three Change Orders were given to the Chair of the Board for approval. Trustee Cera asked if these were all within the existing allowances of the project, and Manager Apple confirmed these Change Orders would be paid out of allowances. Trustee Cera stated otherwise they would need Board approval.

FIRE

Chief Fraley thanked residents and everyone who participated in the recent Holiday Parade and candy packing. Everyone reviewed their warm feelings of the event.

POLICE

Res. No. 17-12-019 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve a Purchase Order to Lexipol in the amount of \$7,252.00 for an annual subscription to be paid from 2081-210-420. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

ROADS

No new business

CODE ENFORCMENT

No new business

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Coneglio wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for the past 12 years he has served on the Board.

Trustee Reardon wanted to thank Trustee Coneglio and the past 8 years that they have been able to serve together. He recalled when he first started on the Board the Township could not make Police payroll, and it was Trustee Coneglio who wanted to learn more about [JEDZ](#) that was approved in Prairie Township. He felt they were able accomplish a lot while serving together and as a result the Township is in much better standing.

Chief of Police Jones thanked Trustee Coneglio’s family. Resident and former Fiscal Officer Bobbie Olt thanked Trustee Coneglio for encouraging various Land Use plans. Resident Nick Gani thanked Trustee Coneglio for helping with the Westside parks and most recently seeing through getting the Merry-Go-Round repaired.

Chair Coneglio thanked his daughters and wife for their support while reviewing memories such as his first Meet the Candidates’ Night and knocking doors with constituents.

Meeting ended at 8:12pm

ATTEST:

John Coneglio, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer