

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 5th 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 Dan Villa, Township Manager Skip Apple, Code Enforcement Kyle Whalen, and several residents.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19th at 7pm at 999 Chambers Rd.

GENERAL

Res. No. 17-04-001 Motion by Chair Coneglio to pass the agenda with flexibility. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-04-002 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve bills. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-04-003 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve payroll. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-04-004 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve minutes from the March 1st 2017 meeting. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio – Yes

Res. No. 17-04-005 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve minutes from the March 15th 2017 meeting. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-04-006 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve the Fiscal Report as read. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

March 1st 2017 the Township had an overall fund balance of \$9,165,559.28 with \$1,861,457.98 in revenues, \$690,187.64 in expenditures leaving a balance of \$10,337,273.01 on March 31st 2017.

The Fiscal Officer stated 2017's first half Real Estate posted in March. Resident Bobbie Olt inquired about when the revenue Commercial Activity Tax is set to expire. No one was sure but there was concern it could be as soon as 2018.

Res. No. 17-04-007 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve amending 2017 Permanent Appropriations. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

There was a new building update from Chris Widner of WDC Group. Phase 1, the Roads Services building is mostly complete. Gravel will soon be dropped off. The bids for Phase 2 of the project came in too high. The specs for the project can be more broken up to see if that would produce better bids.

Res. No. 17-04-008 Motion by Chair Coneglio to reject current bids. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-04-009 Motion by Chair Coneglio to Re-Open the bidding process. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Trustee Cera had asked The Police and Fire Chief for a brief presentation on the Franklin County opiate crisis. They provided a summary that sadly, it has been projected that the number of overdoses that the township responded to last year will double this year. The township could host an educational event if residents would like to learn more or get more involved. Because these drugs are so concentrated first responders have had to change how they respond to opiate overdoses to protect themselves from death, including search dogs. Many residents asked questions. The rates of overdose deaths are alarming and hard to understand. Resident Wolfe stated part of the problem is a huge lack of resources in the community.

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GENERAL CONT:

There was an update on two Natureworks grant applications. Resident Aliena Sword has been seeking quotes for items for the Case Rd. Community Garden and will provide those to Township Manger Apple for a grant application. Trustee Coneglio suggested to state how the project also benefits the nearby community. The other application will be for the Westside tennis court that needs repaired.

Trustee Cera began a discussion about empty residential properties, having been contacted by a resident on the matter. She had asked Officer Whelan to provide the Board with a list of 5 empty parcels the Township currently owns. There are a few other parcels that are in process to be transferred to the Township ownership. Resident Jerah Pettibone has contacted Trustee Cera about the possibility of growing food or buying an empty parcel on Ormond Ave. In the conversation residents learned the Township does not currently own the empty parcel on Ormond Ave. There was much discussion about the merits in allowing the community to grow food on empty residential parcels. However new homes and small parks are also options. Trustee Coneglio suggested establishing a park on Sale Rd. Resident Rachel Tayse is deeply engaged in local food efforts and stated that more visible food growth benefits the whole community on many levels. Resident Deb Steele inquired about being able to buy an empty parcel from the Township. Trustee Coneglio reviewed discussions he had had with the Township Manager to donate empty parcels to Homeport as the Township has sometimes done in the past to have new homes built, he also stated Township has also divided an empty parcel in half and donated the land to the neighbors.

Res. No. 17-04-010 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve a PO for \$3,895.00 to be paid to WOW Internet and Cable for construction and install needs to the new Road building utilizing line item 1000-190-500 and approval of a monthly contract in the amount of \$118.98 with WOW. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio – Yes

Trustee Reardon reported on progress from the Beautification Committee and read the following mission statement:

“The purpose of the committee is to provide and strengthen Clinton Township neighborhoods by enhancing the sustainable natural beauty of Clinton Township. The Committee will accomplish this by granting recognition for residents and businesses for visual and structural improvements to their properties and the development of programs and projects to address specific issues that effect the neighborhood.”

Res. No. 17-04-011 Motion by Trustee Reardon to accept the mission statement read by Trustee Reardon for the new Beautification Committee. 2nd Chair Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-04-012 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve Road, Fire/EMS, and Police Departments to participate in the Earth Day celebration on April 22nd 2017 from Noon to 4pm at the Case Rd Community Garden. 2nd Chair Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Resident and event planner Aliena Sword did get everyone affected by closing a section of Case Rd. to agree to shutting down traffic for a few hours on April 22nd.

Res. No. 17-04-013 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve spending \$1,500.00 for printing, mailing, and web page work to start up a Beautification Committee insert, utilizing line item 1000-190-500. 2nd Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-04-014 Motion by Chair Coneglio to reimburse Anthony Hatfield in the amount of \$1600.00 for gravel that will be used in front of the Case Rd. Community Garden utilizing line item 1000-190-500. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

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TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

The following pay applications were presented for the Chair's signature;
Jay Car Construction for \$50,033.00
Roger Storer & Son for \$5963.00
CT Electric for \$81,032.00

Res. No. 17-04-015 Motion by Chair Coneglio to go into Executive Session to review and or discuss the offer letter from DLC management. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes
Start at 8:35pm
End at 8:54pm

Chair Coneglio reviewed that the most recent audit sought more oversight of the Township Manager's timesheets. Trustee Cera spoke in favor of the change that was long overdue.

Res. No. 17-04-016 Motion by Chair Coneglio to have the Police Chief review for approval the Township Manager's timesheets. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

ROAD

Superintendent Villa provided a March 2017 monthly report and inspections.

Res. No. 17-04-017 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve a Purchase Order for a hydraulic post driver from Skidrill Industries LLC at a cost of \$5,750.00 utilizing line item 2031-330-430. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

There was a review of playground border choices for the Case Rd. Community Garden. Chair Coneglio clarified that the Road Department will pay for the border and it is not anticipated to cost more than \$2,500 so a Purchase Order will not be needed.

FIRE

Chief Fraley provided a March 2017 monthly report.

POLICE

Chief Jones provided a March 2017 monthly report.

Chief Jones announced that The Clinton Township Police Department has become a Certified Law Enforcement Agency under the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Certification Process. This process certifies that our agency meets or exceeds Ohio Law Enforcement practices such as use of force, hiring, and Equal Employment Opportunity policies.

Chief Jones awarded Lt. Pfeifer with the Merit Award for his diligence and hard work over more than 6 months to accomplish getting the department ready for the certification and onsite inspection for the Ohio Collaborative Certification process. Trustee Reardon took a moment to thank the Chief and his staff for running a topnotch department.

Chief Jones was planning on updating the Board that the Police Dept. will be applying for a grant to assist in replacing older bullet resistant vests, however that program was cancelled last year.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Whalen provided a March 2017 monthly report.

Officer Whalen advised the Board that 1715 Elmore Ave that had been recently demolished by the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corp has been transferred into Clinton Township's name.

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NEW BUSINESS

Resident Linda Buckle provided the Board with website URL to comment on Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's 20-year plan.

The Budget Committee will be meeting at 4pm April 19th 2017 at 999 Chambers Rd.

Meeting ended at 9:18pm

ATTEST:

John Coneglio, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer