

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on August 2nd 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, Code Enforcement Officer Whalen, and several residents.

The pledge was led by Chair Coneglio

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 at 4093 Cleveland Ave.

GENERAL

Res. No. 17-08-025 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 requested a moment of silence for longtime Westside resident [Dr. Valentina Boff](#) who had recently passed away.

Res. No. 17-08-026 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve a plaque for the new Police, Fire, and Community building that is scheduled to be completed in spring 2018. It would recognize current Township elected officials, Department Heads, and Chief's. 2nd Trustee Coneglio.

Trustee Coneglio also suggested adding “residents” to the plaque. Trustee Cera suggested the plaque recognize “residents and employees of the Township” instead of listing out specific names specifically recognized on a new building plaque. Trustee Cera stated she did not feel a need to have her name emblazoned on the building and many individuals put work into the new building including folks who no longer work for the Township.

Res. No. 17-08-026 Motion Amended by Trustee Cera to include residents and employees to be recognized on the plaque. 2nd Trustee Coneglio. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Chair Coneglio wanted to update residents about a pedestrian railroad crossing yet to be installed on Kinnear Road. County Engineers have a goal of finishing the work in about a month, they have run conduit underground already.

Trustee Cera and Chair Coneglio both placed items on the agenda related to the donation of the old Mr. Bills' Bowling Alley and property. Trustee Coneglio reported that the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (aka, the Franklin County Land bank) is willing to hire and pay for an environmental study once the township has ownership of the parcel. Trustee Coneglio explained to attending residents that this has been in the works for the last year. Trustee Cera recently called the township attorney for updates and discovered she has not been getting updates from the Township Manager on details around negotiations of the potential donation. She related that she had not received a forward of an email from our attorney to Mr. Apple dated July 26th, 2017. Mr. Apple explained he was not aware she did not receive a copy. Trustee Cera asked Mr. Apple to be certain that he forwarded all emails from the attorney to her and Trustee Coneglio to help move the process along more quickly if possible. Trustee Cera also reported that Trustee Coneglio had not answered her email of August 8th, 2017 regarding questions that the attorney was seeking answers to. There was a suggestion for the township to start their own title search. Trustee Coneglio has requested Township Manager Apple start seeking grants for this parcel. The current owner is still working on contract language for a donation to the township.

Chair Coneglio began discussion about hiring a full-time Police Officer to be paid from the General Fund. Trustee Coneglio stated there has been an increase in non-violent crimes on the Westside of the Township and there are many businesses that pay into the [Joint Econ. Dev. Zone](#) in the area. The Fiscal Officer asked if increasing the part-time pay for Police Officers has been considered instead of hiring another full-time Police Officer. Police Chief Jones explained how hard it is to find a part-time officer is, and it is extremely hard for the offered pay. Chair Coneglio asked if it would be easier to hire full-time. Trustee Cera suggested giving the Board sometime to review the report full of data that Police Chief Jones provided for the Board at the meeting.

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Eastside 2011-2013 1335, 2015-2017 1571 criminal incidents(raise of 17%) Westside 2011-2013 criminal incidents 308, 2015-2017 criminal incidents 706 (raise 129%). Trustee Reardon spoke to atty. and was assured the businesses are paying taxes and that will also cover the cost of a fulltime office on the westside. Levies from 2005-2008 was not enough /2016 not enough / 2020 levy and CEDA.

Resident Victor Bofst stated he does not have speedbumps on his road and he has seen cars going 45 miles per hour on his street, so he would like to see more Police Officers. Business Owner and resident, Jerry Swanson wants to see more Police Officers because they spend a good amount of time transporting individuals in their cruisers across the city.

Resident Bobbie Olt stated that she would like to see another full-time Police Officer and she supports that more than leaning on part-time because there is higher turnover with part-time staff. Trustee Coneglio said that he had spoken that day to three Columbus City Council members who all spoke in support of safety, he reviewed various levels in Police staffing over previous years. Resident Laura Ford stated that she felt safe when she moved to the Township in 2001 and still does.

GENERAL CONT:

Trustee Cera stated she supports more Police staffing but was not sure which township fund should support an increase, seeing as Police just passed a levy. She said she would like to know how to justify to neighbors why the General fund would pay for Police staff when the Police fund would now be able to support an increase in staff. Trustee Cera reminded everyone that an increase in staffing and in part-time pay was a promise made to our community during the levy campaign. She also said we had previously told residents that CEDA/JEDZ monies were not appropriate for this expense, especially since police projected carryovers now show generous amounts of money. Westside resident, Nick Gani, supports the General fund to cover the increase in Police staffing to put off renewing a Police levy.

Trustee Reardon had contacted township attorneys and the State Auditor's office to learn about how to allocate specific [Cooperative Econ. Dev. Zone](#) revenues to be spent on Police salaries. He stated that Police protection in retail areas is an important aspect of supporting economic development. Resident Donna Goodman Adassa stated that the Township should be thoughtful about which fund would support an increase in Police staffing. Fund 1000 is the General fund and currently the General fund pays for a Full-Time Police Officer who works on the Westside. Chair Coneglio supports the General fund covering wages and HRA expenses. The Fiscal Officer will work with Trustee Reardon on utilizing CEDA revenues to cover additional Police staffing.

Res. No. 17-08-028 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve hiring a Full-Time Police Officer who will be paid from 1000-210-599 who will work on the Westside of the township. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

The Fiscal Officer read the July 2017 Fiscal Report. On July 1st there was a total of balance of \$9,868,386.44. During the month, there was \$424,515,90 in revenue with \$515,232.56 in expenditures leaving a balance of \$9,777,669.78 on July 31st, 2017.

Res. No. 17-08-029 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve the July 2017 Fiscal Report as read. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Trustee Cera reviewed the need to keep a copy employee job descriptions, contracts, and reviews with the Fiscal Office. Police Chief Jones submitted a potential job description for Communications staff. Trustee Cera further stated that employees who are not part of a bargaining unit need more goals and training needs written down in the employee's files.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

As part of the West Side Land Use Plans Committee Resident Jane Margiotta had recently attended a 5th by Northwest Committee meeting where developers stated they had the support of the Township's Board for their plans on a project called Griff, and Jane Margiotta spoke up at that meeting that they were incorrect and had not gotten support from the Township's Board about the Griff planned development.

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Chair Coneglio from the Building Committee stated it is time to select door colors.

Trustee Reardon reviewed details of an upcoming [JEDZ](#) study that the JEDZ Board will pay about \$100K for. There will be four phases of outreach and creating stakeholder forums, meetings, or surveys. Trustee Cera stated that the existing language of the contract to conduct the study has the Clinton Township Board instead of the JEDZ Board listed as the entity buying the study or research, so if that language changes to listing the JEDZ Board as paying for the research she is in full support of the effort. The Fiscal Officer requested a copy of the document Trustee Reardon was reading from.

Trustee Cera from the Health Insurance Committee stated that the Township is continuing with a lawsuit against the previous broker. The Fire Chief stated that FormFire is now being finalized and that will be utilized to help the Township shop for a new health insurance policy.

Trustee Reardon from the Beautification Committee stated that the square style plaque was chosen for the 2017 awards. Trustee Cera asked when winners were to be announced. Trustee Reardon stated that another meeting had to be held before that will happen.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Manager Apple brought forward Pay App #2 for Howell Construction in the amount of \$100,033.44.

FIRE

No New Business

POLICE

Chief Jones updated the Board and residents that the Township is updating Emergency Services Hiring Standards for Fire and Police with Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority.

Part-Time Police Officer Brady Inman will soon be retiring after serving 16 years with Clinton Township.

ROAD

Res. No. 17-08-030 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve a Purchase Order to W.W. Williams to rebuild the Leafer in the amount of \$11,544.33 utilizing line item 2031-330-323. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio – Yes

Res. No. 17-08-031 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve a Purchase Order to CT Electric to hang new Clinton Township flags in the amount of \$1,400.00 utilizing line item 2901-760-700, the JEDZ fund. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio – Yes

CODE ENFORCEMENT

No New Business

NEW BUSINESS

Resident Victor Boft who lives on Sells Ave stated he would like to see speedbumps on his street because he has seen cars traveling 45 mph. Chair Coneglio suggested he bring this up with the Civic Association to see if there is more support for adding more speedbumps.

Resident Jane Margiotta requested renaming Triangle Park to the Fred Stigers Memorial Triangle Park. He had a lot to do with establishing the park.

Res. No. 17-08-032 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve a renaming Triangle Park to the Fred Stigers Memorial Triangle Park. 2nd Trustee Cera. Trustee Coneglio withdrew the motion.

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Resident Patricia Deacon suggested another way to memorialize Fred Stigers because there were and are many people who help keep Triangle Park an enjoyable place.

Resident Donna Goodman Adassa suggested adding an area to lock bikes to at the Township meeting areas. Resident Deb Steele strongly supported this idea and further suggested that bike lock areas have rain cover.

Resident Margret Horning has concerns about bad landlords. The Code Enforcement Officer gave the resident her contact information.

Resident Jane Margiotta inquired where the Home Rule petition was, she had brought and left the petition to a Township Board meeting in May. None of the Trustees were aware she brought the petition to a meeting in May.

Res. No. 17-08-033 Motion by Chair Coneglio to go into Executive Session to discuss employees in the Road Dept. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes
Start: 8:46pm
End: 8:55pm

Res. No. 17-08-034 Motion by Chair Coneglio to terminate Marcus Rose effective 4pm on Aug 18th 2017. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-08-035 Motion by Chair Coneglio to make Marcus Rose’s last paycheck that is one week of pay, be a paper check, for pay period ending Sept 25th, 2017, contingent upon the return of equipment provided by the township. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Meeting ended at 9:00pm

ATTEST:

John Coneglio, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer