

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on September 6th, 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, September 20th at 7pm at 4093 Cleveland Ave.

This was the first meeting with American Sign Language interpretation services being provided by the Township. Allie Nichole translated the meeting.

GENERAL

Res. No. 17-09-001 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. 17-09-002 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve the bills. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-09-003 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve payroll. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-09-004 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve the August 2nd, minutes. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-09-005 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approved August 16th, minutes. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – No, Trustee Cera – No, Trustee Coneglio –No

Trustee Reardon wanted more details added in the minutes of the August 16th meeting about more Police presence in retail areas being something that would support more economic development. Resident Jane Margiotta clarified more details that it was the 5th by Northwest committee meeting she had attended. Jane Margiotta also wanted the wording changed about her inquiry about a Home Rule petition. Chair Coneglio requested an audio recording of the Aug 16th meeting be provided to the Board in order to review the meeting before approving the minutes.

Trustee Cera reviewed recent crime statics the Board was provided with from the Police Chief, the campaign materials from the Police Levy committee she volunteered with the previous year, and Police Budget documents that show in the next few years significant carryovers. Trustee Cera voted yes to have the General Fund pay for another Full-Time Westside officer at the previous meeting but has been feeling hypocritical because she would have preferred the Police Fund cover the additional staffing. She used a projector to review items at the meeting including maps of the two primary zip codes in the Township, 43224 and 43212. She asked the Police Chief if the data he provided the Board was the whole zip code or just the township boundaries within the zip code, the latter being a smaller area. The Chief replied that it was just from the Township. The talking points used during the volunteer-run effort to support a Police Levy in fall 2016 stated specifically that Joint Econ. Development Zone resources should go towards equipment purchases but not additional staffing. The Police Chief stated that he provided the Board with more than one way to help increase staffing in his department. He continues to have difficulties finding applicants to fill many Part-Time positions. Chair Coneglio stated that the Township has worked hard to not bring levies often to voters, there is hope the Police Department won't need to renew a levy for 10 year or more. In contrast, Trustee Coneglio stated that the Public Schools renewed a levy last year and will be seeking another levy in 2019.

Trustee Reardon advised residents that if they would like to contest the recent appraisal values of their home they have until September 28th to do so. Resident Carol Stewart recently went to a meeting held by County Auditors in the city of Dublin. She stated they were very efficient and listened to her concerns well. She brought photos and other items to explain why she felt they should lower the value.

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TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Manager Apple was excused from attending the meeting. Fiscal Officer Steele read the following Change Orders that pertain to the construction at 3820 Cleveland Ave. Change Order #1A-1 in the amount of \$215,073.00 and #1A-2 in the amount of \$854.00 both to Jay Car Construction, both amounts are within the contingency amount set aside for the project. The following Pay Applications were provided as well; Roger Storer & Son Pay App #1 in the amount of \$19,494.00, Howell Buildings Construction #3 in the amount of \$19,430.40 and Jay Car Construction #3 in the amount of \$264,338.08.

FIRE

Chief Fraley provided an August 2017 monthly report.

Res. No. 17-09-006 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve a Purchase Order payable to W.W.Williams in the amount of \$6000.00 for needed repairs to Engine #61 coming from line item 2111-220-323. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

POLICE

August 2017 monthly stats were provided to the Board.

Chief Jones shared highlights from a letter his department recently received from a woman who used to abuse drugs and be on the streets. Years ago, she was arrested and the Police Department connected her with resources to get better. She has been sober for 36 months and is about to finish a degree at Ohio State University. Attendees applauded the good news he shared.

Resident Jerah Pettibone stated that she supported the Police levy last fall specifically to increase the Part-Time pay rate and is surprised to hear this has not yet happened.

Res. No. 17-09-007 Motion by Chair Coneglio to increase Part-Time Police Officer pay to \$17.00 per hour starting Sept 22nd, 2017. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

ROAD

Superintendent of Roads Villa provided an August 2017 Inspections and Report. He discussed with the Board that the merry-go-round needs to be rebuilt.

Res. No. 17-09-008 Motion by Chair Coneglio to approve a Purchase Order to Buckeye Body and Equipment in the amount of \$8,995.00 to be paid from 2031-330-323 to have new hydraulics on truck #3. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-09-009 Motion by Chair Coneglio to apply for a grant through Ohio Public Works Commission to repave the south side of Elmore Ave. from Cleveland Ave to Cross St./Dresden St with the Township contributing 40% of the projected cost. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

Res. No. 17-09-010 Motion by Chair Coneglio to increase Guy Royise to a Step 2 rate of \$14.61 starting Sept 9th, 2017. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Coneglio –Yes

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Officer Whalen provided an August 2017 monthly report.

She also updated the Board that 1733 Sale Rd has been torn down the same day of this meeting.

Chair Coneglio stated that people along the West side of Sells Ave. & Rhoda Ave. are letting their weeds get too high.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT CONT:

There were several residents who live on Ormond Ave who attended the meeting, some had concerns about a RV at 1989 Ormond Ave. that had been placed next door at an empty parcel. Officer Whalen reviewed where RVs can and cannot be placed on a property, and that they are not allowed to utilize the empty parcel next door for their RV storage.

Trustee Reardon asked about an update from an issue more than a month ago about a dog leaping though an insecure fence. Officer Whalen has referred the issue to animal control and is looking into if their fence needs to be more enforced.

Trustee Cera added that couches around 1951 or 1952 Cooke Rd were not picked up by the garbage company.

NEW BUSINESS

Tammy Jewell presented information about a nonprofit effort she operates from her home called God's Hygiene Help Center that was established in 2011. She is looking for storage and a place she can connect people with resources that help one build up their dignity. Chair Coneglio suggested that once the new building is complete at 3820 Cleveland Ave. that Ms. Jewell could possibly do events there in the Community space. Trustee Cera asked Chief Fraley if this sounded like a good activity to include with our monthly immunization clinics.

Resident Jane Margiotta is upset she did not make a copy of the Home Rule petition she left on the Trustee table near Trustee Cera in May. She said she accepts responsibility for doing that and not getting it on the agenda. However, she had spoken with Trustee Cera a few days ago and thought an effort would be made to put the subject of establishing Home Rule within the Township on the meeting agenda, because she would like to have a larger discussion about the merits of establishing Home Rule within the Township. Trustee Cera said she apologizes if she missed that in their conversation and would get it on the next agenda.

Several residents from Ormond Ave. discussed problems with speeding on their street. Police Chief Jones reiterated that with more Part-Time Police Officers he can place more cruisers around the township to ticket speeders. Residents asked about putting up speedbumps on their road and if they should gather signatures to support speedbumps. The Board can approve putting in speedbumps however, Trustee Coneglio shared how he got many complements and complaints from his neighbors after installing speedbumps on the Westside. In summary, no one likes the speeders but individuals also complain about having to deal with a speedbump near their own driveway. Police Chief Jones said he could move the speed sign to Ormond Ave. that measures traffic and shows drivers their current speed. Such a sign has been on Ferris Ave. because of many recent car accidents.

Resident Donna Goodman Adassa suggested adding a speed limit sign along Cooke Rd. because there is a long distance with no speed signs, however that road is a responsibility of the County to maintain and place signs on.

Jane Margiotta stated she did not want to encourage any divisions between the East and West side of the Township, and that she grew up on the Eastside of the Township, however she feels Trustee Cera is not supportive of resources going to the Westside of the Township. Trustee Cera stated she has approved every item requested, albeit while also taking time to consider how funding should work when Police are staff designated to the Westside.

Resident Kate Shumate asked the Board to bring in experts who could explain other traffic calming choices beyond speedbumps. Trustee Coneglio stated there are ideas in the land use plans and the county engineers are aware of other traffic calming ideas.

Chair Coneglio moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. The Fiscal Officer clarified that a Resolution is not needed to end the meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS CONT:

Meeting ended at 8:50pm

ATTEST:

John Coneglio, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer