

## The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at 999 Chambers Rd. Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Carl Reardon, and Aliena Sword, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Fire Chief Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent of Roads Villa, Township Manager Skip Apple, Code Enforcement Officer Whalen, and several residents.

### GENERAL

Next three meetings will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, and May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4093 Cleveland Ave at 7:00pm

**Res. No. 18-04-023** Motion by Trustee Cera to accept the agenda with flexibility. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

**Res. No. 18-04-024** Motion by Trustee Cera to approve the April 4<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

**Res. No. 18-04-025** Motion by Trustee Cera to approve the April 11<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Trustee Cera had continued researching a street light option for residents and presented the Board with an option of a solar powered LED light that is about 6 feet tall. She stated the lack of lighting is an issue for many residents she has spoken to. Shop Light Solutions has been very helpful in researching products. The solar panel is on top of the light fixture so there are no wires or connection needed. These would be mounted on a cement base. Trustee Reardon asked if the fixture could be moved later, it seemed possible but would likely require pouring another cement base. This model has a motion sensor and gets brighter if there is movement. Trustee Cera proposed purchasing two for testing to see if residents would be interested in owning such a figure at a reduced rate if the Township made a bulk purchase and sold them to interested residents. The price should reduce a bit if the Township orders something like 50 units. There would need to be an agreement residents would sign taking responsibility to maintain the light if the Township were to sell them to residents. Resident Bobbie Olt asked why the Township could subsidize a street light but there was legal concerns about the Township helping purchase the old Mr. Bills bowling alley. Trustee Cera responded that she thought that real estate going into the hands of a private trust is a very different thing to do than helping residents purchase a street light.

**Res. No. 18-04-026** Motion by Trustee Cera to approve a Purchase Order for \$1,200.00 payable to Shop Light Solutions for 2 solar powered streetlights utilizing line item 1000-190-500. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

The Board discussed the policy the Franklin County Land bank, or the [Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation](#) uses with some the residential properties they manage. Even if the Township would not make much money in selling a parcel to get the land back into the tax base. Trustee Reardon noted that the County uses comparison sales to set the rate they value land at when posting land for sale. Trustee Cera stated that she liked how the county offers land to the neighbors before putting up for sale. Trustee Reardon felt that would be a nice gesture to try and give something back to residents who likely had to tolerate a declining home for years next to them. Trustee Cera reviewed that the county takes a property back if the owners get too far behind on paying property taxes owed. Trustee Sword liked some of the deed restrictions related to zoning issues or code compliance needs. Trustee Cera volunteered to draft an email that the Trustees would send to the Township's legal counsel to review, with the goal of making a Township policy of how to most fairly sell empty residential parcels the Township currently owns.

**Res. No. 18-04-027** Motion by Trustee Cera to approve Township employee's involvement in Earth Day activities. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

**Res. No. 18-04-028** Motion by Trustee Cera to approve a temporary closure of Case Rd from Dresden to Manor on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30pm to 5pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

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### GENERAL CONTINUED

Trustee Cera brought forth the Clean Water Fair Pricing Act being sponsored by State Representatives Duffey and Lanese. The act would prevent some of the abuses by municipalities in water pricing and availability. There is hope this could help address the issue of forced annexation as well as helping keep the rates that water is sold more fair.

**Res. No. 18-04-029** Motion by Trustee Cera **WHEREAS**, the Clinton Township Board of Trustees recognizes the fact that former Township properties were forced to annex into the City of Columbus over City water practices

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 the City of Columbus demanded that the Township itself, an independent local government entity, annex its land into the City in order to increase the size of a water tap for a multi-million dollar construction project of new Township offices;

**WHEREAS**, we remain deeply concerned about the City's apparent policy of forced annexation of Township properties whenever development issues arise;

**WHEREAS**, we believe in the other basic tenets of the Clean Water Fair Pricing Act proposed by Representatives Mike Duffey and Laura Lanese;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio wishes to add its support to the passage of the act and asks for its fair and due consideration.

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

There was continued discussion on street banners. Trustee Cera was able to reduce the cost 1/3 by only printing one color on the banner. Some banners that are already up have red and white on the back of them. There was some thought to wait until the Econ Dev study will be done, however that is not expected to happen until late 2018. The mounting of the banners will be done in house also reducing the cost. The Trustees reviewed the maps of where additional banners will be placed. Resident Jane Margiotta asked Trustee Cera when the Board talked with Deb Miller about the Econ Dev study, and Trustee Cera replied at a Franklin Co Development Forum meeting. Ms. Margiotta was upset that the new round of banners will not look the same as the existing banners. Trustee Cera said the banners have the same design, only on both sides instead of one.

**Res. No. 18-04-030** Motion by Trustee Cera to approve a Purchase Order to The Flag Lady Store for 24 banners for up to \$4000 utilizing fund 1000-190-500. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – No, Trustee Cera –Yes

### COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Trustee Reardon from the Beautification Working Group updated everyone that their 2018 entry form is complete and has been sent to the printers and they have set up a Township email for this effort. He thanked Trustee Cera for adding information in the recent newsletter that was mailed out.

Trustee Cera updated the Board on the need for another Change Order.

**Res. No. 18-04-031** Motion by Trustee Cera to approve Change Order # 1A-10 in the amount of \$14,171.00 for 3 Fire Dept doors and frames. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

### TOWNSHIP MANAGER

No New Business

### FIRE

No New Business

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### POLICE

**Res. No. 18-04-032** Motion by Trustee Cera to hire Paul LaFayette for a Township Employee matter for \$5,500.00 utilizing fund 2081-210-310. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

### ROAD

There was discussion about compliance at the Township parks. There is a need for deeper mulch and some existing wood borders is an issue. Superintendent of Roads Villa has gotten some quotes about what it would cost to update mulch and borders. Trustee Cera suggested making an implementation plan reflective of the recommendations listed. There was a suggestion of looking at a recycled rubber material; however, that tends to be cost prohibitive. Superintendent Villa responded there would be less maintenance with better materials used. Trustee Sword suggested looking into Nature Work grants to help address some of these needs.

Superintendent Villa updated everyone that the Lamont Water project is almost done, the paving will be complete by Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Resident Wayne Newman requested more gravel for parking spaces near the west side community garden. The Board agreed more gravel is needed to provide parking.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Whalen brought forward a computer program that would help her and other departments track ongoing issues at locations in the Township. It costs \$7,500.00 per year, at a Tier 3 level or subscription. We can add more features if needed. Could help with Road Dept needs, Police, and maybe Building Inspections. Trustee Reardon asked how this would be different than her existing database or files on locations. She replied this would keep things more streamlined and organized, she estimated it could cut her work time in half. The software allows for an unlimited amount of users. Trustee Sword asked if it would help collaborate better with County systems. Police Chief Jones asked if this is a cloud or server based system, Officer Whalen responded it uses a cloud. Chief Jones would need to check with the Dept. of Justice about security issues. Fire Chief Fraley will bring this software to the attention of the Building Inspector to see if see could utilize it as well. The Roads Dept had reviewed the system and it would benefit their Dept. There is an option for residents to report issues online. Trustee Cera suggested connecting with the DOJ for Police to learn more and to revisit the software at a future meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

Resident Jane Margiotta asked about what Med staff responded to an emergency this morning. She was very pleased with their professionalism and shared warm feels stated by neighbors. Sadly longtime resident [Thomas Eviston](#) passed away, he was almost 92 year old. Take trustee Cera requested a moment of silence.

Resident Bobbie Olt asked about the staffing levels for Station 62. It was recently closed on a Saturday and she was hoping with the additional 3 full time staff this would not happen as often. Fire Chief Fraley explained that the \$300K for additional staffing from the General fund is not to cover specific individuals, and that these resources are needed into future years to keep staffing levels were they currently are. There will be less Brown out days, where the station is out of service.

Jane Margiotta asked what the late fee is for the gas cards and Fiscal Officer Steele stated she will look into what the specific about was.

Fiscal Officer Steele then requested the Budget Committee meet as it is that time of year and many members were present. Everyone looked at their schedules and choose Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at 999 Chambers Rd. as a good time and place to meet.

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**Res. No. 18-04-033** Motion by Trustee Cera to move into an executive session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion or compensation of a Township employee. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Start 8:52pm

End 9:39pm

Trustee Cera moved to adjourn and Trustee Sword 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting ended at 9:40pm

**ATTEST:**

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**Jane Cera, Chair**

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**Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer**