

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on October 3rd, 7pm at 999 Chambers Rd. Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Carl Reardon, and Aliena Sword, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Township Administrator Vaughn, Fire Chief Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent of Roads Villa, and residents.

GENERAL

Next meeting will be on the Westside at 999 Chambers Rd on October 17th.

Res. No. 18-10-001 Motion by Trustee Cera to accept the agenda with flexibility. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Res. No. 18-10-002 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve the bills. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Res. No. 18-10-003 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve payroll. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Res. No. 18-10-004 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve the September 19th special meeting minutes. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes

Res. No. 18-10-005 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve the September 19th meeting minutes. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Res. No. 18-10-006 Motion by Trustee Cera to Amend 2018 Permanent Appropriations. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Res. No. 18-10-007 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve the Township Administrator, Mr. Vaughn to have usage of a Township issued credit card not to exceed \$2,500.00. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Trustee Cera presented a draft policy for use of Township Community Rooms. Trustee Sword had a question about how “outside groups” could be defined. It is important the facilities not sell items or charge an admission fee. Resident Patricia Deakon asked if the policy would be the same for the East Side 3820 Cleveland Ave building as the West Side 999 Chambers Rd building. Trustee Cera responded that ideally the same policy could cover both facilities. Resident Jane Margiotta raised concerns because the University View Civic Assn does meal fundraisers occasionally. It is assumed that the UVCA is an “affiliated group” but more clarification will be needed. Trustee Reardon wants to look into a set fee for a deposit, Trustee Cera asked the Fiscal Officer to look into a system that would take a room rental deposit. It was agreed to send the document to counsel for opinions next.

Res. No. 18-10-008 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve a contract for two copiers with Ohio Business Systems as a the company to service the two copiers and US Bank Equipment Finance the two copiers to be paid from 1000-110-344. *Move to table the motion by Trustee Cera.* 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

The contract presented by Trustee Cera would replace two existing printers with new ones at a slightly reduced cost than the current lease and service agreement that runs about \$500.00 a month. Trustee Reardon and some residents thought two more quotes should be sought out before moving forward. Trustee Cera did not see the need since this in an ongoing relationship with a vendor at a better price than before, and she asked if the other Trustees were prepared to get the other quotes. Township Admin Vaughn agreed to obtain two more similar quotes.

Res. No. 18-10-009 Motion by Trustee Cera to Amend Res. No. 18-09-036 to pay acting Code Enforcement/Building Plan Technician from line item 1000-130-190. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

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COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

Trustee Reardon updated everyone that the Beautification working group has ordered the 2018 award plaques. After they are manufactured, they will be awarded to residents.

Trustee Cera from the New Building Committee provided the following change orders.

Res. No. 18-10-010 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve Change Order # 32 R with Jay Car Construction for \$7,346.00 for the back parking lot and concrete. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Res. No. 18-10-011 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve Change Order # 33 with Jay Car Construction for undercutting soft soil, at a cost of \$7,711.00. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Res. No. 18-10-012 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve Change Order # 15 A-3 with Roger Storer and Son plumbing to add a needed floor drain in the fire training tower, there is no additional cost. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Patricia Deakon asked about the change orders. Trustee Cera reminded everyone that long ago the Board decided to shoulder some building costs itself, and that other change orders were design changes that happen along the way as well. They are normal modifications or needed changes to the construction plans to finish a project of this size.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Res. No. 18-10-013 Motion by Trustee Cera to accept the lowest and best bid for the roof replacement project at 999 Chambers Rd. in the amount of \$166,700 to Fay Roofing and Sheet Metal. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Resident Carol Stuart asked how Fay Roofing was chosen and if they were vetted. Township Admin Vaughn reviewed the bidding process and how Fay Roofing is the only company that submitted a bid. A pitch could not be added to the structure. The warrantee is expected to be at least 20 years.

FIRE

Res. No. 18-10-014 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve a P.O. to Krieger Ford in an amount not to exceed \$16,192.21 for a needed repair to come from 2281-230-323. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Insurance has already issued a check to the Township for this repair.

Chief Fraley provided a September monthly report

POLICE

There was an issuance of Award of Merit for Officer Michael Jesionek for saving an individual from a suicide attempt in Mifflin Township. There was a call about domestic violence that escalated into threats of suicide and Officer Jesionek talked with the individual for about 30 minutes resulting in no injuries.

October 28th from 11am till 1pm there will be an event called Coffee with the Cops. This will be held at 3820 Cleveland Ave. It will be an open forum to discuss policing as well as learn about other ways the Department works towards a safer community.

Police Chief Jones stated that the internet was recently down and he is still obtaining the monthly stats. There will be a place online soon where monthly reports will be posted.

ROAD

Superintendent Villa provided the Board September Inspections and Report.

There was an effort to have the Westside speed humps repainted but the contractor backed out of the work.

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NEW BUSINESS

Resident Bobbie Olt asked why new hires are making more than existing staff and why there had been an Executive Session. Trustee Cera stated that there are many reasons why the Board would go into Ex. Session and the township legal council recently attended a meeting to review these reasons.

Ms. Olt questioned how often Trustees are in the Township offices. Trustee Sword stated that she is at the Township at least 4 days a week.

Resident Jane Margiotta recalled asking which specific Dept an Ex. Session was for a few months ago. Departments are not required to be stated when going into an Executive Session, as the idea is to protect confidentiality.

Trustee Reardon stated that it is difficult to understand why there is such constant distrust. He would prefer to use legal counsel less often. He is bothered that somehow such a hostile atmosphere continues.

Ms. Stuart asked Trustee Sword and Trustee Reardon if they feel pressured by Trustee Cera. Trustee Sword stated absolutely not, and that she would hope people would know that she would say something if she ever felt that way. Trustee Reardon stated when Trustee Cera makes up her mind, it is hard to change course, but that he feels heard.

Ms. Margiotta asked if the Township is growing and why these support position jobs have been recently added. Fiscal Officer Steele stated that the construction is mostly over, the most expensive item the Township will likely have for several years so she feels the budget can afford these new positions. Police Chief Jones stated that about 12 years ago there were assistant positions to the Police and Fire Chief. He does not really see these as new but rather these positions have not been filled for a long time. Everyone is hopeful Code Enforcement will be better with full time staff attention.

Residents better understood after hearing from the Police Chief why some of these positions have been hired for. They asked for more communication with the Trustees.

Resident Nick Gani will soon submit playground and shelter house improvements.

There was general discussion about the solar lights that are being at the Community Gardens on the East and West side.

Trustee Cera moved to adjourn and Trustee Reardon 2nd

Meeting ended at 8:56pm

ATTEST:

Jane Cera, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer