

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on January 16th, at 7pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave. Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Carl Reardon, and Aliena Sword, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Fire Chief Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent of Roads Villa, and several residents.

GENERAL

Next meeting will be February 6th, at 999 Chambers Rd at 7pm.

Res. No. 19-01-018 Motion by Trustee Reardon to pass the agenda with flexibility. 2nd Trustee Sword, Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Res. No. 19-01-019 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve minutes from the Jan 2nd 2019 meeting. 2nd Trustee Cera, Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Sword and Fire Chief Fraley who help run the [Community Health Action Team effort](#) (CHAT) for the township announced there will be a free produce give away at 3820 Cleveland Ave. on Friday Feb 22nd from 6pm till 8pm. [Columbus IMPACT](#) will also be in attendance that evening to connect folks with resources. [Trustee Sword](#) stated that the township is seeking any volunteers to join the CHAT efforts, they meet the first Thursday every month at 6pm.

Trustee Reardon from the Budget Committee announced that the Committee needed to reschedule a meeting and will convene in the near future.

Trustee Cera from the Technology working group stated that they are exploring increasing security measures. There was recently an update to the email addresses and this seemed to have went well.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Res. No. 19-01-020 Motion by Trustee Reardon to accept the bid from Jay Car Construction Co. for the construction of Phase 3 at 3820 Cleveland Ave. in the amount of \$400,074.00 to be paid from 1000-760-730. 2nd Trustee Sword, Vote: Trustee Cera – No, Trustee Sword – No, Trustee Reardon – No

Resident Bobbie Olt asked what does “Phase 3” include, the Board responded it would be a new salt barn and car ports for the Police Fleet. Trustee Reardon stated that the Township does need a new salt barn, the old wooden one that is bowing in many areas. He further stated a lot of money was spent on the existing new facilities, and that it seems better to slow down where the township can to allow revenue to recover a bit. Trustee Sword agreed, and elaborated that the existing salt barn continues to be used for this winter season but it needs to be replaced before the next. The salt barn alone came in around \$250K and all the trustees think this seems expensive. The architect made some modifications from their first proposal. Ms. Olt stated that the Police Department is not getting the resources they need and that the cruisers will be more exposed.

Res. No. 19-01-021 Motion by Trustee Reardon to authorize the township administrator to enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Board of Elections for the use of 999 Chambers Rd as a polling location for the dates including but not limited to May 07th and Nov 05th 2019. 2nd Trustee Cera, Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Res. No. 19-01-022 Motion by Trustee Reardon to accept the resignation of Bill Margiotta, effective Jan 3rd 2019. 2nd Trustee Sword, Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Res. No. 19-01-023 Motion by Trustee Reardon to accept the resignation of Kyle Whalen, effective Jan 31st 2019. 2nd Trustee Cera, Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

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TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR CONT:

Res. No. 19-01-024 Motion by Trustee Reardon to hire Jonathan O'Connor as a full time Code Compliance Officer at a rate of \$21.63 per hour to be paid from 1000-130-190, with a start date after passing of a drug and background screen. 2nd Trustee Sword, Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Trustee Reardon was glad to announce that [Saraga International Grocery](#) will be locating in Northern Lights Shopping Plaza where Kroger left about a year ago. There is a current location on Morse Rd in an old Toys R Us, and that store will remain open after the new location opens in the township.

FIRE

Chief Fraley provided a December 2018 monthly report, as an overall 2018 run statistic report.

POLICE

Res. No. 19-01-025 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve a Purchase Order to Precise Digital for digital/audio interview room equipment and install, in the amount of \$6,608.25 using fund 2081-210-420. 2nd Trustee Sword, Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Chief Jones provided a 2018 Year End Report. He thanked the Assistant to the Police Dept. Jenna Fodor for helping put together the report. Chief Jones provided some highlights, that overall crime is declining in the Township, and they will continue to do more outreach activities with the community in the year ahead.

ROAD

Superintendent Villa updated everyone that the water updates are almost done along Huy Rd and will then head north from there.

Trustee Cera updated everyone that she had recently received a call from residents on Huy Rd that Local Waste Services did not pick up trash or recycling recently because of the construction, but that construction crews would wave garbage trucks through.

NEW BUSINESS

Resident Jane Marigotta announced that the University View Civic Assn. will host their annual Spaghetti Dinner [Fri. Feb 22nd at 5:30pm](#) at 999 Chambers Rd.

Resident Bobbie Olt asked what qualifications Jonathan O'Connor has for the Code position. Trustee Reardon stated that he had served in the military and he feels Mr. O'Connor will bring a new demeanor to the job. Ms. Olt was appalled that the new employee has no Code Enforcement background but he is going to be making more than the previous Officer. Trustee Reardon responded that this was one of the hardest decisions he has had to make as a Trustee. Everyone agreed more needs to be done in relation to zoning.

Donny LeRoy Jr, Brenda Farmer and Larry Farmer came to address the Board about the speed bumps at Elmore Ave. and Walford St. They said that cars go too fast and make loud noises when the bottom scrapes the road. Roads Superintendent Villa followed up from the previous meeting about the cost of a street light, and it would be well over \$100K. Police Chief Jones added that they continue to patrol the intersection and see not just speeding or skipping a stop sign but a lot of distracted drivers as well. The residents stated they see many cars pulled over, particularly around rush hour.

There was also discussion about the solar power street lights that are being tested by the township at the Community Gardens. Trustee Cera stated that the lights were being piloted and that their performance through the winter months was being monitored. She will revisit this on an agenda again soon.

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NEW BUSINESS CONT:

Res. No. 19-01-026 Motion by Trustee Reardon to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code [121.22](#) to discuss the employment of public employees. 2nd Trustee Cera, Vote Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Start at 9:21pm
End at 10:18pm

Res. No. 19-01-027 Motion by Trustee Reardon to compensate the Chief of Fire an annual amount of \$95,000.00 for 2019, effective Jan 1st 2019. 2nd Trustee Sword, Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Res. No. 19-01-028 Motion by Trustee Reardon to compensate the Chief of Police an annual amount of \$95,000.00 for 2019, effective Jan 1st 2019. 2nd Trustee Cera, Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera –Yes

Chair Reardon moved to adjourn and Trustee Sword 2nd

Meeting ended at 10:22pm

ATTEST:

Carl Reardon, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer