

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on September 4th at 7pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave. Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Carl Reardon, and Aliena Sword, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Township Administrator Vaughn, Fire Chief Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent Fleig, Code Compliance Officer O'Connor, and several residents.

GENERAL

Next meeting will be September 18th at 7pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave

Res. No. 19-09-001 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. 19-09-002 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve the bills. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Res. No. 19-09-003 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve payroll. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Res. No. 19-09-004 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve the minutes from August 7th, 2019. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Res. No. 19-09-005 Motion by Trustee Reardon to allow approve the special minutes from August 27th, 2019. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Fiscal Officer Steele read the July Fiscal Report. On July 1st there was an overall Fund Balance of \$5,059,065.85 there was \$397,351.61 in Revenue and \$553,601.13 in Expenditures leaving an overall Fund Balance of \$4,902,816.33 on July 31st, 2019.

Res. No. 19-09-006 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve the July Fiscal Report. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Fiscal Officer Steele presented the Board with potential amendments to the 2019 Permanent Appropriations. The Board moved forward with updating line items within the Police and Fire funds, but not updating the General fund.

Res. No. 19-09-007 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve Amending the 2019 Permanent Appropriations. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Res. No. 19-09-008 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve the Amounts and Rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Trustee Cera updated everyone that the Township should be receiving the last of the parts for the solar streetlights sometime late this week. Resident Bobbie Olt added that he has a neighbor who feels it is too dark in the Township. Resident Mary Michael strongly agreed. Ms. Michael added that she has lived in the Township over 60 years and feels it is declining.

Trustee Cera also said that the Board should continue to think about what projects it will take on besides the OPWC grant. She reviewed that the Board has discussed more sidewalks, streetlights and alley work as potential projects.

COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

Trustee Sword from the Community Health Action Team said that the Produce market continues to grow. 115 families were served Aug 23rd.

Trustee Cera announced that the [brick sale](#) will launch the following day, and that orders will need to be in by the end of September to have them back in time for Veterans Day in November.

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TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Res. No. 19-09-009 Motion authorizing the Township Administrator to submit an Ohio Public Works Commission application for the Ormond Drainage Improvement Project with the township providing a 15% match/25% loan, estimated at \$9,000 match/\$121,000 loan. Paid from fund #2031-330-599. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

FIRE

Chief Fraley provided an August monthly report.

Resident Bobbie Olt is disappointed how many out of service days occur at the Westside station. Chief Fraley stated the Department was out of service 10 days in July and 10 days in August. These outages occur partly because the Township utilizes many part time staff and these individuals can get pulled to their full time Departments.

POLICE

Res. No. 19-09-010 Motion by Trustee Reardon to authorize a road closure for the Antioch Baptist Church on Chambers Rd on Saturday September 14th from 11:00am- 6:00pm, for a church and community event open to everyone. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Res. No. 19-09-011 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve a Purchase Order for 2 Chevrolet PPV Tahoe's from Byers Chevrolet for a total amount of \$74,448.00 from fund 2081-760-750. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Police Chief Jones stated that these two vehicles will not be available until about February of 2020.

Res. No. 19-09-012 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve 2020 DUI contract with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to continue in grant funding in DUI task force. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Chief Jones advised the Board and Residents that the [tip line](#) is up and working and a felony arrest occurred from our first tip last week. Chief Jones explained that tips are anonymous and it is helpful to have this tool for the public to use if they see something and would like to report it anonymously.

The Chief reminded attendees of the upcoming Picnic with Police that will happen Sat. Sept 7th at 3820 Cleveland Ave from 11am till 2pm, and it will be catered by Jimmy John's.

Chief Jones provided an August Monthly report.

PUBLIC WORKS

Res. No. 19-09-013 Motion by Trustee Reardon to declare the following DeWalt tools obsolete; 18v drill Model# DC759 Serial# 877050, circular saw Model# DW936 Serial# 816548, Sawzall Model# DW938 Serial# 50174 0024E. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

Superintendent Fleig updated everyone that the Tapco LED stop sign replacement parts arrived and the stop signs blink again along Walford St.

Res. No. 19-09-014 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve Jeff Beard Concrete Construction quote of \$6,179.00 to repair 3 storm water catch basins, (Two on Eddystone, one at Lehner & Manor) 1 storm water curb inlet (on Walford at Radnor) 12' of deteriorating curb line on Walford. To be paid for from 2031-330-599. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon – Yes

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PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUED:

Res. No. 19-09-015 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve Contract sweepers service package proposal to sweep Walford rd. and Huy Rd. (from Cleveland Ave. to Dresden) 3 times a year at \$1200 a sweep. The final late fall sweep of the year would be \$1400 because of additional leaf debris. To be paid for from 2031-330-599. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

Superintendent Fleig brought to the Board's attention the need to take the Polaris Brutus to Valley ATV in Danville for service. This is the closest Polaris dealer that services the diesel models. Mr. Fleig has been researching who can service the ATV, it is diesel and there has been a recall issued as well. The Board agreed it needed to be serviced in Danville Ohio.

Mr. Fleig provided an August Monthly report. He estimated over 3000 lbs of weeds were pulled from Westside parks and playground area. Resident Linda Buckel was very upset Round Up was used. Mr. Fleig responded that he followed the directions and only sprayed on the pavement. Ms. Buckel wanted Mr. Fleig state he will never use Round Up again, Mr. Fleig stated he won't use Round up again. Ms. Buckel continued to express her frustration that Round Up was used and stated many comments she said were told to her by a Public Works employee about how the Department was going to address the overgrowth in the Westside parks, and made an inappropriate comment about Trustee Sword and other vulgar comments directed at the Board in general. Ms. Buckel believes the Board members are instructing the Superintendent to use Round Up on the Westside parks but not the Eastside parks. Mr. Fleig stated it was his decision how to use Round Up. Trustee Reardon said that he reported issues about the overgrowth to the Superintendent and it was taken care of. Ms. Buckel said that she was told Round Up was used in the mulch beds and Mr. Fleig stated he did not spray Round Up in the mulch beds at the playground. Resident Jane Margiotta stated that these issues are a result of the whole Department turning over and things should not have gotten this far behind, she sees this as a bad reflection on the whole Township. Ms. Buckel then demanded from the Fiscal Officer that the minutes reflect Mr. Fleig said he won't use Round Up again at the playground. Fiscal Officer Steele reminded Ms. Buckel that the minutes from the meeting are not law, but she can be sure that comment is documented.

CODE COMPLIANCE

Res. No. 19-09-016 Motion by Trustee Reardon to approve an [ORC 505.87](#) Board Ordered Clean up at 894 Sells and 1925 Ferris. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Reardon –Yes

OTHER ITEMS

Resident Jane Margiotta spoke about the move out and move in college student season on the Westside. She witnessed 7 beds come out of the basement from a single family home across the street from where she lives. Resident Linda Buckel added that the issue of owners renting out single homes to several college students was looked into years ago, and an Environmental Court Judge came and spoke to a few residents on the Westside. Code Compliance Officer O'Connor agreed this is a cause of concern. Trustee Reardon added that it is difficult to prove how many individuals might be living in one home. Ms. Buckel said that the previous Code Enforcement Officer, had files that included Zillow advertisements residents had gathered that showed residential homes being rented out to college students. They learned years ago in doing this research that the fines are minimal, about \$50 or \$75 if someone is caught. A working group was suggested by Fiscal Officer Steele to look into the issue more, Ms. Steele summarized that everyone agrees this is a problem and maybe they could meet again and report back at a future Board meeting. Ms. Buckel got more agitated and cursed at the elected officials and made lewd comments. Fiscal Officer Steele stated that Ms. Buckel cannot speak that way and should no longer be in the meeting. Ms. Margiotta was upset that the Fiscal Officer was advising the Board what to do. Ms. Margiotta believed the Fiscal Officer said she was "instructing" the Board what to do. Residents agreed to meet with Code Compliance Officer O'Connor next Wednesday Sept 11th at 999 Chambers at 6:30pm to discuss the unsafe rental issues they see going on.

Resident Bobbie Olt announced an upcoming Ice Cream Social that will happen Sept 8th at the Westside playground.

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OTHER ITEMS CONTINUED:

Resident Mary Michael asked when the trash contract will be renegotiated. She has seen the current company; Local Waste Services miss the truck bin and leave garbage in the street and other issues. The Township Administrator Vaughn added that negotiations have just started for a contract that would start the year 2021.

Resident Charlie Bateman said that when the General Contractor Fields was doing work along Elmore they left the sidewalk uneven. He had a neighbor fall in front of his house. Mr. Bateman said he reported the issue of the uneven sidewalk at the time to the previous Road Superintendent. Trustee Reardon responded that who is responsible for sidewalks can be confusing with easements and so on, that the Board would like a more clear policy. Superintendent Fleig has submitted research he has done about sidewalks to the Board.

APPRECIATIONS

Police Chief Jones thanked the Assistant to the Police Chief Jenna Fodor for her professionalism and overall positive demeanor. He added that it is not easy to represent a Police Dept and Chief Jones has personally witnessed folks in the lobby have a supportive interaction when working with Ms. Fodor. Furthermore she continues to help reorganize records and is helping the Department run more efficiently.

Trustee Reardon moved to adjourn and Trustee Sword 2nd

Meeting ended at 8:54pm

ATTEST:

Carl Reardon, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer