

## The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on January 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon 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, and some residents.

### GENERAL

Next meeting will be February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 999 Chambers Rd. at Noon.

**Res. No. 20-01-016** Motion by Trustee Sword to pass the agenda with flexibility. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

**Res. No. 20-01-017** Motion by Trustee Sword to approve minutes from the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

### TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

**Res. No. 20-01-018** Motion by Trustee Sword authorizing the Township Administrator to execute an agreement with the Franklin County Board of Elections to use 999 Chambers Rd. as a voting location for any election authorized by Title XXXV of the Ohio Revised Code for the calendar year ending December 31, 2020, including but not limited to the March 17, 2020 primary and the November 3, 2020 general elections. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Cera Vote: Trustee Reardon – Abstained, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Trustee Sword asked about using the building at 3820 Cleveland Ave as a voting location again, it was no longer a voting location once the construction started on the new building a few years ago. Administrator Vaughn said he would look into the process for having 3820 be a voting location again in the future but for this year it will not be.

Mr. Vaughn updated everyone that Rachel Adams at the Township is working with the Red Cross to hold a blood donation drive at 3820 Cleveland Ave, and it would be open to the public to donate if the Township can get so many folks to sign up to donate blood this will get scheduled. If there is not a big interest the Red Cross cannot schedule the resources. Anyone who would like to sign up to be a blood donor can call 614.471.1479. Mr. Vaughn is close to finalizing the yearly inventory and will distribute the inventory list to the Trustees and Fiscal Officer soon. He completed review of his staff, and he is also working on a 2019 annual report and is hopeful that this will be available in March.

### FIRE

No new business.

### POLICE

**Res. No. 20-01-019** Motion by Trustee Sword to Motion to allow chief of police to execute an annual subscription agreement with Lexipol in the amount of \$7,983.00 from fund #2081-210-420. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

**Res. No. 20-01-020** Motion by Trustee Sword to approve a P.O. for Byers Chevrolet for a placement Under Cover Vehicle in the amount of \$17,679.00 from fund #2081-760-750 and #2081-210-323. OTARMA is submitting a check for the loss of the Chevy Equinox. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Cera Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

**Res. No. 20-01-021** Motion by Trustee Sword to hire James Goodwin, Seth Pinney, as part-time officers at step 1 pending polygraph and drug screen to be paid from 2081-210-100 with a start date of January 24, 2020. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

**Res. No. 20-01-022** Motion by Trustee Sword to approve Chief of Police to apply for Grants for Body Armor from The Attorney General's Office and BWC. This is a 25% match grant for any vest purchased later in 2020 Fiscal cycle. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Cera Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

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### **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Res. No. 20-01-023** Motion by Trustee Sword to approve a P.O. for \$4,176 payable to Jeff Beard Concrete Construction to be paid from fund #2031-330-599 for stormwater inlet repairs at 4101, 3714 and 3721 Walford St. and one catch basin in the alley at Pegg Rd. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon.  
Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Resident Carol Stuart asked where the building sign for 999 Chambers Rd is, she repainted it last year. Superintendent Fleig responded that it is behind the building. She added that the University View Civic Association paid for the sign. She spoke to news that she heard a Trustee will soon be resigning from the Board and she recommends resident Joe Wing to fill this seat. She asked when the 2019 audit will be done, the Fiscal Officer responded that the 2016 and 2017 audit has been completed and soon the 2018 and 2019 audit will start. Lastly she added that a stove at 999 Chambers Rd is not working correctly.

Resident Bobbie Olt is the president of the UVCA. Fiscal Officer Steele asked who has a key to 999 Chambers Rd, Ms. Olt responded that the previous president of the UVCA gave her a key so she now has a key to 999 Chambers Rd. FO Steele further asked who has a key to the shelter house and Ms. Olt responded, she is not sure but she thinks several people have a key to the shelter house.

Ms. Stuart added she was uncomfortable hearing that a Trustee stated recently that members of the public “can’t speak.” Trustee Cera said she did say that to a resident who was interrupting during the agenda, and that it is in fact, the law. She left the meeting for a few moments to go to her office for a file. When Trustee Cera returned she reminded everyone that Trustee Reardon had dealt with this issue at another meeting in the recent past where he had handouts. She read from an Attorney General opinion that nothing in public meeting (Sunshine) law should be construed to guarantee the public has the right to speak in meetings, rather that the law guarantees the right of the public to witness the business of public bodies. She went on to emphasize that the Board of Trustees values its communication with the public and has set the “Other Items” portion of the agenda aside so that the public may speak with the Board, but this is different than constant interruptions and the belief that one has the right to speak during every item on the agenda. Ms. Stuart understood what Trustee Cera was saying and suggested laws could be changed.

Ms. Stuart asked for an update with the old Schottenstein Center, Administrator Vaughn responded that he is aware it is for sale. Resident Don Gregory asked if access to the old Schottenstein shopping center could be blocked, and the Fire Chief responded no, that would cause a safety issue if folks were in the building and needed help. There was a question about the old Mr. Bill’s bowling alley as well, and Mr. Vaughn responded that there are no known plans for that parcel at this time. There continues to be cars left at Albert & Westerville and well as Oakland Park and Westerville. Resident Donna Goodman Adassa asked if the County Environmental Court handles abandoned car issues, Trustee Reardon responded these issues likely have to go through the County Prosecutor’s Office first that the Township cannot take these issues directly to court. Trustee Cera added this is where we talk about becoming Home Rule, but that is up to the voters. Ms. Stuart asked about how to collect signatures to put the issue of Home Rule up to the Township voters and Trustee Sword responded that she should connect with the Franklin County Board of Elections.

Superintendent Fleig had emailed the County Engineer’s Office and they did not recommend making any changes at Elmore and Walford. Trustee Cera requested information about other traffic calming measures such as a roundabout.

### **APPECIATIONS**

Ms. Stuart thanked the Public Works Dept for fixing a damaged storm drain in front of her home recently. Resident Deb Steele added thanks for getting all the storm drains cleaned out so hopefully there is less flooding.

Fire Chief Fraley thanked resident Carol Seitz for helping mend the United States flag that hangs at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

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### APPECIATIONS CONT:

Trustee Sword thanked volunteers who helped pass out food, the Township was able to donate 612 lbs. of food to Rescuing Leftover Cuisine and the 2020 dates have been updated on the Township's [website](#). Anyone can volunteer the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, just arrive around 5:30pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

### NEW BUSINESS CONT:

**Res. No. 20-01-024** Motion by Trustee Sword to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code [121.22G\(4\)](#) for the purposes of preparing for or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon. Vote Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Start at 1:06pm

End at 1:34pm

**Res. No. 20-01-025** Motion by Trustee Sword to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code [121.22](#) to discuss the employment of public employees. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon. Vote Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Start at 1:35pm

End at 3:02pm

**Res. No. 20-01-026** Motion by Trustee Sword to increase pay by 2% for Rachel Adams effective Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Reardon. Vote Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

**Res. No. 20-01-027** Motion by Trustee Sword to increase pay by 2% for Jonathan O'Connor effective Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Cera. Vote Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

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

Meeting ended at 3:06pm

### **ATTEST:**

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**Aliena Sword, Chair**

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**Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer**