

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on February 5th at Noon at 999 Chambers Rd. Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Carl Reardon, and Aliena Sword, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Township Administrator Vaughn, Fire Chief Fraley, Superintendent Fleig, and some residents.

GENERAL

Next meeting will be February 19th, at 999 Chambers Rd. at Noon.

Res. No. 20-02-001 Motion by Trustee Sword to pass the agenda with flexibility. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Res. No. 20-02-002 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve bills. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Res. No. 20-02-003 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve payroll. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Res. No. 20-02-004 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve minutes from the January 15th, 2020 meeting. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Res. No. 20-02-005 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve minutes from the January 23rd, 2020 meeting. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes

Fiscal Officer Steele read the December 2019 Fiscal Report. On Dec. 1st, there was an overall Fund Balance of \$5,517,835.32 there was \$382,745.91 in Revenue and \$524,982.53 in Expenditures leaving an overall Fund Balance on December 31st, 2019 of \$5,375,596.70.

There was discussion about the list of uncleared checks and efforts to connect with the vendors who might need to have a payment reissued.

Res. No. 20-02-006 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve the December Fiscal Report, 2nd Trustee Reardon, Vote: Trustee Reardon, – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Res. No. 20-02-007 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve Amending 2020 Temporary Appropriations, 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Reardon, – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Res. No. 20-02-008 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve the creation of a new fund #2251 Federal Law Enforcement, effective 01/01/2020, 2nd by Trustee Reardon. Vote: Trustee Reardon, – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

There was discussion of neighborhood signs for parks and Township buildings. Trustee Sword asked Trustee Cera what sort of new signs are being considered, and Cera responded that she does not have any preconceived ideas but would like residents to give input. Resident Carol Stuart asked about the old sign that was in front of 999 Chambers Rd, that she is hopeful it could be repurposed and was created with a 1940's type theme. Ms. Stuart and her husband would volunteer to help cut the old sign for a new use. Trustee Cera added that there has been discussion about benches, and trash cans, and that a conversation needs to be had to discuss placement of the sign and of all these items. Superintendent Fleig is willing to work with folks and map out ideal placements. Resident Jane Margiotta wanted to know if there was a meeting or discussion before removing the old sign at 999 Chambers Rd. The Board responded that they recall ordering signs and the overall need to update signs. Trustee Reardon asked where the old building sign is for 3820 Cleveland Ave, and was informed it is in a garage at that location. Resident Nick Gani stated that the UVCA paid for the old sign at 999 Chambers Rd. Fiscal Officer Steele added that the Civic Association donated the sign to the Township, and at that point the sign is the Township's property.

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GENERAL CONTINUED:

Resident and former Trustee Paula Armentrout is upset about trash that has been left for several weeks at 1997 Radnor Ave. She stated that a flyer was created with the county on Economic Development that listed things like where people can dump old furniture, but she has heard that the Township is not collaborating anymore with other agencies. Trustee Cera said that she recalls being in the audience when Ms. Armentrout faced the exact same frustrations on the Board, and that this is not something new and it is an ongoing problem. There was confusion about how the Township could become a [Limited Home Rule](#) jurisdiction, Ms. Armentrout accused the Board of not moving forward with this process and the Board responded that they cannot do so, that it is up to residents. She went on to say this recently came up at a previous meeting and they directed residents to connect with the [Franklin County Board of Elections](#) to learn how this could be brought to the voters of the Township to decide. Trustee Reardon added petitions presented to the board should be made in an open meeting and be reflected in the minutes.

POLICE

Sergeant Newman was Awarded the Officer of the Year by Trustee Sword. This Award is given to the Officer or Supervisor who was nominated by his or her peers. Sgt. Newman has promoted and managed several of our Community commitment campaigns such as the annual, Heroes' and Helper's program with Target, AMC, Bath and Body Works, and Infinity 99 cent stores. Over 30 Families were assisted this past Holiday season. Sgt. Newman also assists in Picnic with Police and working with juvenile programs with the Police Department. Sgt. Newman also takes pride in making sure new officers are welcomed when coming aboard and setting up the Field training program for them. Sgt. Newman always shows initiative and positive interaction with his fellow officers during his tours of duty. For this reason, Sgt. Newman was Awarded the Officer of the Year for 2019.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Mr. Vaughn updated everyone that the Ohio Dept of Agriculture will be holding a meeting Feb 10th at 3820 Cleveland Ave from 6 till 8pm for the purpose of relating to their [Gypsy Moth Management Program](#).

Mr. Vaughn also provided the monthly Code Compliance report. There was some discussion about the mini 5G Sprint cell phone towers that are going up more on the Westside and likely they will be attached to existing poles.

FIRE

Res. No. 20-02-009 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve a P.O. for Ohio CAT for repairs to the pump on E61 in the amount of \$30,000.00 from fund #2111-220-323. 2nd Trustee Cera, Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes

Chief Fraley provided a January monthly report. He also announced that there will be a free Naloxone training and kits given away March 2nd at 999 Chambers Rd. and 5pm and also March 12th at 3820 Cleveland Ave. at 5pm.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Board signed the 2019 Township Road mileage certification form.

Res. No. 20-02-010 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve trading in the following equipment to Bobcat Enterprises; 2003 Case 580 Super M backhoe (\$14,000.00), 1998 New Holland 3930 tractor (\$6,000.00), and 1988 Case 252 roller/compactor (\$1,500.00) for a total trade value of \$21,500.00. 2nd Trustee Reardon, Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes

Resident Paula Armentrout asked if this equipment is currently used, Superintendent Fleig responded that the next items on the agenda will do all the work the old equipment did. Trustee Cera updated everyone that there are big repairs needed for the old backhoe. Trustee Sword asked what the Township will do if the new skid steer needs repaired, and Mr. Fleig responded that the Township would likely rent equipment in that situation. Resident Jane Margiotta asked if this new equipment will be able to travel to the Westside to do work and Mr. Fleig responded, yes it is smaller than the backhoe.

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PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUED:

Res. No. 20-02-011 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve a P.O. to be paid from fund #2031-330-740 in the amount of \$60,768.95 payable to Clark Equipment Company for the purchase of a Bobcat S595 skid steer loader with five attachments. 2nd Trustee Cera, Vote: Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes

Mr. Fleig provided a January monthly report.

OTHER ITEMS

Resident Carol Stuart asked if the broken residential stove at 999 Chambers Rd is going to get replaced, officials said they would look into it.

Resident Tony Gossman asked why both meetings of the month have been moved to Noon. He was aware that some folks work 2nd shift so maybe this would fit their schedule better but for the 9am to 5pm folks it does not. There was a review of when other government bodies meet, and some Townships change the time of their meetings in the month. Fiscal Officer Steele added that it is possible residents could meet with a Trustee on a Saturday if that fits their schedule better. Mr. Gossman also had questions about property taxes and there was clarification of how departments are funded. It is common that residents are not aware the vast majority of their real-estate taxes fund Columbus Public Schools.

Resident Nick Gani added that the entrances into the playground would benefit from being paved over, or asphalt added. There is concern about public easements and being sure water drainage is attended to, but Superintendent Fleig will look into it.

Trustee Cera added that AEP will soon start adding electric streetlights on Walford and Elmore on existing poles.

Resident Bobbie Olt asked why the Township issued cell phones are not listed on the website. The Board responded that many websites get phone and emails hacked and then they get many robocalls and junk mail so a “contact us” form is on the website instead.

Information Specialist Rachel Adams announced that the [OTA conference](#) is happening this week and many officials and staff are participating from the Township.

Res. No. 20-02-012 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. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes
Start at 1:06pm
End at 1:34pm

Res. No. 20-02-013 Motion by Trustee Sword to accept a contract between The Clinton Township Board of Trustees, in Franklin Co Ohio and Clinton Township Firefighters Local #1800 of the I.A.F.F. from Jan 1st 2020 till Dec 31st 2022. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes

Res. No. 20-02-014 Motion by Trustee Sword to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code [121.22G\(1\)](#) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. 2nd Trustee Reardon. Vote Trustee Reardon – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes
Start at 1:35pm
End at 3:09pm

Chair Sword moved to adjourn and Trustee Cera 2nd
Meeting ended at 3:10pm

ATTEST:

Aliena Sword, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer