

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on August 19th at Noon via an online [videoconference](#). Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Jess Jessberger, and Aliena Sword, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Township Administrator Matt Huffman, Fire Chief Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent Fleig, and Code Compliance Officer O'Connor.

GENERAL

Next meeting will be September 2nd, at Noon, online.

Res. No. 20-08-010 Motion by Trustee Sword to accept the agenda with flexibility. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes

Res. No. 20-08-011 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve the Aug 5th, 2020 meeting minutes. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes

Res. No. 20-08-012 Motion by Trustee Sword to Amend the 2020 Permanent Appropriations. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes

Res. No. 20-08-013 Motion by Trustee Sword to revise the Township Investment Policy. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword – Yes

COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

Trustee Cera had the first Chat with a Trustee on the 8th of August on the Westside, she estimated more than 20 folks came out and thanks them for doing so. It was mostly Q & A and she wrote a lot of things down to follow up with so she wanted to thank Superintendent Fleig for getting some trees and brush trimmed. She has had conversations with both Police and Fire Chiefs that a big take away from the meeting is keeping staffing levels appropriate, and she guesses appropriate is the question that she took away. There seems to be a lot emphasis and fear that when she looks at crime statics is not borne out by the data. We know that crime on the west side is really dropping after the Police Chief did all the leg work to try and deal with the issues from the group home over there. Perhaps better communication with the residents to help them understand, by reviewing crime statics that the difference between the East and Westsides it is a glaring distinction. There was also a request to turn on closed captioning on YouTube and that has been easy to do. Trustee Cera wanted to discuss with the other Trustees the request to post the agenda before the meetings, and they agreed that is a good idea. The last big discussion item was around residents being able to post questions during the online Trustee meetings. The Township's license with [WebEx](#) limits the number of participants but the Information Specialist is looking into options.

Trustee Sword is seeing some significant increased numbers at the Free Produce Market, there were 200 families that came through at the last market. There was 60 or more free naloxone or naran kits given out as well. The Township wants everyone to know there are no income, or zip code, or residential status requirements to participate. Fire Chief Fraley added that Aug 28th from 4 to 6pm will be another market, and the CHAT team decided to continue doing another two markets a month till the end of the year. In addition to that folks can sign up for the Commodity Supplemental Food [Program](#) that delivers about a 30 pound boxes of food, the requirements for this program are folks who are age 60 or more and a self-reported income level. His Department delivered the boxes after the market was over and people can call 614.475.0022 to sign up or get more information. The Township has a [calendar](#) for future Free Produce Markets as well as the option to follow on the [Fire Dept Facebook](#) page that creates events, so when someone clicks attending or interested they will get a reminder.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Huffman attended a stakeholder meeting for the Northwest Corridor that runs from Downtown Columbus up to Dublin. There is a [Foundations Report](#) that residents can review. The idea behind the Northwest Corridor is to promote transportation choices and support development that enhances economic vibrancy and brings together strategic partners creates actionable strategies for implementation that manage future growth and advances prosperity throughout the region. Multimodal transportation is being encouraged and a goal to unbundle roadway knots. There will be more meetings and Trustee Cera has attended one in the past. She added that she appreciated attending a stakeholder meeting and spoke to the designers about evening out the economic opportunities along the corridor, insuring that residents had input, and designing development to fit the aesthetic of neighborhoods. She offered the Township's help to get the word out among residents whenever stakeholder meetings began.

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TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR CONTINUED

Mr. Huffman said more mosquito spraying will soon happen because they found another West Nile infected mosquito in the traps on the Eastside.

He recommends the Township reapply with the Ohio Public Works Commission to do work along the Southside of Ormond Ave. Trustee Cera asked if the Township would change the application to make it more attractive, Mr. Huffman responded it is likely because they just completed work along the North side of Ormond Ave they needed to spread resources to other communities but he is open to ideas of how to make the application more appealing. Trustee Sword added she would like to see the application again before it is submitted. There is a deadline of the end of September to reapply. Trustee Cera asked about the previous application and how the Township scored and possibly changing contribution amounts or other things to consider. Mr. Huffman said he has experience receiving these applications in another county and he has rated applications in the past. He plans to reach out to MORPC and the County Engineers Office

FIRE

Res. No. 20-08-014 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve the purchase agreement with Penn Care, Inc. under the state term schedule for a new 2020 Ford/Braun Chief XL medic vehicle for \$232,175.00 to be paid from 2111-220-750. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Fire Chief Fraley added this another one of the actions we discussed during the levy, our current front-line medic has over 100K miles on it.

Chief Fraley updated everyone that they recently added another service vehicle, or First Responder vehicle to the Westside. The vehicle is not a typical medic and is staffed with one Firefighter/Paramedic and had basic fire and medic equipment aboard. With this addition, last week Station 62 was in operation everyday other than on Saturday.

Res. No. 20-08-015 Motion by Trustee Sword authorizing pursuant to [ORC 505.267](#) a lease purchase agreement over three years for a Ford F550-FX2 Diesel Braun Chief XL.2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

POLICE

Police Chief Jones announced that the public notices have been placed for an update to the Westside parking permit enforcement changes. After Aug 31st when the last public notice is ran in the Daily Reporter the Township's legal council will then update the Franklin County Municipal Clerk of Courts Office to have this put into the docket. Likely before September is over enforcement will begin again. The Department will continue to get the word out, and if Residents need permits please obtain them soon. Enforcement will include citations and possible towing.

Res. No. 20-08-016 Motion by Trustee Sword to declare 4 old cell phones as surplus and donate them to Grace Haven House on Karl Rd, a nonprofit that works with juveniles. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Fiscal Officer Steele added it is estimated to be 3 or 4 phones and the Police Chief did remove data cards already.

Chief Jones wanted to add clarity to the recent meeting on the Westside with a Trustee. Residents should know there is Police coverage there. Officer Carpenter is the day shift person, he was on vacation last week, and Chief Jones has made several trips to the Westside as well. Officer Badders and Officer Burr have been there on the night shifts. On the Westside there were reports of people having their vehicles broken into and two arrests were made. There were 378 dispatched runs in July so the Department is starting to be as active as it was before Covid, about 97% of these calls are from the Eastside, he estimated there was three runs to the Westside the month before that. When we do have a lot of calls in the Eastside we have seen an uptick with Mutual Aid allowing Mifflin TWP, City of Columbus, and the County Sheriff's Office to address issues like the shootings in the Linden area. Chief Jones wanted to share some of these statics to help all residents understand they do have Police coverage.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Res. No. 20-08-017 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve the Franklin County Engineers bid of \$25,660.91 for storm tile replacement and catch basin installation on the south side of Ward Rd. to be paid from fund #2031-330-316. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Superintendent Fleig added he is making replacing this tile because the job is bigger than his department can handle, a lot of the other flooding issues around the Township since he took over back in June (2019) they have been able to flush out, this storm tile is in too poor condition to be cleaned.

CODE COMPLIANCE

Res. No. 20-08-018 Motion by Trustee Sword to approve an [ORC 505.87](#) clean-up: Case 284 – 2064 Elmore – Parcel ID: 130-003508. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

APPRECIATIONS

Township Administrator Huffman said that today it has been two months that he has been with Clinton Township and he wanted to thank everyone for their support, input, direction, background history, and all that to help him get started. Trustee Sword responded that we appreciate you as well.

Superintendent Fleig added that the Public Works crew received a couple appreciations for work they have done cleaning up a monster brush pile on Chambers Circle and several residents thanked them for clearing the brush along Kinnear Rd. Trustee Sword agreed, she was recently near there.

OTHER ITEMS

Res. No. 20-08-019 Motion by Trustee Sword to enter an executive session per [ORC 121.22](#)(G)(4) for the purpose of preparing for or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Start: 12:41pm

End: 2:04pm

Res. No. 20-08-020 Motion by Trustee Sword Motion to enter an executive session under [ORC 121.22](#)(G)(1); To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Sword –Yes

Start: 2:04pm

End: 2:32pm

Motion at 2:32pm to adjourn by Trustee Sword 2nd by Trustee Cera

ATTEST:

Aliena Sword, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer