

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on February 17th, at 6:30pm at 999 Chambers Rd. and broadcasted [online](#). Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Jessica Jessberger, and Rebecca Grimm, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Township Administrator Matt Huffman, Police Chief Mike Jones, Superintendent of Public Works Dave Medley, Community Affairs Specialist Glenda Mihaly, and some Residents.

GENERAL

Next meeting will be March 3rd, 2022 at 6:30pm, at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

Res. No. 22-02-006 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the agenda with flexibility. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Res. No. 22-02-007 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to enter an executive session Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8) for the purpose of considering confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, trade secrets, and/or or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance; that is to be provided or administered Chapter 715 of the Revised Code. By unanimous quorum, the Board hereby determines that the executive session is necessary to protect the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes
Start: 6:32pm
End: 7:25pm

Res. No. 22-02-008 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the January 6th Meeting Minutes. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Res. No. 22-02-009 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the January 20th Meeting Minutes. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Abstained

Res. No. 22-02-010 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the bills. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Res. No. 22-02-011 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve payroll. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

There was a discussion on agenda setting, and Trustee Grimm thanked management's participation in helping her understand the existing process. She provided a document that summarized what she learned and well as provided suggestions. One suggestion is to add a Fiscal section on the agenda. Another suggestion is to use SharePoint as a way to edit the agenda instead of emailing edits. It was discussed to have Monday before the meetings as a deadline for additions. Trustee Cera asked if SharePoint will email others as items are edited or added. Various ways to see who made edits when were discussed, and everyone seemed willing to try a new way to make the agenda.

Res. No. 22-02-012 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to rescind Motion 18-12-007 and use SharePoint. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

There was a discussion of Streetlights lead by Trustee Cera. She reviewed that 2016 was her first year on the Board and two groups asked for more streetlights. Utility poles are expensive to install. Adding more streetlights has been recommended in street plans. Adding lights in front yards was an idea. June of 2018 two Solar streetlights were installed. Resident Nick Gani and Trustee Sword liked the performance of the solar streetlights. In April of 2019 the Board approved the purchase of 50 solar streetlights and the Township learned cost sharing can't happen with Residents so they could not be placed in front yards. Fall of 2019 installation of the solar streetlights started and that went into 2020. Only a few Residents said they did not want a light placed at a proposed site. Fall of 2021 Resident Mike Toops called streetlights unicorns because he does not see many. Trustee Cera wants to install more solar lights and wanted to hear the other Trustee's thoughts about this. Trustee Jessberger responded that they are supposed to get brighter when someone moves but when she has tested them they seem dim. Superintendent Medley said when it is cold outside the batteries do not work as well. He added the tops need to

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be cleaned every 6 months. There are also two settings available, and by sunrise they are less powerful. Trustee Cera added that Ted Schaefer from Shoplight Solutions suggested the batteries might still be under warranty. Overall Trustee Jessberger would like to see more streetlights in the Township, and wondered about adding lights to the alleyways. Trustee Cera responded that not all utility poles can have a streetlight added to them. Trustee Cera estimated that the existing lights were about \$600 each, the first Purchase Order was for \$25K, and perhaps a total of \$33K with the poles. Mr. Schaefer estimates they would be about 1.5 times more expensive and Trustee Cera is wondering if the Board would like to order the same amount again, in the \$30K to \$40K range. Trustee Jessberger would like to improve what the Township already has, because she has heard from Residents who do not think they are working well. Trustee Grimm is also concerned about the quality of the existing solar lights and has seen paint chipping. Trustee Grimm suggested the Township do the research to see if these are something the Township can maintain, and ensure they are a quality product. Trustee Cera responded that it was normal for all metal pole lights to need maintenance. Fiscal Officer Steele added that the Township has been in communication with AEP who recently approved switching to LED bulbs, and she is wondering if there could be a cost reduction because they use less energy. Trustee Cera has concerns with the blue light LEDs can create and she likes the way the existing Solar lights work well with a dark sky.

Trustee Cera was glad to announce the application to become a Tree City USA community was approved. She asked but learned they do not make a separate program for Township's specifically.

COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

Total distribution at Free Produce Markets held on 1/7, 1/28 and 2/11: 31,000 pounds of produce, 100 gunlocks, and 29 Nalozone kits. Several Harm Reduction kits including Fentanyl test strips were distributed to 195 families representing 680 individuals. The next Free Produce Market will be on 2/25 from 4-6p.m. or until we run out of food.

ADMINISTRATION

Administrator Huffman provided update on Elmore sidewalk grant and the EV Charging grant, both have been submitted.

Res. No. 22-02-013 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve Motion 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. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Res. No. 22-02-014 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve Motion to approve the Medical Mutual PPO health insurance plan at an 8% rate increase for all eligible employees and elected officials for a 15-month contract starting April 1, 2021 and ending July 1, 2023. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Trustee Cera suggested reviewing the Wellness program, and thought it might be better to offer direct pay incentives instead. Police Chief Jones said that very different programs are run in Police and Fire, he is glad there is a greater emphasis on Mental Health programs for Police Officers.

There was a discussion about disposal of old Township mobile devices. It was decided because these items are less than \$500 of value they do not need to be declared as surplus. Admin Huffman had about 5 cell phones that he would find a nonprofit to donate them to.

Res. No. 22-02-015 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve Motion to approve Township Administrator to sign required documents regarding the transfer of 1715 Elmore Ave to the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC). 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Trustee Grimm asked for details about this transfer. It allows COCIC to build a single family home on the parcel.

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ADMINISTRATION CONTINUED

Res. No. 22-02-016 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve Motion to approve Township Administrator to sign required documents regarding the transfer of 1837 Lehner Rd to the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC). 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Res. No. 22-02-017 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve Motion to approve Township Administrator to sign required documents regarding the transfer of 1999 Ormond Ave to the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC). 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

FIRE

Res. No. 22-02-018 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to hire Hunter Gray and Gage Weiler as supplemental part-time firefighters at a rate of \$11/hr effective today. To be paid from 2111-220-100 and 2281- 230-100. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

POLICE

Free gun locks are available at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8a.m.- 4p.m., Monday-Friday. Also half the funding for more training has been provided and Chief Jones is looking forward to working with more agencies during this additional training that will be offered.

PUBLIC WORKS

Newer Superintendent Dave Medley thanked everyone, he has enjoyed working for the Township and everyone helping him as he got started.

There was a discussion on the Township vinyl banners that are coming undone due to a manufacturer's defect and the manufacturer had to provided new banners. New hardware is needed to repair the banners. They will be renting equipment that costs about \$1,300 per week to repair them and to clean the solar light tops.

Res. No. 22-02-019 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to accept the 2021 mileage certificate as submitted by the Franklin County Engineer. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

APPRECIATIONS

Trustee Grimm thanked Police Officer Burr for her recent ride along during his shift. She learned a lot from that experience.

Trustee Jessberger and FO Steele thanked the Public Works Department for keeping up with the recent snow and ice events. Superintendent Medley added he was glad they stayed a head of the icy snow because other areas waited and then it was more difficult to remove.

Police Chief Jones thanked Fire and Public Works for their assistance in getting all the Police cruisers under roofs to keep vehicles ready for operations when Officers arrived for their shifts.

Administrator Huffman welcomed Superintendent Medley to the Township and thanked him for choosing to come work here.

Trustee Cera thanked Administrator Huffman for all his work on grants and other items at the Township.

Motion by Trustee Jessberger at 8:21pm to adjourn 2nd by Trustee Grimm 2nd

ATTEST:

Jessica Jessberger, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer