

## The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave and was streamed [online](#). Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Jessica Jessberger, and Rebecca Grimm, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Township Administrator Matt Huffman, Fire Chief Brian Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent of Public Works Dave Medley, Code Compliance Office Nick Haring and residents.

### GENERAL

Next meeting will be April 7, 2022 at 6:30pm, at 999 Chambers Rd.

**Res. No. 22-03-017** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the agenda with flexibility. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Trustee Cera [lead a presentation](#) regarding the benefits of street trees. Trustee Cera reminded everyone that Clinton Township was named as a Tree City USA community and said residents have asked why the Township is spending money planting trees as part of this program. She cited studies in [Connecticut, Baltimore and Chicago](#) that showed high levels of tree canopy, vegetation and green space [resulted in lower levels of crime](#). She mentioned [another study](#) in Chicago indicating the higher the vegetation around inner-city apartment buildings, the lower the crime. Trustee Cera mentioned trees increase property values, improve business corridors, reduce pollution and have health benefits. They affect ambient temperature and our energy use. The Columbus Urban Forestry Master Plan says our neighboring communities of Linden, Olentangy West and University District have half the tree canopy of Clintonville. Last year 30 trees were planted in Clinton Township, this year we have an [application process](#) for residents who want to have a tree planted in the right-of-way near their property.

Trustee Cera went on to show the cyclical relationship between community development and economic development. Economic developers rely on local governments to create communities where businesses want to locate and neighborhoods where workers want to live. Investing in neighborhoods by adding streetlights, street trees, sidewalks and drainage projects is community development, and it supports economic development efforts.

### FISCAL

**Res. No. 22-03-018** Motion to approve March 3<sup>rd</sup> Minutes. Motion: Trustee Jessberger, Seconded by Trustee Grimm. Trustee Cera: Yes, Trustee Grimm: No, Trustee Jessberger: Yes

**Res. No. 22-03-019** Was added to the agenda, Motion to amend the [2022 Permanent Appropriations](#). Fiscal Officer Steele explained Chief Jones had to cancel the police vehicle purchase which was approved late last year, for him to buy other vehicles, the Permanent Appropriations must be amended. Motion: Trustee Jessberger, Seconded: Trustee Cera. Trustee Cera: Yes, Trustee Grimm: Yes, Trustee Jessberger: Yes

### COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

Trustee Cera announced the Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm, which will include a display of the Township's Electric Vehicles and Solar Vehicles. There will be a Litter Sweep, a prescription drug drop-off, and a Garage and Basement Clean-Out. Superintendent Medley says no tires will be accepted that day but perhaps in the fall. Chief Fraley says volunteers from BESA will be helping that day.

### ADMINISTRATION

No new business

### FIRE

**Res. No. 22-03-020** Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to enter an Affiliation Agreement with the OSU college of Social Work to allow interns to be placed with Clinton Township.

Motion by: Trustee Jessberger, Seconded by: Trustee Grimm. Trustee Cera: Yes, Trustee Grimm: Yes, Trustee Jessberger: Yes

**Res. No. 22-03-021** Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to enter an Affiliation Agreement with the Delaware Area Career Center allowing students to receive experience in the emergency services profession. Motion by: Trustee Jessberger, Seconded by: Trustee Cera. Trustee Cera: Yes, Trustee Grimm: Yes, Trustee Jessberger: Yes

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### POLICE

[Presentation from Waypoint Safety Consulting](#) on Police Department Personnel Study. Presented by Dave Rose, managing partner of Waypoint. Mr. Rose and Sean Bolender, Waypoint's other managing partner reviewed their data-gathering and Police/Safety backgrounds for the Board. They reviewed both the 2019 police calls for service (pre-COVID) and the 2021 staffing numbers to determine optimum staffing needs.

Mr. Rose explained that the model used for police time allocation was developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. It consists of three "buckets": Call Response, Non-Enforcement Work and Proactive Policing. They are meant to be equal. Mr. Rose explained of the 8,303 calls, 5,549 were designated as high priority (2-officer calls). 80% of the call volume is in 20 of the 87 call priority types (Suspicious person, Investigate Complaint, Domestic Complaint, Larceny In-Progress, Suicide Attempt, etc.).

After the numbers were analyzed, Mr. Rose and Mr. Bolender found officers are spending 70.1% of their time in Call Response, leaving 29.9% for Non-Enforcement Work and no time for Proactive Policing.

They stated that currently the department has 11.3 Full-time-equivalent officers on patrol. Mr. Rose said 17 Full-time-equivalents are needed to optimize staffing.

**Res. No. 22-03-021** Request resolution to hire part time officer Cheyenne Hughes full time at the stop 1 rate of the bargaining unit effective Saturday, April 2, 2022. Salary to be paid from fund 2081-210-100. Motion by: Trustee Jessberger, Seconded by: Trustee Grimm. Trustee Cera: Yes, Trustee Grimm: Yes, Trustee Jessberger: Yes.

**Res. No. 22-03-022** Request resolution to rescind resolution [No. 21-12-020](#). To cancel purchase order to Jim Shorkey Auto motive group in the amount of \$81,986.00. Dodge has cancelled production of the vehicles. Motion by: Trustee Jessberger, Seconded by: Trustee Cera. Trustee Cera: Yes, Trustee Grimm: Yes, Trustee Jessberger: Yes

**Res. No. 22-03-023** Request motion for a purchase order to Byers Auto for two Ford Explorers in an amount of \$87,020.00 from fund 2081-760-750. Motion by: Trustee Jessberger, Seconded by: Trustee Grimm. Trustee Cera: Yes, Trustee Grimm: Yes, Trustee Jessberger: Yes.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Superintendent Medley reminded residents that brush pick-up won't start until April 18<sup>th</sup>. He also wanted to announce that Public Works crew member Chris Muncie did obtain his certification from the Ohio Department of Agriculture for pesticide applications.

### CODE COMPLIANCE

**Res. No. 22-03-024** Motion to approve a 505.87 clean-up: Case 433—2076 Ormond Ave. – Parcel ID: 130-006725-00 Motion by: Trustee Jessberger, Seconded by: Trustee Cera. Trustee Cera: Yes, Trustee Grimm: Yes, Trustee Jessberger: Yes.

Janice Rogers is the owner of the property and said she has tried to clean up the property, but has financial hardship issues. Trustee Cera asked Officer Haring how old were the photos provided to the Board, he replied "two days." She said the pictures were not showing acceptable conditions and that this was necessary for good of the neighbors of the property. Trustee Jessberger asked Chief Fraley if he could check into any service availability for Ms. Rogers. He will do so. Code Compliance Officer Haring said he has not seen progress in the past six months. Per the O.R.C. Ms. Rogers has seven days to clean up the property.

### APPRECIATIONS

Resident Bobbie Olt thanked Officer Goodwin for the tour of the new Tesla cruiser.

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### OTHER

Trustee Grimm wanted to add a resolution about Administrator Huffman working closely with Grandview Heights. It was suggested that be tabled until the next meeting, so that she could bring the actual language of a motion to the agenda for the Chair to read. Trustee Cera said the same should happen to formalize the agenda-setting process the Board has been piloting.

### OTHER CONTINUED

**Res. No. 22-03-025** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to move into executive session pursuant to RC 121.22(G)(8) for the purpose considering confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, trade secrets, and/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. & Motion to enter an executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the compensation of public employees. Seconded by: Trustee Cera. Trustee Cera: Yes, Trustee Grimm: Yes, Trustee Jessberger: Yes  
Start: 8:01p.m.  
End: 8:52p.m.

**Res. No. 22-03-026** Motion to authorize a 3% pay raise for Community Affairs/Public Relations Specialist Glenda Mihaly, effective March 7, 2022. Motion by: Trustee Jessberger, Seconded by: Trustee Cera. Trustee Cera: Yes, Trustee Grimm: Yes, Trustee Jessberger

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Jessberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Grimm. 8:82p.m.

### **ATTEST:**

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**Jessica Jessberger, Chair**

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**Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer**