

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on April 21st, at 6:30pm at 999 Chambers Rd. and was streamed [online](#). Present were Trustees Jane Cera, and Jessica Jessberger, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Township Administrator Matt Huffman, Fire Chief Brian Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent of Public Works Dave Medley, Community Affairs/Public Relations Specialist Glenda Mihaly and residents.

GENERAL

Next meeting will be May 5th, 2022 at 3820 Cleveland Ave. at 6:30 p.m.

Res. No. 22-04-018 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to accept the agenda with flexibility. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes

FISCAL OFFICER

Res. No. 22-04-019 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the April 7th, meeting minutes. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes.

Res. No. 22-04-020 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve a \$300K transfer from the General Fund to the Police Fund 2nd Trustee Cera.

Trustee Jessberger said she has been thinking about what was discussed at the previous meeting and can see how Police will need a levy eventually but she is not looking to do a levy this year, maybe in a year and a half. One concern is the Township has the ability to support Police currently and the recently approved Fire levy was substantial. Trustee Cera said she questions the timing of making the transfer not the overall philosophy of making one. Reviewing the budget where they have almost \$2M, when they just got \$300K deposited in during the 1st or 2nd month of this year that we approved last year, when to date when looking at the February Fiscal Reports because that's what is currently available Police had only spent 12 percent of their appropriations so far? The Police Chief wrote the Board an email regarding some personal changes he would like to make and he estimated that to cost about \$40K with a part time person going to full time. Chief Jones reviewed that a salary increase is estimated to be about \$32K, too much was spent on overtime last year to provide coverage so this position would almost pay for itself. Trustee Cera stated she does not understand what the urgency is particularly when the Board has not yet had the conversation that will happen later tonight. Trustee Cera questioned the timing and who asked for it? Fiscal Officer Steele responded with estimated HRA increases that Trustee Cera responded is no where in the ballpark of \$300K. FO Steele replied that the draft of Amending Permanent Appropriations that she brought to the meeting appropriates an additional \$150K as she thinks all of that will be needed to cover moving two part time staff to full time, leaving the other half to cover next year's HRA obligation. FO Steele suggested a more wholistic way to review such things as this is often not the best forum. Trustee Cera said she has no data and does not know if this is the right amount, the Board will have projections in May, so why is the Board not talking about this after that? FO Steele would like to reduce the number of times Appropriations are Amended. Trustee Cera reiterated she would like to revisit this after an Executive Session and FO Steele added it would be better to wait until the 3rd Trustee is present, and she added this was to make up for the transfer that did not happen last year. FO Steele believes if this support continued every year the Township could wait at least 12 years in between levies. Trustee Cera said the transfer that was approved last year was effective 2021 and the fact it did not get made is on the FO. Trustee Cera stated [the resolution](#) should be checked because she recalled it stated 2021. FO Steele did not agree and encouraged folks to [watch](#) when the Board approved the 2021 Budget and she and Trustee Cera had an awful argument about how much support for the Police Dept from the Income Tax is needed. FO Steele remains confident the Township can wait until at least the year 2028 with enough support coming from Income Tax going to the Police Dept. *Trustee Grimm arrived to the meeting.* Trustee Cera asked the Police Chief for his thoughts, he responded that he would like to wait until the Executive Session. Resident Bobbie Olt added that we have been talking about this since the middle of last year, the Police needed the transfer last year and they did not get it. A \$300K transfer was approved late last year to be effective Jan 1st this year, so this is to make up for what did not happen last year. Projections have shown without ongoing support Police would be negative \$260K by 2024. Trustee Cera said she would prefer to wait till May when projections will be available again, so she could be more sure about the amount needed. FO Steele has been recommending an ongoing percentage of the Income Tax go towards the Police Dept, at 15% or more. This would avoid the need for transfers and this and future Boards could always change the percentage. Trustee Grimm added that the Department is understaffed based on the recent study commissioned with [Waypoint Safety Consulting](#).

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FISCAL OFFICE CONTINUED

Res. No. 22-04-021 Motion by Trustee Cera to table the motion. 2nd Trustee Jessberger. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Grimm Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes

Res. No. 22-04-022 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve posting the FO Assistant job position. 2nd Trustee Grimm. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Grimm Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes.

Trustee Cera suggested the FO include desired years of experience to the job posting draft. FO Steele wanted to have a conversation with the Board about hiring someone full time instead of part time. It was decided the Township would try part time first to see if that will fit the need. FO Steele stated she would like to send the draft to legal counsel before posting.

COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

Community Health Action Team update from Chief Fraley, the April 8th Free Produce Market provided 10,000lbs of produce was distributed to 113 families, representing 365 individuals. The next market will be April 22nd where Franklin Co Public Health will be distributing Naloxone kits and Fentanyl test strips to anyone who would like to have them.

Trustee Cera reminded everyone that the Earth and Arbor Day celebration will take place Sat. April 30th from 10am till 2pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave. The Township will be giving away saplings for tree planting, prescription drug take backs, volunteer for a liter sweep, and township drop off day for old items from the garage.

ADMINISTRATION

Res. No. 22-04-023 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to adopt the “Standard Allowance (individual expenditure) for a Project” resolution document utilizing 2021 American Rescue Plan Act funding for the Elmore sidewalk project for the benefit of public infrastructure. 2nd by Trustee Cera.

Motion Amended by Trustee Cera to revise to the year 2022. 2nd Trustee Grimm. Vote Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Grimm Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes. Vote on Amended Motion, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Grimm Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes.

The Board is still considering if both sides, or just the South side will get a sidewalk. If both sides are done fiscal support beyond the \$250K grant and APRA fund would be needed, perhaps about \$150 to \$200K. There are many utility poles on the Northside of the street. Trustee Cera suggested adding raised crosswalks to the proposed plans to see if that could help calm traffic as well as provide more safety. It is the intent of the Board to spend as much of the APRA fund as needed to complete this project.

Res. No. 22-04-024 Motion by Trustee Jessberger authorizing the Township Administrator to prepare and submit a letter of consent for Watershed Distillery’s request for a temporary expansion of a liquor permit premises for the annual Four Peel Fest on Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 3:00 pm – 12:00 am. 2nd Trustee Grimm. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Grimm Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes.

FIRE

Res. No. 22-04-025 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve a PO in the amount of \$9255.60 payable to ProCare Services for an annual maintenance agreement for heart monitors and CPR devices. To be paid from fund 2281-230-430. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Grimm Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes.

POLICE

Chief Jones updated everyone that the previous night 2 people were shot near Walford and Cooke. A bullet hit a house on Sale and CPD is investigating.

PUBLIC WORKS

Res. No. 22-04-026 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve a PO in the amount not to exceed \$65,000 payable to General Concrete and Construction, LLC for the foundation and walls of the salt barn and to authorize the Public Works Superintendent to execute an agreement. Payable from line item #2031-760-720. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Grimm Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes.

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PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUED

Res. No. 22-04-027 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to accept the resignation of Chris Muncie, effective 4/29/2022. 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Grimm Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes.

Res. No. 22-04-028 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to post the open Public Works position. 2nd Trustee Grimm. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Grimm Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes.

CODE COMPLIANCE

Res. No. 22-04-029 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve a 505.87 clean up of case 439, for 1847 Sale Rd. 2nd Trustee Grimm. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Grimm Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes.

APPRECIATIONS

The Township Administrator Mr. Huffman thanked Community Affairs/Public Relations Specialist Glenda Mihaly for her work with the Township, FO Steele added that she self-initiated attending the [Sunshine Laws](#) training and enjoyed it, she will be greatly missed.

Res. No. 22-04-030 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to move into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the Compensation of public employees, O.R.C. section 121.22 (G)(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, and per ORC 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. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Grimm Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes.

Start: 7:30pm.

End: 9:08pm.

Res. No. 22-04-031 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve a \$500K transfer from the General Fund to the Police Fund 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes

Res. No. 22-04-032 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to promote Officer Connor Mulvey at Step 1 at the current bargaining contract effective May 2nd. Motion 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes

Res. No. 22-04-033 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the contractual process for a Sargent's position with Clinton Township Police Department 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes

Res. No. 22-04-034 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to amend the [2022 Permanent Appropriations](#) 2nd Trustee Cera. Vote, Trustee Cera Yes, Trustee Jessberger Yes

Motion to adjourn: Trustee Jessberger, Seconded by Trustee Grimm 9:15p.m.

ATTEST:

Jessica Jessberger, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer