

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on January 5th at 6:30 p.m. at 3820 Cleveland Ave and [broadcasted](#) online. Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Jessica Jessberger, and Rebecca Grimm, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Township Administrator Matt Huffman, Fire Chief Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Public Works Superintendent Dave Medley, Community Affairs Specialist Deborah Smothers, and several residents.

GENERAL

Next meeting will be January 19th, 2023 at 6:30pm, at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

Fiscal Officer Steele opened the meeting. Trustee Jessberger nominated Trustee Jessberger as Chair of the Board for 2023.

Trustee Grimm nominated Trustee Grimm as Chair of the Board for 2023.

Trustee Cera said that the meeting is under Robert's Rules so a 2nd for a nomination is not needed. The Fiscal Officer did not agree that the Township operates under Robert's Rules. Trustee Cera replied that in fact, yes, we do. Trustee Grimm who was anticipating becoming the Chair expressed her surprise that she was not being considered. Fiscal Officer Steele said she was not sure what to do and asked Trustee Cera to choose who she would support to become the Chair and Trustee Cera said she was supporting Jessberger, but that since there were two nominees a vote could be taken with each Trustee saying the name of the person they vote for. Vote: Trustee Cera– Jessberger, Trustee Jessberger- Jessberger, Trustee Grimm- Grimm

Trustee Jessberger is the Chair of the Board for 2023.

Trustee Cera nominated Trustee Grimm as Vice Chair. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes

Res. No. 23-01-001 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to accept the agenda with flexibility 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera–Yes

There was a discussion of committees' and internal work teams or committee participation.

Res. No. 23-01-002 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to appoint Trustee Cera as Chair of the Health Insurance Work Team. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Trustee Cera discussed about no longer needing the Building Work Team; it was needed during construction and thereafter. She added that Sustainability work is mostly being done by Mr Huffman now. The Township remains committed to sustainability goals.

Res. No. 23-01-003 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to appoint Trustee Grimm as Chair of the Budget Work Team and also the Beautification Work Team. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger–Yes

Res. No. 23-01-004 Motion by Trustee Cera to appoint Trustee Jessberger as Community Health Action Team (CHAT), and also the Chair of the Records Commission. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

FISCAL OFFICER

Res. No. 23-01-005 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve December 15, 2022 meeting minutes. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Res. No. 23-01-006 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve December 22, 2022 meeting minutes. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

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FISCAL OFFICER CONTINUED

Res. No. 23-01-007 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to allow the Township to receive \$350,000 or more in receipts for 2023. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Res. No. 23-01-008 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve Super Blanket certificates and Purchas Orders for 2023. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes.

Res. No. 23-01-009 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve bills. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes.

Res. No. 23-01-010 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve payroll. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes.

Res. No. 23-01-011 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to transfer \$250K ODOT from the General Fund #1000 to the Elmore Sidewalk Project Fund #2901. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes.

Res. No. 23-01-012 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to transfer \$600K from the General Fund #1000 to the Police Fund #2081. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes.

Res. No. 23-01-013 Motion to transfer \$300K from the General Fund #1000 to the Fire Fund #2111. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes.

Res. No. 23-01-014 Motion to transfer \$100K from the General Fund #1000 to the Road and Bridge Fund #2031. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Motion to table made by Trustee Jessberger 2nd by Trustee Cera

There was a discussion about why Public Works would need this proposed transfer. There was discussion if the Road and Bridge Fund should pay for repaving projects. The Fiscal Officer added this was not to cover infrastructure improvements, that in 2022 the Road and Bridge Fund had several unplanned expenses such as the backhoe and some of the salt barn construction. Trustee Cera asked the other two Trustees what their thinking was when passing the last budget since she could not be in attendance. There was a general notion that road resurfacing needed to be done. Trustee Cera said there is already a significant balance in Road and Bridge and wondered what amount that was truly necessary. There was agreement that Mr. Medley would bring more information to the next meeting.

COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

Fire Chief Fraley updated everyone that the next Free Produce market will be Friday, January 28th at 4pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave. Trustee Jessberger added yearly CHAT Anti-Violence focus. Trustee Cera reported that she had called Local Waste a few weeks ago regarding trash service leaving the can in the middle of the road and/or apron of her driveway and other residents.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Admin Huffman provided a monthly report and proposed changes to the Inclement Weather policy whereas a Dept. Head could make the determination for staff to report to work. Trustee Cera would prefer the Chair to make that decision. Next, was a discussion regarding the Employee Handbook regarding adding language about the part-time and full-time health insurance coverage offered by the Township. Lastly there was discussion regarding the Cleveland Ave. signage project to start in 2024 and the language on the signs. This project would include medians, thus reducing the number of left turns. Trustee Jessberger stated she likes history and would like to incorporate Northern Lights history. Ideas for signs will be placed on the next agenda as well. Trustee Cera then asked Deborah Smothers to research historical markers. A reminder of the Ohio Township Association (OTA) upcoming conference is 25th – 27th and registration ends on the 10th.

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FIRE

Res. No. 23-01-015 Request a resolution to accept the resignation of full-time firefighter Elijah Malench effective January 16, 2023 by Trustee Jessberger. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

POLICE

Res. No. 23-01-016 Request a resolution to accept the resignation of part-time officer Rodney Ross effective January 1, 2023 by Trustee Jessberger. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

PUBLIC WORKS

No new business

OTHER ITEMS

Trustee Jessberger shared the 2023 social media/ monthly community focus topics which she collaborated with Deborah Smothers and January begins the Family Fit Lifestyle month.

APPRECIATIONS

Trustee Jessberger acknowledged all the improvements that have been completed by resident Will Jones' on his property on Sale Rd.

Trustee Grimm extended thanks to our Public Works Roads crew.

Res. No. 23-01-017 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to enter an executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1); To consider the dismissal, discipline, or compensation of public employees. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes
Start: 7:43p.m.
End: 8:32p.m.

Res. No. 23-01-018 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to increase Public Works Superintendent Dave Medley's salary to 75K, to include an additional 40 hours vacation effective December 20, 2022. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Motion at 8:32pm to adjourn by Trustee Jessberger 2nd by Trustee Cera

ATTEST:

Jessica Jessberger, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer