

## The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at 999 Chambers Rd. Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Jessica Jessberger, and Rebecca Grimm, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Administrator Matt Huffman, Fire Chief Brian Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent Medley of Public Works, Community Affairs and Public Relations Specialist Deborah Smothers, and some residents.

### GENERAL

Next meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm, at 999 Chambers Rd.

**Res. No. 23-04-001** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the agenda with flexibility. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Trustee Jessberger updated everyone that she and Fiscal Officer Steele recently attended the Franklin County District Advisory Council on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. She said it was interesting to learn about their need for a quorum and she was glad she attended.

Trustee Jessberger announced April is Nation Celebrate Diversity month, a time we can understand our differences, celebrate them, and gain a deeper understanding of each other.

**Res. No. 23-04-002** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to end live streaming of meetings concurrently with the start of executive sessions. The time of return to general session and any resolutions will be noted in the minutes; as always, any residents in attendance are welcome to stay. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Abstained, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

**Res. No. 23-04-003** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to hold Regular Session Board meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month only during June, July, and August. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

There was discussion among the Board about how they normally meet once a month during the summer. Trustee Grimm noted that the newsletter had the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month listed as Board meeting dates. The Township will use social media, electric sign, and the sandwich board to update folks. Trustee Cera said the Board would be meeting more often than this around the needs of finding the next Township Administrator.

### FISCAL

**Res. No. 23-04-004** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the bills. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

**Res. No. 23-04-005** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve payroll. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

**Res. No. 23-04-006** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

### COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

At the March 24<sup>th</sup> Produce Market 10,000 pounds of produce was distributed to 470 individuals. The next Produce Market will be April 14<sup>th</sup>. The next Produce Market is April 14, 2023, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Clinton Township Cares event flyers and the Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration flyers will be distributed.

Trustee Cera from the Health Insurance Committee updated everyone to expect a large increase. They are waiting for Trustee Grimm to finish Form Fire to seek quotes for the Township.

Trustee Grimm updated everyone the Budget Committee will meet May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

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### ADMINISTRATION

A Monthly Report was provided.

**Res. No. 23-04-007** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to accept updated verbiage to the [Employee Handbook](#) Sections 5.2 and 5.3. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

**Res. No. 23-04-008** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to close Chesapeake Ave and expand liquor permit for the first annual BourbonFest and the annual Four Peel Fest, both events hosted by Watershed Distillery. This will be an open public street fair type event from 3:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. on April 22 and July 22 respectively. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Administrator Huffman provided an update from 12 surveys asking if they would support an LED sign, these surveys were mailed to residents who live near 999 Chambers Rd. 3 said they support a sign 6 said they do not. Resident Bobbie Olt suggested surveying all the Westside households. Trustee Cera responded that as soon as those most impacted are against it, that it is clear it is not a good idea. Trustee Jessberger suggested doing more research around different types of signs rather than LED.

### FIRE

A Monthly Report was provided.

Chief Fraley updated everyone Certificates of EMS Excellence awarded to Lt. Brown, FF Drummer, FF Hilliard, FF Frebault, FF Snyder & FF Sorkin for actions taken during an incident involving a toddler that sustained life-threatening injuries.

### POLICE

A Monthly Report was provided.

**Res. No. 23-04-009** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve new Dispatching contract with the Franklin County Sheriff. The new rate will increase \$4.19 per call to a rate of \$15.99 per call through December 2024. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Chief Jones said he is working to get quotes for renewing the Axon Body Cams, it looks like it is going to cost \$73K over 5 years.

### PUBLIC WORKS

A Monthly Report was provided. In that a mention of the Beautification Committee update led to some conversation with the Board. While it is good to support local business, Trustee Cera said she has heard feedback that a 10% discount at Oakland Park was not that helpful because it still unaffordable to many. Resident Nick Gani said he might be able to get a discount for a nursery, but it would be further away.

**Res. No. 23-04-010** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve a payment to Southeastern Equipment in the amount of \$6,128.05 for Leaf Collector repairs from line 2021-330-323-0000 - Blanket Certificate # 81-2023. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Superintendent Medley provided the Board with the 2022 Township Highway System Mileage Certification.

There was an update about street signs for Cleveland Ave, there were concerns about the proposed size of signs the Township wanted to post. The Township will need to say within the right of way boundaries. Trustee Cera was frustrated that for many years a street scape plan called for more visibility and better signs within the Township.

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### APPRECIATIONS

Trustee Grimm thanked resident Bobbie Olt for promoting and helping with the recent Easter Egg hunt.

Ms. Olt thanked Superintendent Medley for adding gravel recently. She and Trustee Cera also thanked Public Relations Specialist Deborah Smothers for her work on the Newsletter that recently went out.

### OTHER

Resident Nick Gani wanted to know if the Township was aware of a small business that was being torn down nearby.

Resident Deb Steele said she is concerned that people driving north or south on Manor Rd. do not fully stop and get mad when people driving east or west on Lehner Rd do not stop. She asked if signs that read “Cross traffic does not stop” could be posted.

Administrator Huffman thanked Fire/EMS for helping a man who recently survived a heart attack. Mr. Huffman shared a voicemail he received with the Board.

Resident Bobbie Olt asked for an update about the Semitrucks that were parking at Northern Lights. Mr. Huffman responded that they did recently start towing those who are parked too long.

**Res. No. 23-04-011** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to enter an executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the employment and compensation of public employees. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes  
Start 7:38pm  
End 7:59pm

Motion by Trustee Jessberger at 8:01pm to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **ATTEST:**

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**Jessica Jessberger, Chair**

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**Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer**