

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on May 4th at 6:30pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave and broadcasted [online](#). Present were Trustees Jane Cera, and Rebecca Grimm, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Assistant Fiscal Officer Melissa Tremblay, Township Administrator Matt Huffman, Fire Chief Brian Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent Medley of Public Works, Code Compliance Officer Quigley, Community Affairs and Public Relations Specialist Deborah Smothers, and some residents.

GENERAL

Res. No. 23-05-001 Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve the agenda with flexibility. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes

Next meeting will be May 18th, 2023, at 6:30pm, at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

Bill LaFayette reviewed a recently released [economic development](#) study that summarized a [larger report](#) he also wrote. A need for Business outreach was discussed. As far as priorities Trustee Cera wanted to wait till Trustee Jessberger could join at a future meeting. The idea of making a larger meeting space at 999 Chambers Rd was mentioned. Also conducting survey's for businesses and residents was discussed.

Trustee Grimm wanted to discuss doing a food truck event at Rail Products International, Inc. Administrator Huffman has been in contact and the owner is somewhat receptive to the idea.

Res. No. 23-05-002 Motion by Trustee Grimm to proceed under ORC 505.86 with the declaration to remove the unsafe, insecure, or structurally defective structures located at 3806 Walford St. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes

Trustee Grimm announced May is National Creative Beginnings Month, a time to celebrate creativity. She added that she enjoys collective ways to connect with others such as making soap. Trustee Cera added in her experience teaching art sometimes people do not realize how many creative choices they already make, such as decorating their home.

FISCAL

Res. No. 23-05-003 Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve the April 20th meeting minutes. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes

Res. No. 23-05-004 Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve the bills 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes,

Res. No. 23-05-005 Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve payroll 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes,

Res. No. 23-05-006 Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve the creation of Fund # 2905 Walford & Ormond Improvements 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes,

Res. No. 23-05-007 Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve transferring \$85,000 from the General Fund to Fund # 2905. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes,

COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

At the April 28th Produce Market 11,000 pounds of produce was distributed to 478 individuals. The event April 29th was well attended with over 20 participants. May 20th there will be a Women's Self Defense class as well as a litter sweep at 10:30am at 999 Chambers Rd. There will be two Anti-Violence Community Walks May 15th and 22nd at 6pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

Trustee Grimm said the Budget Committee will be having a meeting May 10th at 6:30pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

Trustee Cera from the Insurance Committee said they will be meeting again soon.

ADMINISTRATION

A Monthly Report was provided.

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ADMINISTRATION CONTINUED

A road closure at Walford and Northern Lights is underway after Compliance Officer Quigley was able to connect with folks. A type of barrier needs to be chosen that is still walker, or bicycle friendly. Also updated road signs with no access permitted might help.

The County Engineer reached out to pave alleyways just North and South of Ferris.

FIRE

A Monthly Report was provided.

Res. No. 23-05-008 Motion by Trustee Grimm to accept the Full Time resignation of firefighter fighter Deante Drummer effective May 13th 2023. Motion 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes

Chief Fraley reminded everyone May 20th there will be a Women's Self Defense class as well as a litter sweep at 10:30am at 999 Chambers Rd. There will be two Anti-Violence Community Walks May 15th and 22nd at 6pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

POLICE

A Monthly Report was provided. Chief Jones summarized various theft issues at Lennox. Undercover Officers were able to catch youth who were breaking into vehicles. Chief Jones is waiting to hear back from residents from a recent Block Watch training.

May 14th through the 20th is National Police memorial Week. There were 17 Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty last year. Light Ohio Blue is during these same dates.

PUBLIC WORKS

A Monthly Report was provided. The OPWC Grant application for Walford St and Ormond Ave was recently approved and work will start after July 1st.

APPRECIATIONS

Trustee Grimm thanked everyone who participated April 29th she estimated about 100 people at the Township.

Trustee Cera thanked Compliance Officer Quigley, she said things have 100% improved from 2016 to current. Administrator Huffman agreed and cautioned things take more than a day to fix, that there are many steps involved.

Trustee Grimm thanked Administrator Huffman and Superintendent Medley for their work and efforts to find the next Administrator for the Township.

Resident Bobbie Olt said that Saturday June 2nd (*later corrected to June 3rd*) at 10am there will be a plant swap at the Shelter House on the Westside of the Township.

OTHER ITEMS

Resident Lois Carson who lives on Lehner Rd was beyond frustrated she was not contacted about buying an empty lot next to her home. She attended meetings in past years and called monthly for updates wanting to build a home for her daughter. No one provided her with any updates other than the lot was no longer available and a few weeks ago construction started on a home. She said she was totally ignored and has had to do her own outreach about what is going on with construction in the back of DeSales High School. In the future when homes come down neighbors who wanted to build a home should be considered. The home that is currently being built was elevated and now her property is flooding. Trustee Cera apologized for not communicating well and explained the Township would not have control of use in a private sale.

Resident Deb Steele added concerns about flooding with paving alleyways along Ferris Rd.

Res. No. 23-05-009 Motion by Trustee Grimm to enter an executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the employment and compensation of public employees. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes,
Start 8:04pm
End 10:15pm

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Motion by Trustee Grimm at 10:15pm to adjourn 2nd by Trustee Cera 2nd
ATTEST:

Jessica Jessberger, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer