

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on June 1st at 6:30pm at 999 Chambers Rd and was broadcasted [online](#). 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 July 6th, 2023 at 6:30pm, at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

Res. No. 23-06-001 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the agenda with flexibility. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Trustee Jessberger updated everyone that June 4th to 10th will be Code Enforcement Week. Their work often goes unnoticed. Trustee Grimm was glad about the progress of closing an access street into Northern Lights Shopping Plaza with the assistance of the Code Compliance Officer.

Trustee Grimm was connecting with Administrator Huffman for an Onboarding document for the next Township Administrator, this includes important agencies and contact persons. Trustee Cera was impressed with the project list that is being developed, some items going years into the future. She suggested adding a few more details about the various efforts Administrator Huffman has been managing.

FISCAL

Res. No. 23-06-002 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to allowing the Township Administrator to sign an ongoing contract with Regonomics around Economic Development projects such as surveys. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Trustee Cera reviewed the Joint Economic Development Board approved reimbursing the Township up to \$50K with Regonomics for these efforts and the Township has not utilized this amount yet.

Res. No. 23-06-003 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the May 18th meeting minutes. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Res. No. 23-06-004 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve payroll. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Res. No. 23-06-005 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the bills. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Res. No. 23-06-006 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve a Then and Now Purchase Order to Regionomics in the amount of \$7,400.00 for an Economic Development Study that started in the year 2022. 2nd by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

Res. No. 23-06-007 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve a Purchase Order to Government Forms & Supplies in the amount of \$1,115.00 for Police forms to be paid from 2081-210-410. - per vendor request. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

There was a final discussion for editing the 2024 Budget. \$200K was added for potential Cleveland Ave improvements.

COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

At the May 26th Produce Market 9,000 pounds of produce was distributed to 359 individuals. The next Produce Market will be June 9th and folks need to bring an ID. There will be two anti violence community walks in October, the two in May were successful. June is Gun Violence awareness month. African Americans are ten times more likely to be victim of gun violence. Gun homicide numbers are up, gun violence is the leading cause of death for kids. Folks should advocate, bring more awareness, and wear orange to support the cause.

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COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Fire Chief Fraley said the recent Litter Sweep on the Westside had 10 participants and 9 folks attend ed a Self Defense class.

Trustee Cera said she will host a Chat with a Trustee event next Thursday the 8th at 999 Chambers Rd at 6:30pm. She plans to bring the land use plan for conversation.

ADMINISTRATION

A Monthly Report was provided. The LinkUs informal Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) workshop on June 9th will be attended by Superintendent Medley. Administrator Huffman reminded everyone Township Offices will be closed June 19th.

FIRE

A Monthly Report was provided.

Res. No. 23-06-008 Motion by Trustee Jessberger to accept the FCPH stipend/grant award for \$10,000.00 and allow Chief Fraley to execute the agreement. 2nd by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Abstained, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger –Yes

These monies will be used for Community Outreach activities.

POLICE

A Monthly Report was provided. Chief Jones wanted to respond to comments on social media about needing more radar traffic enforcement. With over 700 calls for service last month the Department is doing their best to keep up with needs. The issues go far beyond the Township when it comes to dangerous drivers.

A Life Saving award was given to Officer James Goodwin, in late May someone was tasered who was threatening a family member with a butcher knife. Officer James Goodwin's last day will be June 7th. A replacement for the position should be available for the July meeting.

Trustee Jessberger asked if there has been any updates about the block watch efforts for Audrey Road, the residents have not followed up yet.

PUBLIC WORKS

A Monthly Report was provided.

For the Police Carport only one architect firm responded, it is estimated to cost \$21K for the plans.

Superintendent Medley estimated that Brush Pick up has been about \$17K so far this year. OPWC does not have any penalties for paying off loans before schedule. He also suggested looking into storm sewer drain updates, Trustee Cera suggested more oversight on the application process.

APPRECIATIONS

Trustee Grimm thanked the Fire Department and the instructor Micah Scott who ran the Self Defense class. Everyone thanked Police Officer Goodwin for his excellent service to the Township.

OTHER

Resident Mark Hill was very upset about annexations and wanted to know what the impacts have been to the Township. Fiscal Officer Steele agreed that no one likes annexations, but they are often out of the Township's control. There has been progress recently with the City of Columbus and it is hopeful these will be avoided in the future.

Resident Bobbie Olt reminded everyone of the Plant Swap June 3rd at 10am.

Trustee Cera would like to plant in the center of the new roundabout at Ferris and Walford.

Police Chief Jones said that Officer Cuccio will be out until the end of July.

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OTHER CONTINUED

Res. No. 23-06-009 Motion by Trustee Jessberger 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, Trustee Jessberger –Yes
Start 7:57pm
End 8:46pm

Motion by Trustee Jessberger at 8:46pm to adjourn 2nd by Trustee Grimm

ATTEST:

Jessica Jessberger, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer