

## The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave and broadcasted [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 Medley of Public Works, Community Affairs and Public Relations Specialist Deborah Smothers, and some residents.

### GENERAL

**Res. No. 23-05-010** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the agenda with flexibility. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Next meeting will be June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm at 999 Chambers Rd

Trustee Jessberger announced it is National EMS Week May 21<sup>st</sup> till May 27<sup>th</sup>, where emergency care begins. This was started in 1974 by President Ford. We thank Clinton and the nearby EMS Departments. It is also National Public Works Week, a time to celebrate the efforts of maintaining our public places and roadways.

Trustee Cera shared a list of ideas that were emailed in 2017 to Trustee Reardon about what the Beautification efforts could include. Some of the items had happened such as awarding plaques to homes. Trustee Grimm arrived about 6:40pm, she had a draft of what the efforts were in Springfield Ohio when they began in 1965. Trustee Cera lifted up that some of the items listed would require more than a volunteer effort from neighbors.

There was a discussion about Economic Development and the Township utilizing the [two](#) recent [studies](#) done. Trustee Cera would like to see businesses involved in some Focus Groups and reached out to Bill LaFayette to see if he would be available as a Consultant for the Township, and he is. Trustee Jessberger asked about the issue of Gentrification, Trustee Cera responded that the East side of the Township should benefit from new jobs coming to the area. Trustee Grimm asked if there are any examples of what kind of surveys would go out to businesses, and how to better build up community groups. The Board will review items and connect again about the effort.

### FISCAL

**Res. No. 23-05-011** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger Abstained

On April 1<sup>st</sup> the Township had an overall balance of \$10,518,114.67 There was \$308,306.94 in Revenue and \$407,307.72 in Expenses leaving a balance of \$10,419,323.89 on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Res. No. 23-05-012** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve the April Fiscal Report 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

**Res. No. 23-05-013** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to Amend the 2023 [Permanent Appropriations](#) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

There was a review and edit with the Board and Department Heads of the 2024 Budget. The Fiscal Officer thanked everyone for participating in a different way to make a draft of the Budget that needs to be done every summer.

### COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

At the May 12th Produce Market 9,000 pounds of produce was distributed to 485 individuals. The next Free Produce Market will be May 26<sup>th</sup> from 4 till 6pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave. Trustee Jessberger also said the May 15<sup>th</sup> Anti-Violence Community Walk was well attended, the next one will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Res. No. 23-05-014** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to accept the Insurance Committee's recommendation to renew the Medical Mutual PPO at a 10.5% increase for all eligible employees and elected officials for a 12-month contract starting July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

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### COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS CONTINUED

**Res. No. 23-05-015** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to eliminate the wellness program effective immediately, with the general fund to cover the “gap” expenses of any employee who may exceed the established HRA limit, up to the maximum deductible. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Abstained, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

### ADMINISTRATION

**Res. No. 23-05-016** Motion by Trustee Cera to approve adopting and approving the execution of an Economic Development Agreement with the City of Columbus and authorizing the Township Administrator to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm.

**Res. No. 23-05-017** Motion by Trustee Grimm to move into executive session pursuant to RC 121.22(G)(8) for the purpose of considering confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, trade secrets, and/or 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cera. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Abstained

Start 7:56pm End 8:00pm.

Roll Call for Res. No. 23-05-016. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Abstained

There was a discussion about Aggregation of Residential Natural Gas or Electric providers. Voters would need to approve any bundling or Aggregation program and there is a process to get out if it was approved by voters. Everyone agreed it was not working out in other nearby communities the way they had hoped and instead individuals can look on the [PUCO's Apples to Apples](#) site to compare rates and amount of renewable energy if interested.

Administrator Huffman reminded everyone the Board will hold the Regular Meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday's only during the months of June, July, and August before going back to meeting twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month.

### FIRE

**Res. No. 23-05-018** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to approve an MOU with Local 1800 to place Fire Fighter Hilliard at Step 2 of the collective bargaining agreement at 6 months of employment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Chief Fraley reminded everyone there will be a street litter clean up May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at 999 Chambers Rd.

### POLICE

**Res. No. 23-05-019** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to accept the resignation of Police Officer Goodwin effective June 7<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

**Res. No. 23-05-020** Motion by Trustee Jessberger to allow Police Officer Cuccio injury leave starting May 16<sup>th</sup> 2023. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm. Vote: Trustee Cera – Yes, Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

### PUBLIC WORKS

There was a discussion for the road closure at Walford St and Northern Lights. Compliance Officer Quigley was Thanked for helping the Township connect with the right staff at Northern Lights to have this done.

Superintendent Medley said the next round for OPWC Grants will close in September for the year 2025. Ferris Rd will be getting wider in the year 2026. Trustee Cera said the new

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### PUBLIC WORKS Continued

roundabout at Ferris and Walford is an eye sore. There seems to be confusion from some drivers. Trustee Jessberger suggested posting a video about how to use a roundabout.

### APPRECIATIONS

Trustee Grimm thanked the work of the Budget Committee.

Police Chief Jones wanted to appreciate Deborah Smothers and Public Works for their support of the Light Ohio Blue campaign. He was glad to have the LED sign out front and the blue lights in the community room. Trustee Jessberger thanked and acknowledged the ongoing work of the Police Department. Fiscal Officer Steele thanked Officer James Goodwin for his service with the Township.

### OTHER ITEMS

Resident Bobbie Olt said the Westside plant swap will happen at the Shelter House on Sat. June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am.

Trustee Grimm requested an update about getting UVCA access to 999 Chambers Rd.

**Res. No. 23-05-021** Motion by Trustee Grimm 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,  
Start 8:35pm  
End 10:08pm

Motion by Trustee Jessberger at 10:08 to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Grimm

**ATTEST:**

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**Jessica Jessberger, Chair**

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**Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer**