

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on Jan 23rd at 6:00pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave and was broadcasted [online](#). Present were Trustees Jessica Jessberger, and Rebecca Grimm, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Fire Chief Brian Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent Medley of Public Works and Administrator, Community Affairs and Public Relations Specialist Deborah Smothers, and some residents.

GENERAL

The next meeting will be February 13th 2024 at 999 Chambers Rd at 6pm

Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve the agenda with flexibility. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger.
Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Community Affairs and Public Relations Specialist Deborah Smothers said that Feb 1st is Ohio Township Day and the Township Hall will be open for visitor's who might want to see the Township.

There was discussion about having only one meeting in the summer months of June, July, and August. As the Board gets closer to these months they might modify the schedule of Board Meetings. It seems likely the Dec 24th meeting will not be needed, but again the Board will wait until it is closer to that time to decide if it should be cancelled.

FISCAL

Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve the Dec 21st 2023 meeting minutes. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve the Jan 4th 2024 meeting minutes. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Fiscal Officer Steele read the December 2023 Fiscal Report. On Dec 1st the Township had an overall fund balance of \$9,935,899.86 with \$141,574.76 in Revenue and \$568,471.40 in Expenditures leaving a balance of \$9,509,003.22 on Dec 31st.

Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve the December 2023 Fiscal Report. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Motion by Trustee Grimm to amend the [2024 Permanent Appropriations](#). 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

There was discussion with the Board about how they would like to pay off the TWP's portion of an Ohio Public Works Commission project that was completed last year on Walford for about \$81K. The TWP could take up to 10 years, paying at least 10% a year at zero interest. The Board reviewed that there is no penalty for paying off the loan in full on future applications with OPWC and they supported paying the loan in full before the end of the month.

There was discussion about establishing an Energy Special Improvement District within the TWP to allow for Property Assessed Clean Energy financing on commercial properties. There was confusion if this could be allowed on residential properties as well. The Fiscal Officer explained that if the TWP is going to move forward with installing things like solar panels PACE would allow the TWP to put the cost on a property bill that would have a 20 year long term loan and a better rate than what is being offered in most private loans. Trustee Grimm responded that we are lucky to have a forward thinking TWP for considering things like a microgrid and she is excited about this potential. Administrator Medley mentioned that Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission offers some home energy efficiency [services](#) as well.

COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

At a recent market 11K pounds of food was given to 491 people. The next such market will be Jan 26th from 4pm till 6pm, and the line starts around 2:45pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave. There are more resources the 2nd market of the month, volunteers arrive around 3pm.

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COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Trustee Jessberger was proud to deliver Fire Chief Fraley an award in recognition of the Community Health Action Team's efforts. Franklin Co. Public Health provided a grant to continue the CHAT programing such as Women's Self Defense classes, public Movie Night, and Minority Health Month in the amount of about \$11K. The TWP is always seeking volunteers who might want to get more involved.

ADMINISTRATION

Motion by Trustee Grimm to authorize Dave Medley to sign the agreement with Franklin Co Board of Elections to use the Township's facility at 999 Chambers Rd for a polling location. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Trustee Grimm asked about the TWPs building use policy. The Board of Elections uses a waiver for liability needs, the CHAT also has a waiver they have used for the Women's Self Defense classes.

There was discussion on the Community Room's Audio-Visual equipment at 3820 Cleveland Ave. Staff is not able to use the wired microphone system to hear better for those attending and for the recordings on YouTube. It is possible the TWP might need to buy a better sound system as it has not worked well for most the time Administrator Medley has worked in the TWP and he would like to seek a professional opinion about the existing microphone system.

There was discussion about the next issue of the newsletter. The TWP will continue to encourage folks to sign up for an emailed version of the newsletter. Trustee Grimm suggested an article about how households can compost instead of bringing all their leaves to the curb. Community Affairs and Public Relations Specialist Deborah Smothers is learning more about Quick Response [codes](#) and how they might be used in future editions, such as linking or directing readers to Franklin Co Soil and Water Conservation District [resources](#).

The TWP was approached by Archer Energy about the TWP approving an Opt-in energy aggregation program. In the past the TWP has always encouraged folks to compare their energy provider options on the [Apples to Apples](#) site. Sales people who knock on doors need to have a traveling vendor permit filed with the TWP, Police Chief Jones requested that the TWP look into an online payment option for vendors.

The meeting of the Joint Economic Development Zone Board meeting tomorrow, January 24th at 9:30am at 3820 Cleveland Ave has been cancelled and they plan to meet in February.

Motion by Trustee Grimm to appoint Michael Tocci to the JEDZ Board. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Motion by Trustee Grimm to appoint Dave Medley as the lead contact for Command Consulting LLC. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

FIRE

Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve a 4-year maintenance agreement with Stryker for Heart Monitors and CPR devices to be paid in 4 installments of \$7,846.00 annually using line item 2281-230-323. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Motion by Trustee Grimm to cover the cost of the Fire Inspector position from line item 1000-220-190-2901 effective Feb 5th 2024. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Motion by Trustee Grimm to post a Fire Lieutenant vacancy. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Motion by Trustee Grimm to post a fulltime firefighter vacancy. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

The Firefighters Union is working on a Memorandum of Understanding and are in general support.

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POLICE

Res. No. 24-01-019 Resolution by Trustee Grimm to enter into a MOU with the FOP regarding changes to Special Duty and increasing cost of cruiser usage for special duty requests. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

There was discussion that the old rate was \$25 and the TWP is revising that to \$40.

Motion by Trustee Grimm to hire Doug Collins as a Full-time Police Officer using line item 1000-210-100-2901 effective Feb 2nd 2024. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

There will be public information sessions about a Police Levy on Feb 13th at 999 Chambers Rd at 5pm and Feb 15th at 3820 Cleveland Ave at 5pm

The [2023 Police Year-end](#) report is available. The Department doubled the number of arrests in 2023 compared to 2022.

PUBLIC WORKS

Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve and sign the 2023 Township Highway System Mileage Certification. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Motion by Trustee Grimm authorizing the resident at 2051 Mecca Rd to tie into the Township's storm water system for the purpose of an aerator system. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve the revision made to the public works Step Criteria. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes

APPRECIATIONS

Administrator Medley thanked the Public Works Department for keeping up with the road treatment needs with a recent snow event, and he thanked the other Departments for helping salt and shovel the TWP walkways at 3820 Cleveland Ave as well.

OTHER ITEMS

Resident Ka Ren Steele requested less acronyms be used so often, it made things difficult to follow.

Motion by Trustee Grimm to enter an executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes,

Start 6:57pm

End 7:26pm

Motion by Trustee Grimm at 7:27pm to adjourn 2nd by Trustee Jessberger

ATTEST:

Rebecca Grimm, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer