

## The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at 999 Chambers Rd. and broadcasted [online](#). Present were Trustees David Clark, 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 March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3820 Cleveland Ave at 6pm

Motion by Trustee Grimm to approve the agenda with flexibility. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jessberger.  
Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Clark – Yes

There was a [presentation](#) from Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission about potential transportation updates to the [region](#). Trustee Grimm asked why there is no funding for a subway or electric forms of public transportation. Trustee Grimm is hoping for a stop near Lennox, there are plans for bike parking, and ideally a stop in front of OSU's Martha Morehouse. Trustee Clark asked where the proposed \$13B funding would come from, these funds are not committed yet. Central Ohio Transportation Authority will be seeking an additional .5% local sales tax that would [partly](#) fund these plans.

Fiscal Officer Steele read the January 2024 Fiscal Report. On Jan 1st the Township had an overall fund balance of \$9,509,003.22 with \$655,181.47 in Revenue and \$510,549.99 in Expenditures leaving a balance of \$9,653,634.70 on Jan 31st.

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

Motion to move the remaining \$7,282.09 back to the General Fund #1000 from the Walford St & Ormond Ave Improvement Fund #2905. 2nd by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Clark – Yes

### COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

The Community Health Action Team last Friday provided 11K pounds of food to 549 individuals, numbers are increasing. The next markets will be March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The free food markets are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month and the dates are listed on the TWP's [website](#). March 15th will be Family Movie Night at 999 Chambers Rd. 6:00-9:00pm

### ADMINISTRATION

Motion to sign a letter of supporting the Columbus Linden Green Line Grant Application. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Clark. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Absained, Trustee Clark – Yes

**Res. No. 23-02-004** Resolution to adopt the Solid Waste Management [Plan](#) for the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Clark – Yes

Motion to amend the permit fee schedule for commencement of work without a permit from four times to double the amount. The Board further directs the Fiscal Officer to issue a refund check of \$4,322.00 to Saraga to reflect the new rate. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Clark. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Clark – Yes

Motion to approve the new service rate for Civic Plus and authorize the township administrator to sign the contract. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Clark – Yes

This is only an \$89 increase. Administrator Medley said the TWP started working with this company in 2019. Trustee Clark asked if they help update the site, they do not. The TWP had missed out on some upgrades in the past and the company reduced their increase fee for this contract that starts 3/12/24 and goes for one year. Public Relations Specialist Smothers has found the company to be responsive to work with. Trustee Clark asked if other companies have been considered, Civic Plus has many other robust services for additional costs but they are beyond the TWP's needs.

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### **ADMINISTRATION CONTINUED**

There was a cost of about \$7K to launch this site. Trustee Clark said he is asking because he is looking for ways to make the site more interactive, and is aiming to make life easier for residents. Admin Medley suggested looking at the existing site and figuring out future needs.

Newsletter content/submissions are due by this Friday.

There will be a Joint Economic Development Zone Board meeting tomorrow at 9:30am at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

Public Relations Specialist Smothers was planning a solar eclipse contest. Before her recent leave she shared coloring contest idea, and is hopeful there can be 3 kits from COSI at a cost of \$30 each for 3 age groups. Public Health might be able to provide glasses as well.

### **FIRE**

No new business.

### **POLICE**

April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm will be a Drug Take Back Day at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

Chief Jones updated everyone that recently one of Clinton TWP's Police Officers responded to a Mifflin TWP Police Officer's call for assistance. The Mifflin Officer likely would have died without the actions from the Clinton Officer who arrived quickly on the scene. In the past week 5 Police Officers have been killed across the United States.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

There was discussion for seeking a Crew Leader position, and the need to fill the open laborer's position. No one is applying for the Crew Leader position, Superintendent Medley would like to consider making Cody and Interim Crew Leader. Interim because he needs more training, he would not have a pay increase until tests are passed and he has acquired certifications. Trustee Jessberger said this is a good opportunity for Cody. Him and Omar have been studying for a sprayer licenses. Resident Ka Ren Steele asked why there is no time frame, Trustee Grimm reviewed that the pay scale provides incentives for them to gain certifications.

Motion to make Cody Lester Interim Crew leader, and remove current ad for Crew Leader position, and post an open Laborer's position. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Clark. Vote: Trustee Grimm – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Clark – Yes

### **APPRECIATIONS**

Fire Chief Fraley thanked Carol Stuart for food items she has donated

Fiscal Officer Steele thanked [State Rep. Mohamed](#) for being available to meet with the Township last Friday, the meeting did not happen but she said it was good of him to make himself available.

Trustee Jessberger thanked the office staff who are in the front of the building, she said the Township could not run without them and the presence of Public Relations Specialist Deborah Smothers was missed during her recent family leave.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Resident Bobbie Olt asked if 999 Chambers Rd will open again as a Fire Station, because if not she suggested removing a sign that says it is a Fire Station. She is worried someone would go there seeking help. The TWP should figure out other functions for public use. Trustee Grimm said she plans to connect with Kim Arnold who can help get waivers for TWP building uses. Things like a voting location with the county qualify currently because they are a partnering municipality, but for the time non-governing use is not allowed. Resident Donna Goodman Adassa said when the TWP built the new facility they wanted to allow more use. Getting a building use policy is a high priority.

Resident Carol Stuart thanked the TWP for addressing some green mold that is growing on the slide at the playground, and that her grandson recently took a tumble but the rubber mulch was awesome and he was not hurt.

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**OTHER ITEMS CONTINUED**

Resident Ka Ren Steele said there is a disconnect between the East and the West sides of the TWP. She is shocked to see it, and she asked if the populations ever get together. Fire Chief Fraley said a handful of West side residents do come to the TWP at the East side.

Motion by Trustee Grimm at 7:30 to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jessberger

**ATTEST:**

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**Rebecca Grimm, Chair**

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**Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer**