

The Clinton Township Board of Trustees

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The Meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees was held on Sept 15th at Noon at 3820 Cleveland Ave. and broadcast [online](#). Present were Trustees Jane Cera, Jessica Jessberger, and Aliena Sword, Fiscal Officer Deb Steele, Township Administrator Matt Huffman, Fire Chief Fraley, Police Chief Jones, Superintendent Fleig, and a Resident.

GENERAL

Next meeting will be October 6th at Noon, at 999 Chambers Rd.

Res. No. 21-09-010 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve the agenda with flexibility. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes

There was a presentation by Township Attorney Julie Donnan about the recent news of a larger parcel and potential annexation into City of Columbus. She reviewed there are 5 types of annexations, this is a type 2. The good news is this kind of annexation allows the Township to still collect Real Estate taxes and the Joint Economic Development Zone does not change. Annexation is a process started by the property owner. If some of the parcel becomes residential there would likely be a greater demand on first responders but overall this kind of annexation should not be viewed as a loss because the existing revenue's stay in place. Trustee Sword asked if the Township could contest the annexation, the attorney responded no because the application appears to meet requirement's or the check boxes. Fiscal Officer Steele asked about a type of annexation that allows a 12-year wind down of Real Estate taxes from a commercial property, the attorney responded that the laws changed 10 years ago and that might be how type 2 or another type of annexations the Township has experienced in the past used to be, but that is not what a type 2 would currently do.

Res. No. 21-09-011 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve the Sept 1st 2021 Meeting Minutes. 2nd Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Abstained, Trustee Cera – Yes

Fiscal Officer Steele read the August Fiscal Report. On Aug 1st there was an overall fund balance of \$7,427,343.39 there was \$1,905,904.94 in Revenue and \$422,998.66 in Expenses leaving a fund balance of \$8,910,249.67 on Aug 31st.

There was a reminder that tomorrow the Township will host a Community Hour Event with Franklin County Auditor Michael Stinziano from 10am till 11am at 3820 Cleveland Ave.

Res. No. 21-09-012 Motion by Trustee Cera to allow the Fiscal Officer to move \$1.5M from Star Ohio to Meeder Investments. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes

Res. No. 21-09-013 Motion by Trustee Cera to approve the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. 2nd Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes

COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS

During the Sept 10th Produce Market, the township distributed 4,500 pounds of produce to 77 families, and 45 gun locks were given out from [Child Safe](#). Upcoming free produce markets will be Sept 10th and Sept 24th.

Fiscal Officer Steele provided a summary from a survey done at the Sept 1st Fiscal Forum. 14 people participated, 6 from the Westside and 8 from the Eastside of the Township. Each participant was given 5 tickets and asked to put them in towards items they would fund. Police had 34% support, followed by Infrastructure at 26%, Fire received 14%, then Economic Development and Direct support to business and Households negatively impacted by Covid both received 9%, Code Enforcement received 7%, and a Dog Park received 1%. A few attendees requested a copy of the budget before voting, one was not available but the Fiscal Officer would like to do this again early fall 2022 on both sides of the township and next year can provide a summary of the Township Budget when doing this again. There was not a lot of marketing done to promote the event partly because of Covid restriction needs.

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COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS CONTINUED

Trustee Cera provided updates from the Sustainability group. The Township recently did an Energy Audit and learned 3820 Cleveland Ave qualifies to be certified as an [Energy Star](#) building which shows the Township is in the top 25% or better as it relates to other government buildings with similar operations. Also, the Township is seeking to change street lights that are on AEP poles to LED when that is an option.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Huffman said a packet just arrived today with information about a Stimulus Program and this can be discussed at the next meeting.

A contractor has been chosen for the ramps along Walford, that work should be done by the end of November. The Township is hoping to install blue footers or detectable pads to the improved ramps.

942 Chambers Circle is getting an asbestos study done, a step in the process required for removing the structure. The Township is aware that the current owner has put this and other properties up for auction.

At a recent MORPC meeting the Township stimulus program was discussed. The Township has until November and working with Public Works Superintendent Fleig there are some potential projects that could be a good application.

FIRE

Res. No. 21-09-014 Motion by Trustee Cera to appoint Eli Malench as a full-time firefighter at step 1 of the Labor Agreement, effective October 2, 2021. To be paid from 2111-220-100 and 2281-230-100. 2nd Trustee Sword. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes

POLICE

Chief Jones updated everyone that 2 new part time Officers are active and 1 approved candidate did not complete the hire process.

PUBLIC WORKS

Res. No. 21-09-015 Motion by Trustee Cera to hire Jake Shelton as full-time public works maintenance worker at the Step 1 rate of \$17.00/hour effective October 20th, 2021 pending the completion of background and drug screen to be paid from line items #2011-330-100, #2021-330-100, #2031-330-100, and #2231-330-100. 2nd Trustee Jessberger. Vote: Trustee Sword – Yes, Trustee Jessberger – Yes, Trustee Cera – Yes

Trustee Cera welcomed Jake to the Township

Superintendent Fleig said the seal coating for the parking at 3820 has been pushed back a few days.

APPRECIATIONS

Fiscal Officer Steele thanked those who participated in the 1st Township Fiscal Form held 9/1/21.

Fire Chief Fraley thanked resident Michael Groves who recently donated a copy of the Dispatch news paper from 20 years ago memorializing those lost in the Trade Center attacks.

Resident Bobbie Olt thanked the Public Works Dept for trimming back overgrowth on 9th and Rhoda and 9th Ave.

Trustee Sword thanked the volunteers who helped at the recent Food Market, she could not attend.

Trustee Jessberger congratulated Eli Malench on becoming a full time firefighter.

Trustee Cera thanked the administration at the Township for being proactive and masking up again before City wide updates requiring masking in indoor facilities.

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OTHER ITEMS

Resident Bobbie Olt asked what shift the new fulltime firefighter will work. Chief Fraley responded that he will cover gaps because there have been too many call offs and overtime because of the overall lack of part time staff.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Cera at 12:31 pm and 2nd by Trustee Sword

ATTEST:

Jane Cera, Chair

Deborah Steele, Fiscal Officer