

December 14, 2022
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular December meeting, was called to order by Chairman James Zefran on December 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. Chairman James Zefran and Vice Chair Brian Non were in attendance. Solicitor Treat was also in attendance.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- B. Hearing Check** – The hearing check was done.
- C. Minutes of the November 9, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting** – *Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran to accept the minutes of the regular November 9, 2022 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.*

- D. Appointment of a new supervisor to serve the remainder of term of Russ Curtis** – Chair Zefran reported that December 15, 2022 is the last day to submit a letter of interest to the Judge of Wayne County.
- E. Public Comment –Items on Agenda Only** – There was no public comment.

F. Correspondence

- a. **Ordinance to Regulate Short-Term Rentals within the Township and to Establish Penalties for Violations** – Chair Zefran said that the Solicitor would go over this. Solicitor Treat said that the purpose of this ordinance is to regulate, not prevent, short-term rentals within the township. He will advertise this for a hearing if the Supervisors want this. Many townships are passing this type of ordinance. Addressed in the ordinance include issues such as whether there is adequate sewage and the need for a contact person if the owner is not within a thirty-mile radius. There needs to be an SEO inspection. He gave an example of short-term renters parking in the road and there needs to be someone to contact to correct the problem. He cautioned that Supervisors needed to consider who would enforce the ordinance; whether it would be done internally or externally. He was aware of one company in the area that handled enforcement at roughly \$600.00 per year, per unit. Combining that with an estimated \$100 each for administrative and sewage inspection costs one could expect the overall cost per unit, per year to be in the \$900-\$1,000 range. *Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran to have Solicitor Treat proceed with the advertising for a hearing to take place at the regular February 8, 2023 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.*

G. New Business

- a. **Clinton Township 2023 Budget** – When asked by Chair Zefran, there were no questions from the audience regarding the 2023 budget for the General account. He then outlined the budget for the State/ Liquid Fuels account. Regarding the lesser accounts he stated his suggestion that the Stormwater, Hose, and Light accounts be closed, with the funds being moved into the General account. He stated that we are one township and those accounts were based on archaic reasoning. The Public Sewer and UCC accounts will stay the same. *Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to pass the 2023 budget for the General, State, UCC, and Public Sewer accounts. The Clinton Township Light account, Clinton Township Hose account, and Clinton Township Storm Water account will be closed, with remaining funds being absorbed in the General account. All voted yes. The motion carried.*
- b. **Last Meeting Date of 2022** – Secretary Droppa was asked to advertise that the last Clinton Township meeting date would be Friday, December 30, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Chair Zefran will be attending remotely and asked Mrs. Droppa to remind him of the date.
- c. **The Clinton Township 2023 Reorganization Meeting is Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm, followed immediately after by the regular January meeting. Clinton Township Auditors Reorganization meeting is Wednesday, January 4, 2023 - Announced**

H. Road Master Report – Road Master and Vice Chair Non gave an oral report. A winter storm is coming. The Ford F550 has metal fragments all through the system and it will cost roughly \$5,000 to repair. The high-pressure pump quit. The salt shed is complete and Debevec is currently holding the salt for the township. He gave a shout out of public appreciation to Wayco who gave the use of a man lift to help with the installation. He noted that a blacktop floor is out of the question, although a concrete floor is possible. Discussion ensured and the issue of salt eroding the concrete was brought up. Chair Zefran asked if we could lay a thin layer of cinders while Tom Bailey inquired about putting millings down. Vice Chair Non said he would contact Engineer Weinberger tomorrow.

I. Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment - Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran to pay the bills as submitted on the bills list. All voted yes. The motion carried.

J. Browndale Fire Department – Chief Debevec gave an oral report on the number of calls and the number of training hours in the past month.

K. Old Business

a. **American Rescue Plan – Municipal Matching Grant Funding project** – Chair Zefran reported that the committee had looked into adding 2 more bays and a meeting room onto the existing garage. They are currently looking at the existing sewage. No other ideas from the public on how to use the funding has been suggested. Chair Zefran said that the Township had gotten in trouble last summer regarding building issues. He had met with a representative from the state and have taken care of all of those problems, but that his concern was continuing to pour money into an antiquated, inefficient building that was not ADA compliant with current regulations. It has been 50 years since this building was used as a school. He assured all that every option was being looked into. John Doyle asked how much money would the new building cost? Chair Zefran explained that it would cost about \$250,000 for the new building, not including septic. This would include a 30x40 meeting room. The current generator runs both this building and the garage. Don Salak said that the voters should not have to use the current “suicide ramp or steps”.

b. **Concerns regarding No Winter Maintenance on Long Pond Road** – Vice Chair Non said that the land owner who owns both property on sides of the road doesn't like that its all coming back on him that there is no winter maintenance on Long Pond Rd. Attorney Treat asked Mr. DeVane if he would be interested in a court ordered easement, to which DeVane replied that he didn't know and would have to talk to his lawyer. DeVane is the last full-time resident on that road. Raising the road would fix the problem, but it would cost the township a half million dollars and is cost prohibited. To do it right, you need to turn the water off. Brad Bates asked what is the right-of-way on that road? Vice Chair Non said it was 30' and then immediately corrected himself to the response of 50'. Ron Poska noted that you needed owner's permission to cut trees, also. Chair Zefran said that the township will continue to look at ways to not close the road, but that there will be no winter maintenance this year. Mr. DeVane requested that the township put up “No Turn around” signs.

c. *Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to accept Josh Debevec's November 2022-May 2023 bid of \$95.00 per hour, per truck bid of plowing, cildering, and salting. All voted yes. The motion carried.*

L. Public Comment – John Doyle asked how long has the talk of the salt shed been going on? He explained that that the build itself cost \$9,000 and the blocks cost \$5,500. Township workers had gotten the site ready. The weather had turned and that is why the floor is not in. Chair Zefran explain that the finance rate for a new truck was 4.5% and finance was needed for \$140,000.00 for 5 years. He said that he would go to the bank tomorrow.

M. Adjournment – *Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. All voted yes. The motion carried.*