

TOWN OF CLINTON REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 23, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town of Clinton was called to order by Chairman Jeff Skaudis at 7:15 PM with Chairman Saudis, Supervisor Cal Warwas, Supervisor Bob Butler, Treasurer Elaine Santi, Clerk Brian Mayry and Fire Chief Theodore and five residents were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed by the Clerk. Chairman Skaudis motioned to wave reading the minutes and accept the minutes as distributed, second by Supervisor Warwas. Motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Summary was presented by the Treasurer:

Balance for Month Ended January	\$277,109.97
Receipts for February	42,351.97
Disbursements for February	<u>10,308.45</u>
Balance for Month Ended February	<u><u>\$309,153.49</u></u>
Balance in Miners Bank Checking	\$112,466.88
Balance in CD's	150,179.65
Balance in Truck Fund CD	25,000.00
Balance in American Bank Investment	<u>21,506.96</u>
Balance for Month Ended February	<u><u>\$309,153.49</u></u>

Jim Shavor asked why the truck fund was still at the present balance, it is his understanding that additions were to be made to the truck fund annually. It was said that the township is making loan payments on the new truck and adding to the truck fund will be discussed later in the year. Chairman Skaudis motioned to accept the financial report, Supervisor Butler second. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular monthly invoice and claims were presented. Chairman Skaudis motioned to pay the submitted bills claim totaling \$23,325.95. Supervisor Warwas second the motion to pay all claim forms. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Input – Jim Shavor of Holmes Recycling stated that at a prior township meeting he requested that his company be included in the bidding process for township projects and expressed his disappointment in not being asked to bid on the outbuilding roof projects last summer. Jim again requested that Holmes Recycling be included in the bidding process for future township projects. Supervisor Warwas requested from Holmes Recycling a list of jobs or types of jobs which they would like to be contacted for going forward.

Michele Mayry addressed the Board about issues and requests she learned of during her recent campaign for a township office. Michele said that creating and improving a small system of hiking, ski and snowshoe trails on township property is a priority of hers and learned on her travels throughout the township the many had shared the same thoughts. Michele also said that the National Night Out that was held several years ago was very successful and was disappointed that it wasn't continued, she requested that this event be brought back to our township.

Michele shared that she was surprised to learn how many of our township residents have poor internet and hopes that the township can get and stay in tune on how to seize opportunities to improve service.

One township residence had a nice hockey rink with a good sheet of ice well after the community rink melted. Michele learned that they used a white plastic liner to hold the water during initial flooding and the liner reflected the sun preserving the ice for a longer skating season. The liner was actually the plastic used to wrap hay bales. While attending township meetings for the past few years Michele noted a few items of concern that she feels are important to the township. One issue is the lack of a long-term plan, she feels that having a five and 10 year plan will benefit the town in budgeting and obtaining certain grants. Another concern is that the town has not utilized LRIP funding for projects and feels that this should be looked into for future projects. She also addressed the township should look into the need for permits when ditching or changing culverts and noxious weeds should be addressed.

In addition to Michele's wish for recreational trails on the township property, Clerk Brian Mayry discovered just today that there are six parcels of land adjacent to each other and one of them being adjacent to township property going for public sale.

Maria Warwas suggested that perhaps an electronic sign be installed near the highway to inform the public of community events and draw attention to the property. Also mentioned during the discussion was the possibility of a community newsletter.

Fire and EMS – Fire Chief Jim Theodore stated the Department responded to four fire calls since the last meeting. EMS responders are still being selective on response due to the COVID-19 situation. Work on fire hall projects continues as an eye wash station will be mounted, a flammable liquid storage cabinet is needed and MSDS/ SDS records are being maintained. Truck charging plugins and air hoses need to be hung over head eliminating tripping hazards, some professional electrical work will be needed to accomplish this. Steer tires are needed on Engine 188, remaining lockers are to be ordered as well as a mobile hose rack and radio headsets for use in noisy environments near apparatus. Bringing in vendors for future SCBA bottle testing, hose testing and ladder testing was discussed.

Chief Theodore briefly discussed restructuring the EMR group in Clinton as well as the need for CPR manikins and weatherproof jackets for responders this fall.

As a public service, a community CPR class was briefly discussed as well as putting together an information packet for prospective fire fighters.

Holding a workshop to work through specific issues regarding fire department recruitment and retention as well as other administrative needs was recommended.

Recreation Board – The recreation area is now between seasons as the ice is gone and the grounds need to dry. Supervisor Warwas noted the need for one new net for the tennis court. It was recommended that a workshop be held to discuss the operation of power equipment, job descriptions, safety procedures and training.

Community Building – Rentals are minimal, but the amount inquiries are increasing. Jeff is shopping for a floor scrubber. It was noted that the parking lot needs to be sealed and stripped this summer.

Roads and Bridge – The township roads are in decent condition for the season.

New Business- Clerk Mayry requested that the Town begin to process the PERA administrative functions, including payments, electronically. Supervisor Warwas motioned to process PERA functions electronically, second by Supervisor Butler. Motion approved unanimously.

Supervisor Warwas motioned to hold a workshop on March 31, 2021 beginning at 6:30 at the Clinton Fire Hall to discuss recruitment, retention and administrative issues, second by Supervisor Butler. Motion approved unanimously

Supervisor Warwas motioned to hold a workshop on April 8, 2021 beginning at 6:30 at the Clinton Community Building discuss the operation of power equipment, job descriptions, safety procedures and training, second by Supervisor Butler. Motion approved unanimously.

Supervisor Warwas motioned that the Clerk further pursue the Township obtaining the neighboring land for public recreational purposes, second by Chairman Skaudis. Motion approved unanimously.

The Cherry All Night Grad Party committee requested a donation from the township for the annual chemical free grad party. It was said that fund raising this year is particularly difficult due to the health pandemic. Because donations can not be made with public money Chairman Skaudis offered to contact Brock Kick of this committee to have a group of students come work at the Community Building washing windows and maybe some other tasks for payment.

As there was no further business, Chairman Skaudis motioned to the next meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM, second Supervisor Warwas, Motion approved unanimously, meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,

Brian Mayry, Clerk