

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS  
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 19, 2021**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Trustees- Roger Miller, Jonathan Tiber and Cooper Sherman and Fiscal Officer, Paula H Jolly.

Ms. Jolly took roll call for attendance. Mr. Miller, Mr. Tiber and Mr. Sherman responded here.

**APRIL 5, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- 21-55**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/5/2021 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

**GUEST**

Theresa Warner, Claridon rental custodian, asked for BOT's permission to allow for Burton Elementary PTO's fundraiser flowers (from Urban Growers) to be picked up by participants/purchasers from Claridon Township's parking lot. Due to ongoing strict covid restrictions, Burton Elementary is not permitted to host pick up of the flowers on their grounds. Ms. Warner further explained that the pickup will be well organized, with little to no mess, and will be taking place on 5/2/2021. Permission for this event has been granted by the Trustees.

**ZONING**

The BOT was presented with a zoning inspector report (via email) from the zoning inspector, Mr. Harry Jacob.

Mr. Tiber stated that a Public Hearing for rezoning of a Geauga UH Hospital lot will be taking place tonight at 7pm.

**BUILDINGS**

Mr. Sherman reiterated that the remainder of the new windows at the Admin Building will be replaced by the end of April, or beginning of May. This ongoing project began in 2020 and has been sponsored by 2020/2021 NOPEC Energized Community Grant.

Mr. Tiber reported that asphalt grindings for repairs of the recycling area driveway have been purchased.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TOWH HALL ELEVATOR INSPECTION-21-56**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to approve State mandated 5-year Town Hall elevator inspection for up to \$1650. Inspection will be performed by American Elevator company and will take place on 4/20/21.

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**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

**ROADS**

Mr. Miller reported that Geauga County Engineer's crew will be replacing a culvert bridge (first bridge) on Taylor Wells Road, north of Rt 322. This project will be taking place sometime in August of 2021.

**EQUIPMENT**

**MOTION TO PURCHASE A NEW MOBILE SIGN TRAILER- 21-57**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to purchase a new mobile sign trailer from O'Reilly Equipment for up to \$425.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

**EVENTS**

Mr. Tiber reminded everyone that Senior Trash Pickup is scheduled on 5/13/2021, Spring Trash Drop off on 5/15/2021, and Memorial Day parade/services on 5/31/2021

Mr. Tiber added that this year, Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste will be hosting an Electronics & Appliances collection on 5/15/2021, and a Hazardous waste collection on 6/19/2021 at the Fairgrounds.

Mr. Tiber suggested for all members of the audience to log into township's website for further details.

Mr. Miller reported that application process for the Memorial Day flowers grant (through NOPEC Energized Community) has been completed.

**FISCAL ITEMS**

**ROAD LEVY- CERTIFICATE OF NEED RESOLUTION- 2021-14**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Tiber to certify the need of an Additional Tax Levy at a rate of 1.76 mills for a 5-year period, for the purpose of a "Road and Bridge Levy" (for construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges). The levy shall be placed on the 11/2/2021 ballot and shall be first levied in year 2021, and begin collection in 2022. The GCAO will certify back to the BOT the total current tax valuation of the subdivision and the revenue generated by the levy. The Geauga County Prosecutor's office suggested to take out the wording "excluding Aquilla Village" since they are separating from Claridon Township. This replaces Resolution 2021-10.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

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**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Purchase Orders for CLN Portable Restrooms (\$780), O'Reilly Equipment (\$1200), and Penn Ohio Corporation (\$1578.25) have been presented, approved and signed during tonight's meeting.

**PAY BILLS MOTION- 21-58**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wage and bills from warrant #10642 through warrant #10647, and the electronic payments of #80 through #86, for a total expenditure of \$34,363.62.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

**CEMETERIES**

**MOTION TO APPROVE ENGRAVINGS OF VETERANS' NAMES- 21-59**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to approve engravings of Claridon Veterans' names onto the Claridon Center Monument. The engravings will be performed by Valley Memorials, in the amount of \$1275.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

1 cemetery deed for Ms. Patricia Adams was presented and signed during tonight's meeting.

**MEETINGS**

Next Trustee meeting will be held on 5/3/2021 at 6:00 pm.

Next GCTA dinner/meeting will be held on 7/14/2021 at 6:30 pm in Chester Township.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Claridon resident Mr. Tom Niewulis presented the BOT with copies of the State Constitution Preamble, Article 1. Mr. Niewulis stated that with so much going on in the nation right now, he would like to petition the BOT to take an act according to their Oaths of Office, in respect to Article 1 of the US Constitution, ensuring that Second Amendment rights of all Claridon residents are protected ("the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed"). Mr. Niewulis, along with other attending residents, would like for the BOT to make a resolution to adopt an ordinance to make Claridon a Second Amendment Sanctuary Township. Mr. Niewulis would also like to petition the Geauga County Commissioners to do the same.

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Mr. Tiber asked the audience if Mr. Niewulis was speaking on their behalf as well, and the unanimous response was yes.

Mr. Niewulis further explained that petitioning the Claridon BOT as a first level of governance would ensure that the request to have Second Amendment rights retained is communicated effectively into the County, and then the State Legislation. Once the resolution for the ordinance is in place (in Claridon Township), the BOT would be able to get Sherriff's Office protection for the residents from anyone infringing on their Second Amendment rights. The intent of the ordinance would be that Claridon residents are free citizens of Ohio requesting to retain their rights.

Mr. Tiber agreed with Mr. Niewulis and stated that Lower Magistrate (the BOT) is the purest form of American democracy. Mr. Tiber also added that anything of such importance should start at this (BOT) level, and will also help bring our community together.

Several other residents added that the State of Arizona and State of Utah have become Second Amendment Sanctuary States.

Mr. Tiber stated that Claridon Township might be one of the first Townships in Ohio petitioning to become one of the Second Amendment Sanctuary Stations/Townships. He also added that he's been approached by many other townships in the area to share the language of the resolution for the ordinance once approved. The plan is to have several local townships petitioning the County Commissioners together as a team.

Mr. Miller stated that this is just the first step to protect our rights and the Constitution.

This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Tiber also brought up the idea of having annual community get togethers/potlucks. Signup sheet was presented for those interested in participating. Mr. Tiber will also be sharing this information on township's website.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN-21-60**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

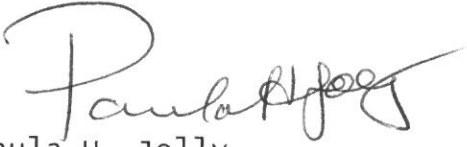
Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately at 6:49 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paula H. Jolly".

Paula H. Jolly  
Fiscal Officer

A second handwritten signature in cursive script, which is more stylized and less legible than the first.

