The regular meeting of Clay Township Trustees was called to order by Trustee President Dave Vore at 5:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a moment of silence was observed for our employees, veterans situation, military veterans and for one of our Trustees that has been under the weather for the past several weeks.

Roll call:
- Requarth, absent
- Woolf, present
- Vore, present

Trustee Vore moved to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2018 regular Trustee meeting; Trustee Woolf seconded the motion.

Roll call:
- Woolf – Yes
- Vore – Yes

Trustee Vore moved to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2018 Special Trustee meeting; Trustee Woolf seconded the motion.

Roll call:
- Woolf – Yes
- Vore – Yes

Hearing from the Public:

There were no requests to speak.

Trustee Vore moved to go into executive session for a special hearing concerning a hearing for Officer Martin Stringfellow and requested the attendance of Chief VanGundy and attorney Alex Hale. Trustee Woolf seconded the motion.

Roll call:
- Woolf – Yes
- Vore – Yes

The Trustee went into executive session at 5:05pm.

The Trustees came out of executive session at 5:21 pm. There were not decisions or actions taken in the executive session.
Trustee Vore for the record, he is submitting Exhibit 1 for Inspectional Services Investigation Report 18-50 concerning Officer Stringfellow. Trustee Vore also submitted Exhibit 2 a document that Officer Stringfellow received concerning the Montgomery County Sherriff Office internal investigation document for Clay Township Charging Form issued by Office VanGundy and Exhibit 3 a certified Municipal Court document regarding the case against Officer Stringfellow.

Chief VanGundy presented having found that Officer Stringfellow was in violation of procedures recommended to dismiss Officer Stringfellow from Clay Township Police Department. Trustee Vore moved that Officer Stringfellow be removed from Clay Township Police Department. Trustee Woolf seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Woolf – Yes Vore – Yes

Trustee Vore indicted that the dismissal would be effective December 17, 2018.

Documentation was attested by Fiscal Officer Limbert. Trustee Vore expressed his appreciation for the work attorney Alex Hale had performed concerning the case.

Department Reports:

Police Department – Chief VanGundy reported that the Police Department will be working on hiring additional police personnel. Chief VanGundy is planning on pre-hire testing of candidates on January 21 for those applicants passing the initial tests given on January 7th and the Oral Board on January 11th. The intent is to present successful candidates for Trustee approval at the January 21st Trustee meeting to start full time in February.

A Police 5-Year Pay Plan was presented by Trustee Vore after the procedures that the Township had gone through with the Police Department for pay review. Based upon the events over the past several years and to be able to recruit and retain competent officers, a five step pay plan for the police department was presented. Trustee Vore made a motion to accept the 5 Step Pay Plan effective 1/1/19. Trustee Woolf seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Woolf – Yes Vore – Yes

Cemetery/Road Department – Road/Cemetery Superintendent Maleski had nothing to report at this time.
Trustee Woolf reported on the progress of the cemetery/road budgets and recommended a 3% raise for the road, cemetery and administrative staff effective January 1, 2019. Trustee Vore seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Woolf – Yes Vore – Yes

Trustee Vore requested additional financial information concerning revenues covering costs in working with the budget. Trustee Vore would like to see how much revenue (sales, closing, etc.) would be needed to cover the hours worked in the cemetery and operating expenses. There was general discussion on the financial information needed and Fiscal Officer Limbert will prepare additional information.

Zoning – Zoning Officer Brown was present and his zoning report had been previously distributed.

Fiscal Officer:

Fiscal Officer Limbert presented the December 17, 2018 Financial Package Acceptance which included the Appropriation Re-Allocations, Blanket Certificates, and warrants and electronic payments for Trustee approval. Trustee Vore moved to accept the Financial Package as presented; Trustee Woolf seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Woolf – Yes Vore – Yes

Old Business:

Fiscal Officer Limbert presented Resolution 2018-049 for Permanent Appropriations for 2019. Trustee Vore moved to approve Resolution 2018-049; Trustee Woolf seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Woolf – Yes Vore – Yes

Trustee Woolf shared that this is the first time that he was aware of having a Permanent Appropriation Budget passed in December and believe this is another step in good financial responsibility for the Township.

New Business:

None
Trustee Reports:

Trustee Woolf reported that the next step for Utility Aggregation passed earlier this year is for the Trustees to pass a motion to go forward with the aggregation for PU CO. Trustee Woolf moved to establish the Gas Aggregation Program; Trustee Vore seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Woolf – Yes   Vore – Yes

Trustee Woolf moved to establish the Electric Aggregation Program; Trustee Vore seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Woolf – Yes   Vore – Yes

Trustee Woolf will be take the paperwork to be notarized and file with State of Ohio.

Trustee Vore moved to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Woolf seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Woolf – Yes   Vore – Yes

Meeting adjourned at 5:35.

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Jeff Requarth, Trustee

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Steve Woolf, Trustee

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Dave Vore, Trustee

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Bradley E. Limbert, Fiscal Officer