

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Gregory Cizmar, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Devon Stanley, presiding.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Regular meeting.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

23-137 Motion to enter into an agreement with Perfect Color for \$2,505.80 to prepare, grind, prime with metal primer, and apply 2 coats of industrial enamel paint on light poles at the administration building and camera pole at Anderson Morrison Bridge including labor and materials.

Motion: Mr. Stanley. Second: Mr. Cizmar.

Roll Call: Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

23-138 Motion to approve sending a letter of support to the Trumbull County Commissioners on behalf of the Veterans Outreach who is requesting American Rescue Plan dollars. They would use the funds to improve the recently acquired building on Colonial Drive. The funds would be for improving the façade, windows and other areas that need improvement.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second. Mr. Clebone.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Motion carried.

23-138 Motion to pass the following resolution to increase appropriations totaling \$39,476.28:

- General - \$2,500 – Parks
- Police - \$2,500 – Wal-Mart Grant
- Fire - \$32,645 – Vehicle Repairs
- Cemetery - \$868 – Contracted Services
- Public Works - \$963.28 – Improvement of Sites

Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second. Mr. Cizmar.

Roll Call: Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Motion carried.

Remarks: Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly explained increases are due to excess revenue received.

23-139 Motion to pass the following resolution for grass abatements:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris upon the following properties constitutes a nuisance:

Address: Parcel No.:
234 E Liberty St Parcel 12-274830

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this Board's intent to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constituting said nuisance be given to all owners of the land and holders of liens of record upon said land in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon proper notice, and failure of the property owner to abate said nuisance within seven days, the Board of Trustees provide for the abatement, control, or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constituting said nuisance in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**

Motion: Mr. Stanley. Second: Mr. Cizmar.

Roll Call: Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

23-140 A RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY TO BE INSECURE, UNSAFE, STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE AND/OR UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND ORDERING AND PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE
AND

AUTHORIZING THE TRUMBULL COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO ABATE THE PROPERTY NUISANCE(S) BY REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION OF NUISANCE STRUCTURES ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP. THE STRUCTURE (S) ARE LOCATED AT THE ADDRESSES ON THE ATTACHED LIST IN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO AND SHALL BE DEMOLISHED WITH FUNDING THROUGH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION.

WHEREAS, the Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation has a Demolition Program with Ohio Department of Development Building and Site Revitalization Funds; and

WHEREAS, Under the authority of *Ohio Revised Code* 505.86, A board of township trustees may provide for the removal, repair, or securance of buildings or other structures in the township that have been declared insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective by any fire department under contract with the township or by the county building department or other authority responsible under Chapter 3781 of the *Ohio Revised Code* for the enforcement of building regulations or the performance of building inspections in the township, or buildings or other structures that have been declared unfit for human habitation by the board of health of the general health district of which the township is a part; and

WHEREAS, the STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT THE ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED LIST IN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP have been declared unfit for human habitation by the Trumbull County Board of Health of the general health district of which the township is a part; and/or have been declared insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective by the Township fire department or by the county building department or other authority responsible under Chapter 3781 of the *Ohio Revised Code* for the enforcement of building regulations or the performance of building inspections in the township; and

WHEREAS, the STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT THE ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED LIST IN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP were submitted to the Trumbull County Land Reutilization for consideration for demolition and said property owner(s) was/will be notified by certified mail and/or a public notice was/will be published in a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is necessary for the Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation, acting by and through the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners, to undertake these demolitions;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN DECLARED TO BE:

Check All That Apply:

- { X } insecure, unsafe or structurally defective by the Township Fire Department, and/or
- { X } insecure, unsafe or structurally defective by the Trumbull County Building Inspector, and/or
- { X } unfit for human habitation by the Trumbull County Board of Health;

THE LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY DECLARES THE STRUCTURE(S) ON SAID PROPERTY(IES) TO BE INSECURE, UNSAFE, STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE AND/OR UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND HEREBY ORDER THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF SAID STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED IN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

LIST OF PROPERTY LOCATIONS

See the attached List of Property Locations which is incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees of LIBERTY Township do hereby authorize the Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation to give notice to the Owner(s) and Lienholder(s) of record of the property(ies) of the Township Trustees' declaration of nuisance and intent to abate said nuisance by demolition and removal of structure(s), as prescribed in Section 505.86 (B) of the *Ohio Revised Code*; and proceed with the demolition(s) of the structure(s) located at the addresses on the attached list in LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, Trumbull County, Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon failure of the Owner(s) or Lienholder(s) of record of said property(ies) to provide for the demolition and removal of said nuisance structure(s), within thirty (30) days of the notice to abate said nuisance, the Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation hereby is authorized to enter upon the property(ies) and provide for abatement of said property nuisance by conducting an asbestos survey and demolition and removal of the property structure(s)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

LIST OF PROPERTIES DECLARED INSECURE, UNSAFE, STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE AND OR UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION FOR DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL

<u>OWNER OF RECORD NUMBER</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>AUDITOR PARCEL</u>
SCOTT W HUSK	221 Montrose Ave, Liberty Township	12-217200
ANGELO SILVESTRI	2018 Pleasant Valley, Liberty Township	12-665750
ERCOLE MARZIANI	6196 Belmont Ave, Liberty Township	12-100940
EMPIRE HOSPITALITY GROUP	600 Motor Inn Dr, Liberty Township	12-698275
EQUITY TRUST CO	1599 Liberty Ave, Liberty Township	12-665900
3 MIND DEVELOPMENT LLC	1708 Keefer Rd, Liberty Township	12-553710
AMJAD AL REFAIE & JAMAL NISER	2904 Belmont Ave, Liberty Township	12-271416, 12-271417, 12-271418, 12-271419, & 12-271420
JOHN B JAMIESON	837 Pinecrest Rd, Liberty Township	12-245050
ROBERT LEE AUSTIN CHERYLE L AUSTIN	520 Catherine St, Liberty Township	12-535100
TERRY PAROZ TRUSTEE	1480 W Liberty St, Liberty Township	12-243400

Motion: Mr. Stanley. Second: Mr. Clebone.

Roll Call: Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Motion carried.

23-141 No objections to a liquor permit transfer from B & C Eatery LLC, DBA Chad Anthonys, 4698 Belmont Ave & Patio, Liberty Twp., Ohio 44505 to Coaches Burger Bar 105 LLC, same address.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second. Mr. Clebone.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Motion carried.

23-142 Motion to enter into an agreement with Barry Finley to install a Payne 125K BTU, Natural Gas Forced Air Furnace at a cost of \$9,872.41 (lowest bid) for labor and materials at Fire Station 35 Logan Way.

Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second. Mr. Cizmar.

Roll Call: Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Motion carried.

23-143 Motion to enter into an agreement with Tondo Carpets, Inc to install commercial waterproof flooring, move furniture, remove old flooring (including carpet) and disposal of old flooring, at a cost of \$14,443.28 (lowest bid) at Fire Station 35 Logan Way.

Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second. Mr. Cizmar.

Roll Call: Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Motion carried.

23-144 Motion to make an application to purchase 2002 Pierce Dash 75' Quint Aerial Ladder Truck for the Fire Department at \$150,000 contingent on a satisfactory inspection by a reliable fire apparatus Pierce Dealer. The Board reserves the right to withdraw their offer at any time. Note, the cost for the inspection will be covered by Liberty Township.

Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second: Mr. Stanley.

Roll Call: Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion: Fire Chief Doug Theobald said the abandoned Belmont Avenue Gas Station, he believes, still has underground tanks and is working on estimates. The Board and Chief reviewed the furnace and flooring replacement bids received, resulting in the above Resolutions (23-142 and 23-143). He has been working on the 2024 Budget with the Fiscal Officer, including the removal of the fuel tank and paving of the parking lot. The Shadey Road siren has additional wire damage done by squirrels. He spoke of further issues with the EOne Rescue which is out of service again. The 1992 Pierce is at A & E for repairs with what appears to be a head gasket problem and difficulty locating parts. They discussed an application to possibly purchase a used ladder truck resulting in Resolution 21-144 above. The department interacted with the schools during fire prevention week. He is working with Chief Hickey and another community to apply for an Air Pack Grant. Chief relayed an occurrence in which off duty Liberty Firefighter Nick Foard was at Eastwood Mall where a disturbance caught his attention. Upon investigation, he came across an unresponsive male with no pulse, began CPR, directed bystanders to call 911 and retrieve a defibrillator. With the help of bystanders, the Niles Police and Niles Firefighters, they were able to obtain a pulse on the individual, before transporting him to the hospital. Chief Theobald hopes to present awards to a several firefighters at the December 11th board meeting. Liberty Strong!

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connely has been meeting with Department Heads working on 2024's budget. Matt assessed some additional revenue sources including the rental of the pavilions and found the fees to be adequate. He reviewed the cemetery fees, as well, and found them to be in line with what other communities charge. Matt feels, however, we are undercharging for reports. Matt will have a price increase suggestion for next Friday's meeting. He hopes to keep us in line with other communities. He discussed options with the Board for the Firefighters Work Force Relief Incentive program.

Police Chief Toby Meloro thanked Walmart for their generous donations to the departments and community. The Chief reviewed last Wednesday evening's events where a Highway Patrol helicopter was flying over Liberty Township streets. The Youngstown PD, the State Highway Patrol, and a State Highway Patrol helicopter were performing a "saturation patrol" inside the City of Youngstown. As it happened, several juveniles fled from YPD causing a high-speed chase throughout Youngstown, ending in Liberty Township. The car stopped near the golf course and Redfern Drive where the youth fled on foot. However, were quickly apprehended by Liberty Police Officers. Liberty Strong!

Trustee Stanley apologized for missing last week's meeting because of Walmart's grand reopening where they presented generous donations to the Police and Fire Departments, along with a donation to the Community and Historical Society.

Trustee Greg Cizmar visited the newly purchased Veterans Outreach building on Colonial. They've done a lot of work but there is still a lot that needs to be done, he relayed. Greg hopes the letter of support he sent on behalf of the Board of Trustees to the Trumbull County Commissioners will help to secure some much-needed funds.

Trustee Arnie Clebone also thanked Walmart for the generous donations and their constant support for our community. The landbank has the opportunity to receive federal funds to tear down with a 25% match.

Trustee Clebone said in addition to the properties listed above, he asked the Board Members to consider adding additional properties to the list, which could be removed from the list later. He suggested even if those properties have not been declared as unfit, he wanted to include them on the list. The other Board members felt more discussion was needed as some of the homes referred to would still be considered habitable. Trustee Clebone continued the discussion of hiring help for the zoning department. He mentioned the Boards intent to send a request to the Zoning Commission to review other communities' codes and offer suggestions. Trustee

Devon Stanley said he had proposed hiring another person for zoning when first elected. Because he is the prosecutor at Girard Court, he has prosecuted zoning violators. However, he feels we need to reach out to people who need a helping hand before it gets out of hand.

A resident complained about issues on his street, like trees down, a container in the front of the house, and debris in yards. The trustees are aware of those homes who have received multiple citations from Zoning.

A resident had a complaint about other people dumping on his property. He put up cameras, only for them to be stolen. He posted not dumping signs, only for them to be taken. The Board will look into erecting no dumping signs near his property.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

Liberty Township Police and Fire Halloween Open House Tuesday, October 31, 2023 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Administration Building. Kids come in costume and Trick or Treat at the Police Department. Neighborhood Trick or Treat to follow the same day on October 31st from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting Friday, November 3, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON