

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding. Mr. Devon Stanley was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2023 Regular meeting.

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

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

23-73 Motion to table the police department upgrades to (only) bidder JC3 Builders at \$135,000.00.

Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Motion dies for a lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

23-74 Motion to repurchase from Jeremy Taylor for \$900.00, son and executor of Joseph Michael Taylor (deceased) who purchased Grave 8-A, Section G, Lot 47 on 2/11/21 for \$900.00. The grave is no longer needed.

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

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

23-75 Motion to approve Perfect Color Painting LLC to power wash and paint the exterior bathroom at Churchill Park for \$2,995.00.

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

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

Discussion: A resident spoke to the Board regarding the devastation that was left behind their homes along Sampson Drive after the woods were logged and the negative impact it has left the residents who live there. He asked the Board to work with legislators, in hopes of preventing such destruction at future logging sites in residential areas. As logging is deemed agriculture, it bi-passes local authority and the EPA laws. However, the Board directed the township administrator, Martha Weirick, to compose a letter to state legislation.

Fire Chief Doug Theobald reported the siren parts at Shady have been ordered. They received the reimbursement check for the labor and equipment use during East Palestine's train derailment disaster. Girard, Hubbard and Liberty were awarded a grant for a safety trailer. The joint grant for \$90,000 was awarded to the three communities with a joint 10% match (or \$3,300 each). The Chief received word that the EMA will receive their command post trailer. Required live burn training is going on today at the Youngstown Air Base and will be conducted again in October.

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman reported it's too wet to finish the Little Squaw Creek work at Churchill Park. The 2022 paving program will be finished once they stripe Pleasant Valley Road. Shelly & Sand was awarded the 2023 Road Program for 5 roads. Naylor Lloyd should be paved in May. The township will need to hire a design consultant for the CDBG Townsend grant (covered by the grant). Trustee Clebone said Wayne will need to send out letters to firms requesting a professional design service for their scope of work. The 2023 CDBG was submitted to the commissioners for Fredrick at a cost of \$232,500 with a \$100,000 township match. Wayne is cautiously optimistic and will know around May 10<sup>th</sup> if we are successful in receiving the grant. Wayne said both parks are ready with a few minor fixes. Wayne said Klines Street, which leads to the refuse and the condo's, is in bad shape and needs paved. We received the initial costs for the additional 13 tentative roads that the Board would like to pave, but after drainage and other repairs the cost will go up significantly. Darlington Road has leftover cones and debris that need to be addressed. Mansell Drive culvert has collapsed and will need an outside contractor to make the repairs. Wayne is in the process of getting local quotes for crack sealing. There is a recall for the two new trucks, which have yet to be put on the roads. Apparently, there is problems with the transmission. Wayne is on a safety committee with the County, EMA, ODOT, and Eastgate and plans to study SR193 traffic flow and traffic lights.

Chief Toby Meloro will be meeting with Pleasant Valley Schools to discuss preliminary options for a possible SRO.

Trustee Arnie Clebone talked about Bike Belmont, a joint effort to bike along Belmont Avenue with stops to review areas along the route. Arnie suggested we hire a person to help plan the

upgrades at the parks. Music in the Park was visited at the Community and Historical meeting. Arnie wanted to pursue hosting them and asked Martha to look into the matter.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Clebone. Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday, May 8, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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MATTHEW CONNELLY  
FISCAL OFFICER

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DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON