

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, May 26, 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 May 19, 2023 Regular meeting.

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

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

23-89 Motion to promote Michael Carson as a fulltime probationary firefighter paramedic effective May 30, 2023 in accordance with the agreement between the IAFF 2075 and the Liberty Township Board of Trustees.

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

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

23-90 Motion to hire Brandon Rice as a fulltime probationary patrol officer in effective June 4, 2023 in accordance with the agreement between the OPBA Patrol Unit and Liberty Township Board of Trustees at an hourly rate of \$22.97 to reflect his prior experience.

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

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

23-91 Motion to enter into an agreement between the Teamsters Local 377 Road Department and the Board of Trustees effective May 28, 2023 through April 30, 2026.

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

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

23-92 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.:
408 LAUREL	12-507025
4891 BELMONT	12-764838
1478 CHURCHILL HUBBARD	12-702200
1480 CHURCHILL HUBBARD	12-612700
985 TIBBITTS WICK	12-702135
1529 W MONTROSE	12-313300

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. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

23-93 Motion to amend resolution 23-84 to accept Police Officer James Newton's retirement to reflect the correct retirement date of June 30, 2023.

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

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

Discussion: Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman thanked the trustees for the new teamster agreement. Little Squaw Creek grant is complete, he is waiting to stripe Pleasant Valley Roadway, and Naylor Lloyd project is moving forward. Wayne and Arnie spoke about a State CDBG for Fredrick and adjoining streets. He said the parks are open and ready for the season. The department will start the 6 a.m. – 2 p.m. shift starting June 2nd. The guys are removing old signs and replacing them with new ones.

Chief Toby Meloro let everyone know there will be a box in the lobby to collect new teddy bears and

toys for Akron Childrens Hospital in memory of London who lost her life in an unfortunate tragedy. On June 2nd at 10:00 a.m. we are swearing in our newest officer.

Zoning and Code Officer Jim Rodway said Hotel 30 is boarded up. He thanked the police department for their help.

Trustee Greg Cizmar thanked the Fire Department employees for their excellent job mulching around the building. He also thanked Travis for the landscaping on both sides of I-80 entrances. It looks great!

Trustee Arnie Clebone said they had over 50 people participating in the Bike Belmont Avenue. They discussed safety including biking, crosswalks and lights along the Belmont corridor.

Trustee Devon Stanley was able to speak to Representative Santucci. We are not the only community who are dealing with the after affects of logging in residential areas. He spoke with the loggers too, They mentioned doing some cleanup and a clover strip. Now that the timber has been harvested, perhaps the homeowners can form an LLC and purchase the property as a group.

Motion to go into executive session at 9:11 a.m. to consider compensation of public employees, discuss contract negotiations and to meet with counsel regarding pending litigation.

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

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

Motion to end executive session at 9:35 a.m. and resume regular meeting.

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

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

23-94 Motion to amend motion 23-89 to increase the salary of the Zoning Inspector and Township Administrator by five percent (5%) effective the first pay period following the adoption of this amendment.

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

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

Motion to end the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting Friday, June 2, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON