

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, June 30, 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 June 12, 2023 Regular meeting.

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

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

23-98 Motion to approve the Alternative Tax Budget for the year 2024.

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

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

23-99 Motion to increase the appropriations in the following funds due to increased revenue:

General Fund	\$59,276.27
Road & Bridge	\$21,856.72
Police Fund	\$17,000.00
Fire Fund	\$21,945.70
Drug Law Enforcement	<u>\$ 2,250.00</u>
Total	\$122,328.69

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

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

23-100 No objection for a name change request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to Uptown Belmont Avenue LLC, DBA Uptown Pizza, 2940 Belmont Ave., Liberty Twp., Ohio from Leonardo's Inc., DBA Uptown Pizza, (same address).

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

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

23-101 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.:
425 Secrist	12-219700
3737 Logan Gate Rd.	12-533500
3570 Belmont Ave	12-703860
3180 Belmont	12-034720

**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.

Discussion:

Cari M. Immerman addressed the Board on the progress of the intended fund-raising project for fire equipment. Cari reported there are some parties who expressed interest in donating funds. The Fire Chief further proposed specifications for an ambulance adequate enough to carry all required equipment and gear. The Board of Trustees agreed to the proposed specifications and approved a potential 10/15% match if necessary.

A resident spoke to the Board of Trustees. He praised the Police, Fire, Road and Zoning Departments, but had zoning concerns on a neighboring house.

Trustee Clebone received an email from Trumbull Neighborhood Partners (TNP) asking permission to survey Belmont Avenue properties. The Trustees have no objection to TNP conducting their own study but the consensus among the board members was that a resolution requesting the survey was not necessary. Arnie expressed his desire to hire additional help for the Zoning Department. He feels its not fair for Jim to do everything.

Director of Zoning and Code Enforcement Jim Rodway reported the rehab facility will begin construction in early August.

Fire Chief Doug Theobald spoke on the former Roadway Inn and will now be a Super 8 Motel. He has completed all the requirements after the fire and is able to reopen. Chief applied for a \$20,000 EMS Grant. The Chief said the Fire Marshal is contacting the logger requiring brush clean up near home along Academy Drive. The Chief requested the trustees consider paving station 35's parking lot as it's down to dirt and mud. The Trustees authorized the Road Superintendent to reach out to Iron Eagle for a quote. The Chief reminded everyone Firework laws have changed and he would post them on the Fire Departments page.

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman discussed the 2023 Road Project. Wayne discussed the section of Motor Inn Drive not scheduled to be paved with the Board. Because of upcoming demolition and construction projects the Board decided it would be better to wait to pave that section of the road because the utility tie-ins would destroy any new asphalt. Final cost for the Naylor Lloyd project was \$377,000. The Statement of Qualifications requested by the County for the CDBG at Townsend has been received and will be reviewed. Wayne asked the Board to submit their prospective roads for next year's paving. GPD Group will be attending our next meeting to discuss the WRTA Sidewalk Project. Center Park restrooms are technically closed, but somewhat operational, because a pump had to be ordered. Wayne spoke to the Board about a sink hole in the right of way behind a home on Sampson. The Board authorized Wayne to contract it out.

Trustee Cizmar reported he worked with Lisa Taddei from Ohio Edison to fix lights at Churchill Park. Greg thanked Travis for his work at Churchill Park. Once he's finished at Churchill Park, he will address the Welcome to Liberty signs and landscape around the gazebo. I-80 looks great thanks to Travis.

Trustee Stanley spoke about the baseball field dirt and will reach out to Bret Fine to finalize a date to meet at Center Park.

Administrator Martha Weirick spoke to Lisa Taddei, Ohio Edison, who expressed interest in donating to National Night Out, through Ohio Edison's foundation,

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:41.

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

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

Next meeting Monday, July 10, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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MATTHEW CONNELLY  
FISCAL OFFICER

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DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON