

September 1, 2023

Bid Opening Single Trash Hauler on August 29, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Rumpke **NO Bid Submitted**
Ohio Valley **Bid Submitted**
BFI/Republic **Bid Submitted**
Bids taken under advisement.

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, September 1, 2023 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 July 28, 2023 Regular meeting.

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

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

23-111 Motion to accept the amount and rates as determined by the Trumbull County Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the County Auditor.

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

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

23-112 Motion to enter into an agreement with Adam-Eve Plumbing to install a new sanitary sewer line for the Road Department at \$22,300.00.

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

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

23-113 Motion to enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding emergency medical service (mutual aid assistance), between Liberty Township and the Hubbard Eagle Joint Fire District. See addendum file for full details.

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

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

23-114 Motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding effective August 31, 2023, between the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) and the Board of Liberty Township Trustees to clarify language in the current contract between parties regarding filling a sergeant position which will become open at the end of 2023.

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

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

23-115 Motion to table the acceptance of the resignation of Firefighter Joe Santangelo effective September 9, 2023 until the Board receives written notice.

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

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

23-116 Motion to accept the resignation of Firefighter John Corman effective September 10, 2023.

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

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

23-117 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.:
503 Churchill	12-067745
995 Churchill	12-289100
1001 Churchill	12-629500

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.

Bob Denon from the Refuge Ministries spoke to the Board about his plans for building upgrades and plans to create a youth soccer program and work with the existing Logangate Tri County Indoor Facility. He is installing baseball fields behind the property and will have the groundbreaking in a few weeks. He eventually wants to install an indoor basketball facility. Pastor Denon is also interested in establishing an outdoor youth soccer facility on five acres of land owned by the Township between the Township administration and park and the Refuge facility. He would like to lease or buy the property and develop the fields. The Board agreed that there is a need for soccer fields in the community but would need to take a look at a concrete plan and more specifics before making any decisions. Mr. Denon stated that he would have his architect draw up a general site plan. Law Director Cherry Poteet stated that if an agreement was reached, the township could sell the land or enter into a ground lease for the property.

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly explained the recent \$20,000 Grant Chief Theobald received from the Ohio Ambulance Transportation Program and discussed the three options on how to use the funds. Matthew also recapped the recent insurance committee meeting and the quotes received by the different health care providers. The received a great quote from Aetna which is for 20% less than the current premium.

Trustee Arnie Clebone spoke on the wind and solar survey sent by the Trumbull County Planning Commission. The Board requested the law director to prepare resolution language for the September 11th meeting asking the County Commissioners to prohibit large scale wind and solar development in the Township. Arnie also spoke about a joint effort through Build a Better Belmont to clean up Gypsy Lane on Sept 23rd with volunteers from the City of Youngstown and Liberty township. They are looking for volunteers and some businesses are offering some amenities.

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman spoke of the miles of road paved and commended the Trustees for the impressive Road Paving Program. At times the Board program paved more roads than Trumbull County's program. Fifty-one percent of the roads in the township have been paved since 2019. Wayne thanked Shelly and Sands for completing the 2023 OPWC work ahead of schedule. The Township's paving program is moving forward, and we should have the information soon to advertise and take bids. Wayne is also working with the County for specifications to send to Eastgate for the preapplication. No estimates yet. GPD Group should be sending the plans here any day now for the sidewalk projects. The General Contractor who did our crack seal did a good job. The reason they don't fill every crack, called checkerboard sealing, is to avoid creating slick spots. Churchill Park gate rotted and has been removed. CR Electric has been called to fix the power strip that blows the fuse. Wayne discussed bus stop seating, as some of the existing seats are falling apart. Trustee Clebone spoke to Dean and WRTA who may have some funding for us. Wayne received the bike racks and the Board decided where it would be best to install them at Churchill Park, The Administration Building, and Center Park. A complaint was received about stones being thrown up from mowing and damaging the side window of a resident's her van and perhaps the windshield of another vehicle that was already cracked. Wayne went out and spoke to her and looked at the claimed damage. The Board advised her to obtain estimates for repairs and they will be reviewed.

Zoning and Code Officer Jim Rodway reported on the old North Side Hospital. Jim said both the City of Youngstown and he have had difficulty contacting the owners of the property and are working together to find out what the owners intend to do with the vacant buildings.

Chief Toby Meloro received over 100 positive emails on the recent National Night Out. Toby commended the Board of Trustees for the active roll in community policing.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting, Monday, September 11, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON