



deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the GRANTEE; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the President of the Board of Trustees of the GRANTEE.

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

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

23-44 Motion to use the Trumbull County Building Departments minimum square foot construction cost when figuring zoning permit fees.

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

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

23-45 Motion to set the 2023 mileage reimbursement rate for authorized travel by township officials and employees outside of Liberty Township at \$0.65.5 cents per mile which is the maximum rate per mile permitted by the IRS for 2023.

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

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

23-46 Motion to adopt the following resolution to declare the residential structure at 1602 Lincoln Avenue unsafe and structurally defective by reason of fire and ordering demolition:

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1602 LINCOLN AVENUE, LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO TO BE UNSAFE, STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE AND UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND ORDERING DEMOLITION**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 505.86 authorizes a Township Board of Trustees to declare structures within the Township to be a nuisance by reason of being insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, or unfit for human habitation, and to provide for the abatement of said nuisance by demolition and removal of said structures; and;

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2022, the residential structure located at 1602 Lincoln Avenue, Liberty Township, Trumbull County Ohio, Permanent Parcel No. 12-468011, (hereinafter “the Property”) was heavily damaged by fire; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2023, the Liberty Township Fire Chief inspected the Property and declared the residential dwelling structure (hereinafter “the Structure”) on the Property to be structurally damaged, unsafe and structurally defective, because of the fire damage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, by authority of Section 505.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The structures on the property located at 1602 Lincoln Avenue, Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, Permanent Parcel No. 12-468011, are hereby determined to be unsafe and structurally defective because of fire damage and constitute a nuisance and a threat to the public health and safety.

**SECTION 2.** The Liberty Township Board of Trustees hereby orders the Property Owner, Paul C. Piergiovanni, to immediately abate the nuisance by demolition and removal of the structure.

**SECTION 3.** The Zoning Inspector is hereby instructed to notify the Property owner and all lienholders of record by certified mail, return receipt requested, by posting on the property, or as otherwise provided by law, of the Township’s declaration of nuisance and demand to abate said nuisance by demolition of the Structures, and of their right to request a hearing in writing within twenty days after the notice is mailed.

**SECTION 4.** If the Property Owner or Lienholders of record fail to request a hearing before the Board within twenty days or provide for the demolition and removal of said nuisance structures within thirty days of issuing notice, the Township Zoning Inspector is hereby authorized to contract for the demolition and removal of the Structure and site restoration.

**SECTION 5.** The total cost of the demolition of the structure and all associated site restoration work shall be assessed to the owner(s) of record and the Liberty Township Fiscal Officer shall certify the total costs, together with a proper description of the lands, to the county auditor who shall place the costs upon the tax duplicate. The costs are a lien upon such lands from and after the date of entry. The costs shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the township general fund.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately, or upon the earliest date as otherwise allowed by law.

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

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

Discussion:

A resident spoke on a liquor permit transfer from his restaurant to his convenience store next door to the restaurant. Trustees will request the law director assistances.

A resident discussed the township's policy on the removal of dead animals, both in yards and along the roadsides. He asked what his rights are, and the township's ability to enforce home rule resolutions, with regards to the logging going on behind his home.

Chief Doug Theobald report Roadway Inn Building A is ready to resume operations. However Buildings B & C are not up to code and cannot open at this time. We had a structure fire on Logan Hill. The family is safe, but one of their two dogs perished in the fire. The other was taken to a veterinarian's hospital and the last Chief heard he was still alive. Chief thanked both Liberty Chaplin's Pastor Michal Constantine and Pastor Patrick Mitchel. Pastor Mitchel was able to help settle the family into a hotel. Pastor Patrick Mitchel of Liberty Assembly of God, Belmont Avenue is taking donations at his church. Chief Theobald thanked the other communities for their help, getting the fire under control. The ambulance runs were lower this past month, but we had four structure fires.

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman reviewed the annual report he presented today and emphasized the need for replacing some of the aged equipment. The Scrap Tire Grant has been locked in for September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Toby Meloro also wanted to go on the record thanking the Chaplains for their assistance with the displaced residents who lost almost everything in the house fire. Pastor Patrick Mitchell has taken the lead in this effort and Chief is grateful for his help. Chief has been working with the Fiscal Officer over budgetary matters. Once the budget is approved, he has some possible expenditures he would like to discuss.

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly announced 2022 is officially closed out and has been working on the permanent budget with Arnie and the department heads, Matthew is waiting for the State Auditor to review and official approve the final audit performed by a third party.

Motion to adjourn at meeting at 9:35 a.m.

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

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

SCRAP TIRE GRANT PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup>

Next meeting February 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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MATTHEW CONNELLY  
FISCAL OFFICER

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DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON