

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes for a meeting held on
May 20, 2024

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller at 7:00 PM at 2095 Reynoldsburg-Baltimore Rd. Baltimore, Ohio, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those in the military.

Roll Call:

Don Keller- Present
Rob Alt- Present
Randy Kemmerer- Present
Rick May- Present
David C. Keller-Present
Greg Vannatta- Present
David Leith-Absent
Jeff Austin- Present
Staci Vannatta-Present

- 2.) Trustee Kemmerer made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2024 Regular and Special meetings. Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Kemmerer-yes
Alt-yes
Keller-yes

- 3.) Comments from the floor:

- a.) Jo Price, 155 Stemen Rd. NW requested that the Trustees pass the Exclusionary Solar Resolution, Trustee Alt advised that there are no solar projects going on in the township at this time and there was no need to do so.
- b.) At 7:10 pm a 10-minute recess was taken to look at the new Medic that Basil Joint FD purchased with money that the Trustees sub-granted to them. Assistant Fire Chief Kasey Farmer spoke briefly about the used medic that was being offered to the Township to purchase for \$1.00 (one dollar).
- c.) At 7:18 pm Trustee Kemmerer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the sale of property. Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Kemmerer-yes
Alt-yes

Keller-yes

d.) At 7:36 pm Trustee Alt made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Keller seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Alt-yes

Keller-yes

Kemmerer-yes

4.) Fiscal Officer report.

a.) The report is attached.

b.) Trustee Alt made a motion to approve Warrants 19261-19305, Payment Vouchers 54,55-2024, Regular PO's 34,35,36-2024, Withholding Vouchers 51,52,53-2024, Blanket PO's 25,26-2024 and any inter- fund transfers. Trustee Kemmerer seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Alt-yes

Kemmerer-yes

Keller-yes

c.) Trustee Kemmerer made a motion to purchase the 2007 used medic from Basil Joint Fire District for \$1.00. Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Kemmerer-yes

Alt-yes

Keller-yes

d.) The painting bids for the maintenance building were opened and reviewed. Trustee Keller made a motion not to accept any of the bids as presented. The road supervisor will contact the 3 bidders and make sure that they are all bidding the same scope of work. Bids will be opened at the June 3rd regular meeting. Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Keller-yes

Alt-yes

Kemmerer-yes

e.) Trustee Kemmerer made a motion to vote the ballot as presented for the 3 members of the OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission). Trustee Alt seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Kemmerer-yes

Alt-yes

Keller-yes

5.) Road Supervisor report:

a.) A request for Seals Construction to screen asphalt grinding for \$6100 was requested by the road supervisor. Trustee Alt made the motion to have Seals Construction to screen the asphalt grindings for \$6100. Trustee Keller seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Alt-yes

Keller-yes

Kemmerer-yes

b.) The speed limit report from Heimberger Rd. south of SR 204 were distributed.

c.) The electric conduit was run to the new sign that is being installed at the administration building.

d.) First round of mowing has been completed.

6.) Zoning Inspector report:

a.) 4 permits so far this month.

b.) Prosecutor is giving Graham time to remove items from property on Lancaster Kirkersville Rd.

c.) Paul Collins property on Cherry Lane is back in the spotlight. The Ohio EPA, Fairfield County Sheriff and the Liberty Twp. Zoning department are all working to get the issues resolved with Mr. Collins.

d.) Joe Dirt on Refugee Rd. is expanding his lot against zoning regulations.

e.) Cathy Smith the chairman of the zoning board spoke about Cress leaf Groundsel which is a noxious weed and harmful to human beings and livestock. She also distributed the new, up to date Zoning Resolution binders. She advised that updates are coming on definitions in the Resolution handbook as well. The County Commissioners are pushing County wide zoning, Liberty Twp. is not going to be part of that movement currently.

- f.) Trustee Alt made a motion to change the current zoning fee for PRB/CS District from \$500.00 to \$3000.00, excluding Schools, Churches, and Cemeteries. Trustee Keller seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Alt-yes

Keller-yes

Kemmerer-yes

7.) Reports:

- a.) Health Board-Nothing to report.
- b.) Fire Board-New Medic is in service and was shown to Trustees during this meeting.
- c.) Regional Planning-A meeting was held but nothing to report.

8.) Old Business:

- a.) Trustee Alt feels that the Township should not move forward with the Community Development Authority (CDA) agreement with the Village of Baltimore at this time without an Annexation agreement between the two entities.
- b.) A discussion on the CDA agreement was discussed and an official letter will be written to the Village expressing the Trustees concerns about the Annexation agreement.
- c.) Trustee Alt discussed purchasing a Jet machine for clearing out 8" tile.
- d.) Mowing of overgrown grass at 1318 Leonard was discussed. A letter will be sent to owner of property. If no response within 5 days, the Township will mow the property.

9.) New Business:

- a.) Trustee Kemmerer expressed the possibility of flashing stop signs at the intersection of Blacklick Rd. and State Route 158. He will contact the County Engineer about the possibility of this being put into action.

10.) Correspondence:

- a.) None to view

11.) Trustee Alt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kemmerer.

Roll Call: all in favor.

_____, Trustee

_____, Fiscal Officer
attest