

AGENDA

BOARD OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: July 13, 2026 Time: 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call meeting to order.
3. Roll call:

Arnie Clebone	Present _____	Excused _____
Greg Cizmar	Present _____	Excused _____
Devon Stanley	Present _____	Excused _____
4. MS Consultants to offer a presentation regarding the Belmont Avenue Corridor Plan (between Downtown Youngstown to Churchill Commons Giant Eagle).
5. Citizens may speak on agenda items.
6. Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly's financial report.
7. **Correspondence:**
8. **Reports:**
 1. Administrator Martha Weirick's Report
 2. Fire Department Chief Doug Theobald's Report
 3. Police Department Chief Ray Buhala's Report
 4. Road Superintendent Mr. Wayne Hickman's Report
 5. Zoning Inspector Ms. Melissa Ritchie's Report

New Business:

9. Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, June 8, 2026 and the Thursday, June 18, 2026 Regular meetings.
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Stanley _____ yes _____ no
Mr. Cizmar _____ yes _____ no
Mr. Clebone _____ yes _____ no
10. Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of June 2026 in the amount of \$743,860.72 warrants #27713 through #27776 inclusive.
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Stanley _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Cizmar _____yes _____no
Mr. Clebone _____yes _____no

11. Motion to approve the Purchase Order Listing and any Then and Now Certificates for the month of June 2026.
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Stanley _____yes _____no
Mr. Cizmar _____yes _____no
Mr. Clebone _____yes _____no
12. 26-112 Motion to increase appropriations in the Opioid Settlement Fund by \$57,000 for the purchase of a StrongArm device for \$8,460.12, the JAWS of Life device for \$37,647.23 both from line #2902-230-740-1325 and \$10,000 from line # 2902-210-190-0000 towards Police Officers Drug Task Force salary for 2026.
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Stanley _____yes _____no
Mr. Cizmar _____yes _____no
Mr. Clebone _____yes _____no
13. 26-113 Motion to approve the Alternative Tax Budget for the fiscal year 2027 and request the Fiscal Officer to forward the Budget to the Trumbull County Commissioners.
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Stanley _____yes _____no
Mr. Cizmar _____yes _____no
Mr. Clebone _____yes _____no
14. 26-114 **Motion to adopt a Resolution to Proceed with Renewal of a Fire and EMS levy 1.0 Mills**

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY OHIO,
THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF A LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF 1.0 MILLS FOR A
PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FOR FIRE AND EMS PURPOSES
(1.0 Mill Renewal Levy)

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Liberty Township, which is located exclusively in Trumbull County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the existing 1.0 mill levy for Fire and EMS purposes expires in 2026 (collected in 2027), and it is necessary to renew the existing levy in order to have sufficient funds for the Township Fire and EMS purposes; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2026, the Board of Trustees passed and adopted Resolution 26-101 declaring the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an

adequate amount necessary for the purposes of Fire and EMS services as set forth in RC §5705.19(I), and that it is necessary to levy a Renewal of an existing tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2026, the Trumbull County Auditor certified to the Board of Trustees that:

- 1) the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the tax levy at the stated millage, assuming tax valuation of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$193,006; and
- 2) The total tax value of the Township of \$329,396,660; and
- 3) The millage is 1.0 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$17.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, all members elected thereto concurring, that the Board desires to proceed with the submission of the question of a Renewal levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation as follows:

- (a) The proposed rate of the tax shall be 1.0 mills for each one dollar of taxable value.
- (b) The purpose of the tax shall be:
For providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment or maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer firefighting personnel or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of fire fighter employer's contributions required under §742.34 of the Ohio Revised Code or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company;
- (c) The tax is a Renewal levy.
- (d) The sections of the Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax are: R.C. §505.37, R.C. §5705.19(I) and R.C. §5705.191.
- (e) The tax is for a five year period of time.
- (f) The tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of Liberty Township.
- (g) The date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot is November 3, 2026.
- (h) The ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of Liberty Township.
- (i) The tax year in which the tax will first be levied is 2027 and the calendar year in which the tax will first be collected is 2028.
- (j) Liberty Township is wholly located in Trumbull County, Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of this Board of Trustees of Liberty Township be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution and all other necessary documents to the Trumbull County Board of Elections, not less than ninety days prior to the election and request said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the form of ballot to be used for submitting the question of such Renewal tax levy to the electors of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, and cast at the election, shall be in conformity with all provisions of law and/or as follows:

"A Renewal tax for the benefit of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and

materials therefore, or the establishment or maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer firefighting personnel or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of fire fighter employer's contributions required under §742.34 of the Ohio Revised Code or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$193,006 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.0 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$17.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for a period of five (5) years, first levied in 2027 and collected in 2028."

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cizmar _____yes _____no
Mr. Clebone _____yes _____no
Mr. Stanley _____yes _____no

15. **26-115 Motion to adopt a Resolution to Proceed with Renewal of a Fire and EMS levy 2.0 Mills**

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY OHIO,
THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF A LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF 2.0 MILLS FOR A
PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FOR FIRE AND EMS PURPOSES
(2.0 Mill Renewal Levy)

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Liberty Township, which is located exclusively in Trumbull County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the existing 2.0 mill levy for Fire and EMS purposes expires in 2026 (collected in 2027), and it is necessary to renew the existing levy in order to have sufficient funds for the Township Fire and EMS purposes; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2026, the Board of Trustees passed and adopted Resolution 26-99 declaring the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount necessary for the purposes of Fire and EMS services as set forth in RC §5705.19(I), and that it is necessary to levy a Renewal of an existing tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2026, the Trumbull County Auditor certified to the Board of Trustees that:

- 1) the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the tax levy at the stated millage, assuming tax valuation of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$460,046; and
- 2) The total tax value of the Township of \$329,396,660; and
- 3) The millage is 2.0 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$45.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, all members elected thereto concurring, that the Board desires to proceed with the submission of the question of a Renewal levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation as follows:

- (a) The proposed rate of the tax shall be 2.0 mills for each one dollar of taxable value.
- (b) The purpose of the tax shall be:
For providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters personnel or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment firefighter employer's contribution required under section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company;
- (c) The tax is a Renewal levy.
- (d) The sections of the Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax are: R.C. §505.37, R.C. §5705.19(I) and R.C. §5705.191.
- (e) The tax is for a five year period of time.
- (f) The tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of Liberty Township.
- (g) The date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot is November 3, 2026.
- (h) The ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of Liberty Township.
- (i) The tax year in which the tax will first be levied is 2027 and the calendar year in which the tax will first be collected is 2028.
- (j) Liberty Township is wholly located in Trumbull County, Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of this Board of Trustees of Liberty Township be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution and all other necessary documents to the Trumbull County Board of Elections, not less than ninety days prior to the election and request said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

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"A Renewal tax for the benefit of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters personnel or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment firefighter employer's contribution required under section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency

medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$460,046 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2.0 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$45.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for a period of five (5) years, first levied in 2027 and collected in 2028."

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cizmar _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Clebone _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Stanley _____ yes _____ no

16. **26-116 Motion to adopt a Resolution to Proceed with Renewal of a Police and EMS levy 2.0 Mills**

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY OHIO,
THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF A LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF 2.0 MILLS FOR A
PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FOR POLICE AND EMS PURPOSES
(2.0 Mill Renewal Levy)

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Liberty Township, which is located exclusively in Trumbull County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the existing 2.0 mill levy for Police and EMS purposes expires in 2026 (collected in 2027), and it is necessary to renew the existing levy in order to have sufficient funds for the Township Police and EMS purposes; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2026, the Board of Trustees passed and adopted Resolution 26-100 declaring the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount necessary for the purposes of Police and EMS services as set forth in RC §5705.19(J), and that it is necessary to levy a Renewal of an existing tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2026, the Trumbull County Auditor certified to the Board of Trustees that:

- 1) the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the tax levy at the stated millage, assuming tax valuation of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$386,012; and
- 2) The total tax value of the Township of \$329,396,660; and

- 3) The millage is 2.0 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$34.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, all members elected thereto concurring, that the Board desires to proceed with the submission of the question of a Renewal levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation as follows:

- (a) The proposed rate of the tax shall be 2.0 mills for each one dollar of taxable value.
- (b) The purpose of the tax shall be:
For providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police officer employer's contribution required under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by the township as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs:
- (c) The tax is a Renewal levy.
- (d) The sections of the Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax are: R.C. §505.50, R.C. §5705.19(J) and R.C. §5705.191.
- (e) The tax is for a five year period of time.
- (f) The tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of Liberty Township.
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	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cizmar _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Clebone _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Stanley _____ yes _____ no

17. 26-117 Motion to hire William Rose as a part time seasonal employee for the Belmont Park Cemetery and township grounds at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, no benefits effective June 29, 2026.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Stanley _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Cizmar _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Clebone _____ yes _____ no

18. 26-118 Motion to hire Denise Leone as the Fiscal Officer's Assistant at a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective 8/3/26 pending pre-employment drug testing.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Stanley _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Cizmar _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Clebone _____ yes _____ no

19. 26-119 Motion to hire Laney Ericson as a part time basic EMT/Firefighter at a rate of \$20.00 per hour no benefits. First day worked will be her hire date pending pre-employment drug testing and successful background check.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Stanley _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Cizmar _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Clebone _____ yes _____ no

20. 26-120 Motion to hire Caden Candel as a part time basic EMT/Firefighter at a rate of \$20.00 per hour no benefits. First day worked will be her hire date pending pre-employment drug testing and successful background check.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Stanley _____ yes _____ no

Mr. Cizmar _____yes _____no
Mr. Clebone _____yes _____no

21. 26-121 Motion to hire Seth T. Cain as a full time Liberty Township Probationary Police Officer at a rate of \$26.44 per hour per the terms of the bargaining agreement between the Ohio Patrolmen Benevolent Association and the Liberty Township Board of Trustees effective July 20, 2026 pending pre-employment drug test.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Stanley _____yes _____no

Mr. Cizmar _____yes _____no

Mr. Clebone _____ yes _____ no

22. 26-122 Motion to increase the appropriations in the General Fund by \$10,000 for nuisance abatements.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Stanley _____yes _____no

Mr. Cizmar _____yes _____no

Mr. Clebone _____ yes _____ no

23. 26-123 Motion to accept the resignation of Brycen Prasky as a part time FF/EMT effective July 8, 2026.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Stanley _____yes _____no

Mr. Cizmar _____yes _____no

Mr. Clebone _____ yes _____ no

24. 26-124 Motion to approve the following:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF GOLF AVENUE,
SMITHSONIAN STREET, EVERGREEN AVENUE AND TAYLOR AVENUE LOCATED IN
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Anthony Sveth, the owner of Property identified in Exhibit A of the Petition to Vacate filed with the Trumbull County Board of Commissioners on June 5, 2026, which lands adjoin portions of public streets known as Golf Avenue, Smithsonian Street, Evergreen Avenue and Taylor Avenue, located in Liberty Township, and has filed a Petition to vacate the portions of of Golf Avenue, Smithsonian Street, Evergreen Avenue and Taylor Avenue adjoining his property; and

WHEREAS, the portions of Golf Avenue, Smithsonian Street, Evergreen Avenue and Taylor Avenue, Overbrook Avenue adjoining the Sveth property that have been Petitioned for Vacation have never been opened as a public street have not been used by the general public for public road purposes for a period of more than 21 years, and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5503.04 provides that a board of county commissioners shall not adopt a resolution to vacate a public road that is a township road unless the board of township trustees has adopted a resolution approving the vacation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Liberty Township Board of Trustees approves vacating the portions of Golf Avenue, Smithsonian Street, Evergreen Avenue and Taylor Avenue, adjoining the parcels owned by Anthony Sveth in Liberty Township, as described in the Petition to Vacate and Plat filed with the Trumbull County Board of Commissioners on June 5, 2026 and received by the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners on June 24, 2026.

SECTION 2: That the Fiscal Officer certify a copy of this Resolution to the Trumbull County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 3: That this Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll Call:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Stanley _____yes _____no

Mr. Cizmar _____yes _____no

Mr. Clebone _____yes _____no

25. Citizens may speak on any matter.

26. Trustees' remarks.

27. Motion to adjourn at _p.m.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Stanley _____yes _____no

Mr. Cizmar _____yes _____no

Mr. Clebone _____yes _____no

Next business meeting is Thursday July 23rd at 8:00 a.m. No Regular Meetings are scheduled for the month of August. Special meetings would be advertised and placed on the web site.

Township residents aged 60 and older are warmly invited to join us on Wednesday, July 15th, starting at 11:00 a.m. Come enjoy a complimentary light lunch and live entertainment provided by our very own Officer Lou Ronghi. This event is a wonderful opportunity to talk to your safety forces and township staff. Additionally, representatives from various agencies will be on hand to share valuable information about promoting independent living. We look forward to seeing you there!

Music in Churchill Park is Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m. featuring the Blue Siren Band who play rock, pop and country hits!

July 18th Liberty Township 250th Celebration at Churchill Park from 5 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Learn more about our heritage, meet with vendors and finish the festivities with fireworks!