

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members in attendance Mr. Arnie Clebone & Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding. Mr. Devon Stanley was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, April 14, 2025 Regular meeting.

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

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

**25-68 A RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District (the District), by its Policy Committee, has adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan for the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3734.55(B), the Board of County Commissioners and the legislative authority of each municipal corporation or township under the jurisdiction of the District must approve or disapprove the Plan by ordinance or resolution;

WHEREAS, the Township of Liberty in Trumbull County, Ohio has reviewed the Plan and considered it a duly called meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Plan furthers the public interest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, adopted by the Solid Waste Policy Committee on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 is hereby approved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution of Approval shall promptly be delivered, or caused to be delivered, to the Solid Waste Policy Committee of the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District.

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

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

25-69 Motion to enter into an agreement with Harry & Tim Roofing, LLC to repair the roof at the Liberty Fire Station on Belmont Avenue in an amount of \$7,760.00.

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

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

25-70 Motion to hire Charles Grove as a part time Fireman/Paramedic at \$22.00 per hour, no benefits, pending successful pre-employment drug testing and background checks. His first day working is his hire date.

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

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

25-71 Motion to increase appropriations in the AARP Fund # 2273-230-700-1321 by \$9.22 + April's interest (around \$3.00) to clear out account with the funds going toward the 2024 Road Paving Program.

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

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

25-72 Motion to elect Greg Cizmar Township Trustee, and Raymond Buhala, Police Captain, as the legislative authority appointments to the 2025 Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Liberty Township Board, as administered by the Department of Commerce; and to acknowledge Edward Adam Grymberg and Lou Ronghi as the Volunteer Peace Officer Board Members, and Anthony Canterino as the Resident Board member. The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to complete the 2025 Volunteer Peace Officer's Dependents Fund Certificate of Current Assessed Valuation form to be submitted to the Department of Commerce.

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

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

25-73 Motion to accept the resignation of full-time firefighter Matthew Kello effective May 3, 2025 and return to part-time status.

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

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

After discussion between the two board members regarding a comprehensive plan grant for housing, zoning revisions, and vacant lands, it was agreed by the board to pass the following resolution.

25-74 Motion to authorize Liberty Township to apply to the Ohio Department of Development Grant for the Comprehensive Plan and authorize Administrator Martha Weirick to implement the grant.

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

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

Additional Discussion:

Cailor Fleming agent Todd Mayle introduced Tom Furtaw who is replacing retired agent Trent Cailor.

Bob Denen discussed the fields next to his building and his interest in leasing some parcels and purchasing other parcels with Trustee Cizmar and Trustee Clebone.

Administrator Weirick reminded everyone to be available on June 6<sup>th</sup> as an agent from OTARMA will be visiting all properties.

Fire Chief Doug Theobald reported the staff completed the required Driving Training offered by the State Fire Academy which is a requirement of the Volunteer Fire Council. The Chief, Trustees, and Road Superintendent discussed the status of a possible access road to Interstate 80. The fire department will continue training including hose testing in the coming weeks. The Chief said Hudson has ordered the parts to repair the two sirens that are not working properly.

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman reported that the 2024 Paving Program is half completed. The 2025 OPWC Program County wide bid opening is May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. He received Phase 1 inspection quote from GPD for the Belmont Sidewalk Project. He plans to seek out quotes from other engineering companies. The Center Park Project is moving along now that the surveys are done. He said the engineer has the surveys and can start to design. Wayne was notified of several utility projects coming into Liberty Township, including Enbridge (Gas line upgrades) and Lumos (fiberoptic lines). Wayne reported 5 of the 8 faucets at Churchill Park are not working. He is having Adam and Eve order and replace the faucets. After which he can turn on the water at Churchill Park. Center Park water is on, and bathrooms are open. He said the road crew is also doing a variety of daily work.

Police Chief Toby Meloro thanked the trustees for the volunteer program. This will help with side jobs that our full-time police cannot always fill.

Trustee Greg Cizmar said he was able to retrieve our ambulance from the salvage yard. He is looking for a company who can remove the box then we can mount a cab and chassis. Greg reminded everyone that the litter cleanup is this Saturday. Greg is meeting with contractors for concrete for center park pavilions.

Trustee Arnie Clebone is seeking letters of support from businesses to be included in the grant application he is submitting with reference to the abandoned gas station on Belmont Avenue. He spoke in length with a Lumos representative Stephen Kristan and asked him to attend Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Build a Better Belmont Bikeathon is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. He said vendors will set up at the Belmont Giant Eagle. Arnie and Greg discussed how to advertise for the Zoning Officers position. They agreed to place it on the township website.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:10 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting is Monday, May 12, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

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MATTHEW CONNELLY, FISCAL OFFICER

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GREG CIZMAR, TRUSTEE