

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2025 Regular meeting, the June 24, 2025 Special meeting & the July 14, 2025 Regular meeting.

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

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

25-101 Motion to hire Richard Pollo per the terms of the Memorandum of Employment as a full time hourly employee at a rate of \$20.00 per hour pending pre-employment drug testing effective 7-24-25.

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

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

25-102 Motion to hire Ronald Taylor as the Cemetery Sexton per the terms of the Memorandum of Employment at a rate of \$28.85 per hour (for the salary of \$60K/yr.) pending pre-employment drug testing effective 7-24-25

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

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

25-103 Motion to promote Captain Raymond Buhala as Acting Chief of Police at a salary of \$104,228.80 (\$50.11 per hour) effective June 30, 2025. This position is overtime exempt; however Acting Chief Buhala will be paid \$44.05 per hour (the top Captain's rate) when working extra hours to fill in a patrol shift. We wish him continued success serving the welfare of Liberty Township Residents.

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

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

25-104 Motion to advance from the General Fund \$89,000.00 to the Cemetery Fund for personnel and maintenance expenses for the remainder of 2025 and increase the appropriations in Cemetery Fund.

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

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

25-105 Motion to hire Matthew Misko and John Mlinarcik as full-time probationary Firefighters EMT employees at \$21.00 per hour per the terms of the agreement between the IAFF and the Board of Liberty Township Trustees. First day worked will be their hire dates.

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

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

25-106 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.:
425 Mansell	12-655100
977 Chrysann	12-376787

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. Clebone. Second. Mr. Cizmar.

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

Trustee Devon Stanley left at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion: Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman reviewed the progress of the sidewalk projects and the Center Park project. Wayne said the drainage work has started for the OPWC Road Project. Wayne

spoke of Belmont Cemetery’s equipment as well as the Bricks at Churchill Park which had been displaced after a flood and need replaced somewhere. Wayne mentioned the 2026 OPWC program pre-applications due to the county.

Chief Doug Theobald discussed National Night Out. He mentioned the on-going inspections at the new Behavioral Health facility and water pressure issues at the new hotel.

Acting Chief Ray Buhala talked about the contract with the Schools for the upcoming year’s School Resource Officer. He also spoke about the National Night Out event scheduled for August 5th at the School. Ray spoke about the current difficulties with manpower.

Trustee Greg Cizmar and Trustee Arnie Clebone discussed the Zoning Inspector position.

Trustee Greg Cizmar thanked Travis, Econolawn, for clearing out the welcome signs and the entrance to Belmont Cemetery. He also wanted to thank the City of Girard Water and Mr. Ragozine for their assistance.

Trustee Arnie Clebone spoke of what options the township has to force the owners of the Tibbetts-Wick Gas Station to make improvements. He also spoke of a property on Fifth Ave.

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

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

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

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON

Music in Churchill Park is on August 14th at 6:30 p.m. with the Sweet Sounds of Randy and James. Bring your lawn chairs.

No Regular Meetings in August. Next regular scheduled meeting is September 8, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. If the Board needs a special meeting, we will advertise in the newspapers and place the meeting notice on the township website.