

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Arnold Clebone, Mr. Devon Stanley, and Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular/organizational meeting.

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

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

24-27 Motion to pass the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Section 505.241 of the Ohio Revised Code grants the authority to a Board of Township Trustees to authorize its elected officers to join an association or nonprofit organization formed for the improvement of township government; and

WHEREAS, Section 505.241 of the Ohio Revised Code further grants the authority to a board of township trustees to appropriate from its general fund an amount sufficient to pay the dues, subscription costs, or membership charges of such association or nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, THE Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships (hereinafter referred to as CLOUT), which is part of the Ohio Township Association, qualifies as an association or nonprofit organization formed for the improvement of township government within the meaning of Section 505.241 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township is eligible to be a member of CLOUT based on a budget of \$16,186,559.03 from the certificate of estimated resources dated October 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to participate as members of CLOUT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED THAT, the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County hereby authorizes Liberty Township to become a member of CLOUT, as part of the Ohio Township Association and to pay the annual CLOUT \$200 membership dues.

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

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

24-28 Motion to verify and accept 62.146 miles as the total 2023 Annual ODOT Miles for Liberty Township and to return form to the County Engineer's Office.

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

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

24-29 Motion to accept the resignation from part time firefighter Isabel Schors effective 1/10/24. Isabel was unable to meet the minimum monthly requirements due to other commitments.

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

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

24-30 Motion to accept the resignation from part time firefighter Jacob Pyatt effective 1/11/24. Jacob was unable to meet the minimum monthly requirements due to other commitments.

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

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

Trustee Stanley left the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Discussion: Fire Chief Theobald mentioned the structure fire on Secrist Lane. The Chief said they are still waiting for the completion of the multi-jurisdiction safety trailer. He is also working on an air pack grant with the county. There is a possibility of applying for additional funding from the County for radios. The Chief attended the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) meeting. They received a million-dollar grant for a movable command center type trailer to be used during disasters. They are raising their fee by \$.12 cents. The fees had not been increased for 11 years.

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman spoke about the 2023 and 2024 paving programs. He would like the Boards final list for the 2024 Roads in the next month. Scrap Tire Grant Program will be September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. The Board and Wayne discussed CDBG State funded grant for the coming year. Wayne asked the Board about surveying the Road Department Property in the event we wish to extend our impound lot.

Director Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Jim Rodway brought to Boards attention possible revisions and changes to township zoning laws and violations. Thanks to the efforts of Trustee Greg Cizmar, the hospital being built on the old K-Mart property was able to successfully acquire approval from ODOT giving them access to Belmont Avene.

Police Chief Toby Meloro was invited to a meeting with police chiefs from other areas at the JCC regarding safety.

Trustee Arnie Clebone thanked the Police Chief for attending the JCC seminar.

Motion to adjourn into executive session at 9:24 a.m. to consider employment and compensation of public employees.

Motion to adjourn from executive session at 9:39 a.m. No decisions were made.

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MATTHEW CONNELLY  
FISCAL OFFICER

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GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON