

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Gregory Cizmar, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Devon Stanley, presiding.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Regular meeting.

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

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

23-33 Motion to approve additional Temporary Appropriation of \$32,000.00 in ARP Funds for the Fire Cot System.

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

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

23-34 Motion to provide a letter of support from the Liberty Township Board of Trustees for the Liberty Senior Lofts Development Phase 2 (Parcel 12-765343). The Liberty Senior Lofts Development Phase 2 is proposed to be built within the Belmont Avenue Community Reinvestment Area in the township, as established by the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners January 9, 2013 and amended May 11, 2016. Multi-family commercial dwellings constructed within this CRA are eligible for a tax exemption of up to ten years and up to fifty percent (50%). The exact term and percentage of any exemption approved will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis prior to commencement of construction, upon consideration of a formal application, which must be approved by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Commissioners of Trumbull County.

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

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

23-35 Motion to approve proposal from Advanced Tree Service, LLC at a cost of \$24,000 to remove trees and brush along Naylor Lloyd in preparation for the ODOT Stimulus Grant awarded to the township to pave Naylor Lloyd. 57 trees 12" or larger and approximately 110 trees 3"-12" and brush along the road will be removed.

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

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

23-36 Motion to approve proposal from Advanced Tree Service, LLC at a cost of \$3,500 to remove trees at Churchill Park.

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

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

Trustee Clebone left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

23-37 After some discussion, motion to approve new server upgrade from Synology at \$12,047.10 for the Police Department.

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

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

23-38 After some discussion, motion to approve the purchase of 20 rechargeable flashlights for Police patrol cars at a cost of \$3,890.00.

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

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

Administrator Martha Weirick brought forward discussion for a liquor permit application. The Board requires more information and requests Chief Toby Meloro to follow up with Ohio Bureau of Liquor Control and the applicant.

Discussion followed regarding local businesses cleaning up litter around their establishments.

The Board of Trustees commended Code and Zoning Inspector Jim Rodway for his hard work with all the new development on Belmont Avenue.

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman asked the Board to consider Fredricks Street for the next CDBG program for drainage.

Wayne let the Board know the 2023 Scrap Tire Program is tentatively scheduled for September 16 and 17th. Someone will need to speak with the Baseball Association in case there may be baseball games that weekend.

In addition to the 2023 Ohio Public Works Road Paving Program, the Board will need to prioritize other roads for paving with township funds in 2023.

Chief Doug Theobald discussed increasing the hourly rate for part-time firefighter/EMTs.

Chief asked the Board to consider a possible used vehicle near Dayton which is available for purchase to replace a 32-year-old vehicle.

Roadway Inn is scheduled to re-open a small portion of the motel in the next few weeks. There will be a name change coming soon.

Chief is pursuing all grants available.

Motion to go into executive session at 10:17 a.m. to prepare for negotiations with the Teamsters regarding the Secretary and Road Department contracts and consider compensation and discipline of public employee.

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

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

Motion to leave executive session at 11:20 a.m.

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

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

23-39 Motion to increase Road Worker Robert Pace wage to \$19.18 per hour effective 12/14/22, per Article 27 Section 3 of the agreement between the Teamsters Road Department and Board of Trustees as he has the additional qualification of a Class A CDL license.

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

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting Friday February 3, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.

MATT CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON