

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Meeting on Friday, October 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance: Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding. Mr. Devon Stanley was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2021 Regular meeting.

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

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

21-147 Motion to recommend Darlene St. George as Liberty Township's Appointee for the Trumbull County Planning Commission and to forward the recommendation to the Trumbull County Board of Commissioners who shall select the persons recommended. Liberty Township is a Limited Home Rule Government Township.

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

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

21-148 Motion to adopt the following resolution regarding Natural Gas Aggregation program:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT AN OPT-IN NATURAL GAS PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.27(A)(1), OHIO REVISED CODE, AND APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE NOPEC NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM AS A NOPEC MEMBER

WHEREAS, Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio ("Township"), has previously established an "opt-out" natural gas aggregation program pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, for its residents, businesses, and other consumers located within the Township jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member; and

WHEREAS, to expand the natural gas supply options available to residents, businesses and other consumers within Liberty Township, Trumbull County, the Township wishes to establish an "opt-in" natural gas aggregation program pursuant to Section 4929.27(A)(1), Ohio Revised Code (the "Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program") for its eligible residents, businesses and other consumers located within the Township and, for that purpose, to act jointly with any other city, village, township, municipal corporation, county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to conduct the Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of this Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 4929.27(B), Ohio Revised Code, two (2) public hearings have been held on the Plan of Operation and Governance for the NOPEC Opt-Out and Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program (collectively, the "NOPEC Natural Gas Aggregation Program").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. This Board of Trustees hereby approves and authorizes the establishment of an Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program in the Township jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member and adopts this Resolution pursuant to the authority contained in Section 4929.27(A)(1), Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 2. This Board of Trustees finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Township, including the gas consumers located within the Township, to adopt the Plan of Operation and Governance of the NOPEC Natural Gas Aggregation Program, for the purpose of establishing and implementing the NOPEC Natural Gas Aggregation Program in the Township.

SECTION 3. This Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

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

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

21-149 Motion to proceed with Liberty Township Transit Accessibility Improvement Grant and to authorize submission of the application for Project, with an engineer's estimated total cost of \$335,821.00, of which the township agrees to pay the local match of 20% of the estimated cost, of \$67,164.00, and agrees to maintain the sidewalks upon completion of the project.

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

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

Discussion: A resident approached the trustees on what options he has with a neighbor who has livestock and trailers on the 2.5-acre property behind his home. He was asking about the township noise ordinance because a rooster is crowing at 6:00 a.m. and the goats are constantly making noises. Chief Meloro offered him some options including civil action.

Trustee Cizmar reported on the infrastructure progress at Pleasant Valley. Everything is moving forward. The road will be closed again for a few hours now and then to allow for the work to continue. RT Vernal grinding will begin next week on the roads that are being paved. Delays due to illness and lack of material have pushed back the paving program. Chagrin Valley said they will start the following week.

Trustee Clebone spoke more on the Stimulus Grant. We will need to decide what area to focus and the opportunity zone.

Chief Toby Meloro reminded everyone of the Coffee with a Cop event on October 6th at Starbucks, the Fall Festival on October 7th at Churchill Park, and the Kiwanis' wine tasting event October 14th at the winery on Logan.

Chief Gus Birch expressed his gratitude for the exterior painting at Station 34. The Board and Chief discussed placing advertisement on social media and web site for new hires as well as run an ad in the newspaper.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC MEETING Tuesday, October 12, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. regarding possible sidewalks on Colonial Drive between Fifth Avenue and Logan.

REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW Tuesday, October 12, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

MATT CONNELLY, FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON