

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: October 12, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Special Meeting at the township administration office on October 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Devon Stanley, Mr. Arnie Clebone and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding.

The purpose of the public meeting was to consider a petition submitted to the Board for a potential sidewalk to be constructed along the south side of Colonial Drive, from 5th Avenue to Logan Way. The residents in attendance had the opportunity to voice their opinions and ask questions. Attorney Cherry Poteet explained the process and possible assessments to the homeowners. It was understood and made clear by the residents, if the township was not successful in obtaining the T.A.P. Sidewalk Grant, they were not interested in continuing with the project. The majority were in favor of the sidewalk, with one exception who owned a vacant parcel and opposed the assessment.

Motion to adjourn public meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Meeting at the township administration office on October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Devon Stanley, Mr. Arnie Clebone and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding.

Fiscal Officer's financial report. Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly gave a detailed report on the township's finances, bank reconciliations, ARP Funding, and Motel Tax Analysis.

Reports were presented:

Administrator's Report –Mrs. Martha Weirick gave her report. Public Announcements: The Board of Health will be dropping rabies vaccine baits around Trumbull County.

On October 17th the Township will be hosting a Fall Festival at Church Hill Park from 1 – 4 p.m.

Fire Department – Chief Gus Birch gave his report including the problem the Fire Department is experiencing with ambulances held up at emergency rooms for several hours until the patients are admitted to the ER. It's a national problem. Chief asked and was given the ok to add an additional part time firefighter/paramedic per shift to have additional coverage. Chief also thanked the Police Department for their assistance with a local motel.

Police Department – Chief Toby Meloro gave his report. He also reminded those in attendance of the Kiwanis wine tasting event on October 14th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Woodland Winery. Tickets are still available to purchase. The proceeds will benefit youth programs.

Road Department – No report

Zoning Department – Mr. Jim Rodway gave his report.

Awards presented by Chief Meloro to Sergeant George T. Bednar and Captain Ray Buhala

Due to the pandemic, Chief Meloro had delayed presenting the awards until we were able to meet in person once again.

Captain Buhala was presented an award for his successful completion of the FBI National Academy. The FBI National Academy is an invitation only professional course for both U.S. and international law enforcement officers who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities. Captain Buhala brought back valuable information and his selection confirms what an exemplary police officer Captain Buhala is.

Sergeant George Bednar was presented an award for his exceptional bravery. During a robbery

at Premier Bank, a person entered the bank and shot a gun into the air intending to rob the bank. Sgt. Bednar, working as an off-duty officer in uniform for Premier Bank, exchanged gun fire with the individual, wounding him. The person fled the scene but was apprehended a short time later by Liberty Police Officers. We are so proud of Sergeant Bednar and his actions confirm what an outstanding officer he is.

New Business:

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

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

Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of September 2021 in the amount of \$594,825.65 warrants #22885 through #23033 inclusive.

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

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

Motion to approve the Purchase Order Listing and the Then and Now Certificates for the month of September 2021.

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

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

21-150 Motion to accept Roberta Martin's notification to reduce her part time hours to as needed status effective 12/10/21. Roberta will be available to help out occasionally in all departments. We will miss seeing her every day.

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

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

Citizen Remarks:

A citizen inquired about the removal of dead deer along the side of township roads. The township contacts several companies, if they are available, they remove the carcass for a fee. The State and County's policy, however, is to move the deceased animal to the side of the road and let nature take its course.

A citizen shared an email he sent to the fire chief about his thoughts on a central fire station.

Trustees' remarks.

Trustee Cizmar announced road grindings have commenced. Paving will begin next week.

Motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of reviewing union contract negotiations at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

Motion to adjourn from executive session at 8:41 p.m. No decisions were made.

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

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

Motion to end meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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

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

Next business meeting Friday October 22, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

MATT CONNELLY, FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON