

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Meeting by teleconference on November 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Devon Stanley, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding.

In accordance with the instructions issued by Governor DeWine, to limit the risk of community transmission of the virus COVID-19, all members of the public are invited to present their questions or concerns to the Township in writing, by email, or by telephone at any time.

Motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2020 Regular meeting.

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

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

20-182 Motion to rehire Joy Schuler on an as-needed basis to train her replacement.

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

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

Discussion: Jack Simon and Steve Gerberry from the Trumbull County Engineer's office discussed the hauling permit process for overweight vehicles on township roads. The county studied this matter extensively several years ago and revamped their permit process. They have found that an increased permit fee, rather than a bond, was a better method of dealing with road damages, because the damage from an overweight vehicle generally takes a long time to become apparent, and the permit process allows the subdivision to set the rules clearly and communicate with the hauler. The hauler is required to provide proof of insurance and add the township to its policy which covers the township of possible liabilities. Mr. Gerberry will send further information to Law Director Cherry Poteet.

Chief Gus Birch revisited the possibility of a disaster assistance program. Former Fire Captain Bob Catchpole offered to lead the program volunteers. Administrator Martha Weirick will contact OTARMA to discuss liability issues and coverage of the volunteers before a decision is made.

Chief Toby Meloro reminded everyone of the Police and FOP Fill A Cruiser event taking place this weekend at the Belmont Ave. Giant Eagle collecting food and monetary donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Public Comment: Mr. Catchpole inquired about an upcoming auction. Trustee Cizmar advised it would be advertised on the auctioneer's web page and the township page.

Mr. Stoyak asked if the CARES funds allocated to the Fire Department was replacing the \$200,000.00 advance to the fire fund from the general fund earlier in the year and since returned. Law Director Cherry Poteet said no, they are not related. She explained the advance to the fire fund from the general fund was to provide funds for the fire department until the fire levy tax collections were received. All advances are required to be paid back before the end of the year.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:15 a.m.

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

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

No meeting Thursday, November 26, 2020 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Next meeting Thursday, December 3, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m. via zoom teleconference.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON