

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session at the township administration office on November 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Devon Stanley, Mr. Arnie Clebone and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding.

Police Chief Toby Meloro swore in Pastor Michael Constantino, New Life Christian Fellowship and Pastor Patrick Mitchell, First Assembly of God as members of the Liberty Township Police Department civilian Chaplain division.

The Fiscal Officer presented his financial report. Mr. Connelly's analysis of the township's finances was positive.

Reports:

Administrator's Report –Mrs. Martha Weirick presented her report. Churchill United Methodist Church will be taking donations for the Block Kids Holiday Program. Tags can be found on Sharing Trees located at the Belmont Ave. Denny's, the Liberty Branch Library, Temple El Emeth, the Jewish Community Center, and Churchill United Methodist. Gift cards, monetary donations and tag donations should be received by Churchill Untied by 12/3/21.

Congratulations to Trustee Arnie Clebone, Trustee Greg Cizmar and Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly for their successful elections.

Fire Department – Chief Gus Birch gave his report. Chief thanked the Board of Trustees for the approval to purchase the new heart monitors and their support in hiring the three probationary firefighters which fills the two vacancies and one more.

Police Department – Chief Toby Meloro gave his report. Chief mentioned the Police Department will be holding a food drive at Giant Eagle Belmont Ave. on November 20th from 8a.m. – 5 p.m. They are accepting monetary and food donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Road Department – no one gave a report.

Zoning Department – Mr. Jim Rodway gave his report. Mr. Rodway mentioned the Valley Speakeasy, formerly known as the Crab Company, is hosting a soft opening this evening. Also the former Tim Hortons building will house a Popeyes in the near future.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2021 Regular Meeting and the November 4, 2021 Special 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 October 2021 in the amount of \$597,842.83 warrants #23034 through #23160 inclusive.

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

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

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

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

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

21-154 Motion to promote Chelsea Caggiano to full-time probationary Firefighter status at \$14.62 per hour, based on 2496 hours worked per year, effective November 8, 2021.

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

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

21-155 Motion to promote Justin Neff to full-time probationary Firefighter status at \$14.62 per hour, based on 2496 hours worked per year, effective November 9, 2021.

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

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

21-156 Motion to hire Nicholas Tingley as a full-time probationary Firefighter at \$14.62 per hour, based on 2496 hours worked per year, effective November 10, 2021.

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

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

21-157 Motion to hire Maureen Schrecengost as a full time administrative/fiscal officer assistant effective 11/29/2021 at \$14.50 per hour.

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

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

Citizens may speak on any matter: A citizen thanked the Trustees for the paved roads.

A citizen asked about the type and size of replacement pipe to be used when the Township repairs the section of Oriel Rogers roadway washed away during a rain event. He lives near there.

A citizen remarked how his recently paved road is being damaged by an East Ohio Gas project, water main breaks and large machinery parked at the edge of the road, causing the edge to crumble.

Motion to adjourn the meeting into executive session to discuss the employment of public employees at 6:50 p.m.

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

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

Motion to adjourn from executive session at 7:51 p.m.

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

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

21-158 Motion to create a new part time position of Cemetery Sexton and to appoint Timothy Monroe to the position at \$24.00 per hour, up to 24 hours per week, effective 12/12/2021.

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

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

Motion to end meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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

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

Next business meeting: Friday, November 19, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.



Community Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday December 1st at 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Gazebo behind the Administration Building.

MATT CONNELLY, FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON