

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Special Session on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Gregory Cizmar, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Devon Stanley, presiding.

22-165 Motion to adopt the following temporary budget for the year 2023.

GENERAL FUND	\$1,750,000.00
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX FUND	\$50,000.00
GASOLINE TAX FUND	\$175,000.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	\$750,000.00
CEMETERY FUND	\$10,000.00
LIGHTING ASSESSMENT FUND	\$65,000.00
POLICE DISTRICT FUND	\$3,700,000.00
FIRE DISTRICT FUND	\$2,000,000.00
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	\$10,000.00
AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND	\$400,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FUND	\$0.00
ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION FUND	\$1,000.00
<u>ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) FUND</u>	<u>\$350,000.00</u>
	\$9,261,000.00

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

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

22-166 Motion to approve a liquor transfer permit from Rand Leasing LLC to Sams Shop Convenience Store LLC, 3129 Belmont Ave Ste B, Liberty Twp, 44505.

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

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

22-167 Motion to adopt the following resolution to establish a Budget Stabilization Account in the Police Fund under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(A)(1) for the purpose of stabilizing the Police budget against cyclical changes in revenue and expenditures.

Resolution to Establish Police Budget Stabilization Account

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 5705.13(A)(1) permits political subdivisions to establish via resolution a budget stabilization account in the general fund or any special fund for operating purposes for the purpose of stabilizing the budget against cyclical changes in revenue and expenditures;

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to establish a Police Budget Stabilization Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio that the Township hereby establishes a Police Budget Stabilization Account as follows:

1. The purpose of the Police Budget Stabilization Account is to stabilize the police department budget against cyclical changes in revenue and expenditures.
2. The source of the monies shall be from the Police Fund (2081)
3. The Police Budget Stabilization Account shall be established in the Police Fund.
4. The amount of money to be deposited into the Police Budget Stabilization Account in the 2022 fiscal year is \$400,000.00.
5. The amount of money to be reserved in the Police Budget Stabilization Account in any fiscal year shall not exceed one-sixth of the expenditures during the preceding fiscal year from the Police Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio that the Fiscal Officer shall transfer \$400,000 from the Police Fund (2081) into the Police Budget Stabilization Account and shall take such other steps as required by law to create such account.

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

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

22-168 Motion to adopt the following resolution to implement motion 22-26 to create a Special reserve fund under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(B) to accumulate resources for payment of accumulated sick leave, vacation leave and payments in lieu of taking compensatory time off for police officers who will be retiring.

Resolution to Establish Police Account for Accumulated Leave

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 5705.13(B) permits political subdivisions to establish via resolution an account for the purpose of accumulating resources for the payment of accumulated sick leave, vacation leave, and payments in lieu of taking compensatory time off for police officers who will be retiring; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Township Board of Trustees wishes to establish an account in the Police Fund for the above-described purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio hereby establishes the Police Account for Accumulated Leave as follows:

1. The purpose of the Police Account for Accumulated Leave shall be to accumulate resources for the payment of accumulated sick leave, vacation leave, and payments in lieu of taking compensatory time off for police officers who will be retiring.
2. The source of the monies shall be from the Police Fund (2081).
3. The Police Account for Accumulated Leave shall be established in the Police Fund.
4. The amount of money to be deposited into the Police Account for Accumulated Leave in the 2022 fiscal year is \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio that the Fiscal Officer shall transfer \$25,000 from the Police Fund (2081) into the Police Account for Accumulated Leave and shall take such other steps as required by law to create such account.

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

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

22-169 Motion to adopt the following resolution to implement motion 22-26 to create a Police Capital Account under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(C) to accumulate resources for the acquisition of fixed assets for the Police Department.

Resolution to Establish Police Capital Account

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 5705.13(C) permits political subdivisions to establish via resolution an account for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition of fixed assets including motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Township Board of Trustees wishes to establish an account in the Police Fund for the above described purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio hereby establishes the Police Capital Account as follows:

1. The purpose of the Police Capital Account shall be to accumulate resources for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Police Department.
2. The source of the monies shall be from the Police Fund (2081).
3. The Police Capital Account shall be established in the Police Fund.
4. The amount of money to be deposited into the Police Capital Account in the 2022 fiscal year is \$75,000.00.
5. The maximum amount of money to be reserved in the Police Capital Account shall be Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).
6. The fixed assets to be acquired shall be motor vehicles to be used by the police department.
7. The Police Capital Account shall exist for a time period not to exceed ten (10) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio that the Fiscal Officer shall transfer \$75,000 from the Police Fund (2081) into the Police Capital Account and shall take such other steps as required by law to create such account.

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

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

22-170 Motion to adopt the following resolution to establish a Budget Stabilization Account in the Fire Fund under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(A)(1) for the purpose of stabilizing the Fire budget against cyclical changes in revenue and expenditures.

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

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

Resolution to Establish Fire Budget Stabilization Account

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 5705.13(A)(1) permits political subdivisions to establish via resolution a budget stabilization account in the general fund or any special fund for operating purposes for the purpose of stabilizing the budget against cyclical changes in revenue and expenditures;

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to establish a Fire Budget Stabilization Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio that the Township hereby establishes a Fire Budget Stabilization Account as follows:

1. The purpose of the Fire Budget Stabilization Account is to stabilize the Fire department budget against cyclical changes in revenue and expenditures.
2. The source of the monies shall be from the Fire Fund (2111)
3. The Fire Budget Stabilization Account shall be established in the Fire Fund.
4. The amount of money to be deposited into the Fire Budget Stabilization Account in the 2022 fiscal year is \$100,750.00.
5. The amount of money to be reserved in the Fire Budget Stabilization Account in any fiscal year shall not exceed one-sixth of the expenditures during the preceding fiscal year from the Fire Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio that the Fiscal Officer shall transfer \$100,750.00 from the Fire Fund (2111) into the Fire Budget Stabilization Account and shall take such other steps as required by law to create such account.

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

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

22-171 Motion to adopt the following resolution to create a Special reserve fund under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(B) to accumulate resources for payment of accumulated sick leave, vacation leave and payments in lieu of taking compensatory time off for firefighters who will be retiring.

Resolution to Establish Fire Department Account for Accumulated Leave

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 5705.13(B) permits political subdivisions to establish via resolution an account for the purpose of accumulating resources for the payment of accumulated sick leave, vacation leave, and payments in lieu of taking compensatory time off for firefighters who will be retiring; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Township Board of Trustees wishes to establish an account in the Fire Fund for the above-described purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio hereby establishes the Fire Account for Accumulated Leave as follows:

1. The purpose of the Fire Account for Accumulated Leave shall be to accumulate resources for the payment of accumulated sick leave, vacation leave, and payments in lieu of taking compensatory time off for firefighters who will be retiring.
2. The source of the monies shall be from the Fire Fund (2111).
3. The Fire Account for Accumulated Leave shall be established in the Fire Fund.
4. The amount of money to be deposited into the Fire Account for Accumulated Leave in the 2022 fiscal year is \$13,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio that the Fiscal Officer shall transfer \$13,000 from the Fire Fund (2111) into the Fire Account for Accumulated Leave and shall take such other steps as required by law to create such account.

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

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

22-172 Motion to adopt the following Resolution to create a Fire Capital Account under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(C) to accumulate resources for the acquisition of Fire Department Vehicles including a fire truck or ambulance for use by the Fire Department.

Resolution to Establish Fire Capital Account

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 5705.13(C) permits political subdivisions to establish via resolution an account for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition of fixed assets including motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Township Board of Trustees wishes to establish an account in the Fire Fund for the above described purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio hereby establishes the Fire Capital Account as follows:

1. The purpose of the Fire Capital Account shall be to accumulate resources for the acquisition of Fire Department Vehicles including a fire truck or ambulance for use by the Fire Department.
2. The source of the monies shall be from the Fire Fund (2111).
3. The Fire Capital Account shall be established in the Fire Fund.
4. The amount of money to be deposited into the Fire Capital Account in the 2022 fiscal year is \$30,000.00.
5. The maximum amount of money to be reserved in the Fire Capital Account shall be Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).
6. The fixed assets to be acquired shall be Fire Department motor vehicles, including a fire truck or ambulance to be used by the Fire Department.
7. The Fire Capital Account shall exist for a time period not to exceed ten (10) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio that the Fiscal Officer shall transfer \$30,000 from the Fire Fund (2111) into the Fire Capital Account and shall take such other steps as required by law to create such account.

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

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

22-173 Motion to authorize Trustee Arnie Clebone and Administrator Martha Weirick to prepare and submit an application on behalf of Liberty Township, alone or in conjunction with other communities within the scope of the grant, including but not limited to: the city of Youngstown, city of Niles, city of Girard, Austintown Township, & Boardman Township to the Appalachian Community Grant Program and to sign such documents as necessary to apply for the grant. The grants are to focus on infrastructure development, physical and behavioral health, and workforce development. Liberty Township is in the grant area and is seeking a grant for project planning and technical assistance.

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

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

22-174 Motion to pass the following resolution:

Whereas, The State of Ohio has made available \$500,000,000 to assist communities in Ohio within Counties that are part of Appalachian Regional Commission that include Trumbull and Mahoning;

Whereas prime consideration for awarding these funds will be given to communities that apply for funding that have an impact on areas covering two or more counties and the governments applying coordinate their efforts and jointly apply for these funds;

Whereas there are seven communities within Mahoning and Trumbull Counties that have commercial corridors running through them. These communities include Austintown, Boardman, Campbell, Girard, Liberty, Niles, and Youngstown;

Whereas these commercial corridors are on US 422, SR193, SR7 and others and are the main streets of the participating communities and the principal arterial commuting routes in the region;

Whereas portions of these corridor show signs of age and neglect and these signs cause these communities to be negatively impacted;

Whereas, these funds would be eligible to be used to make improvement to these corridors, including, through providing assistance to businesses and landowners to improve their frontage and building facades through carefully planned signage, lighting, landscaping, and façade improvements and similar investments.

Now therefore, be it resolved that Liberty Township Trumbull County authorizes the Board of Liberty Township Trustees to join with the aforementioned cities and townships in Mahoning and Trumbull county in pursuing funding from the State of Ohio's Appalachian Community Grant Program to improve the visual quality and economic health of corridors within Mahoning Valley of participating communities.

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

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

22-175 Motion to hire Joseph Page as a Part-time firefighter/EMT, hourly rate of \$14; \$17 holiday, pending pre-employment drug testing. First day worked is hire date.

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

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

22-176 Motion to hire Kayla Rhoads as a Part-time firefighter/Medic, hourly rate of \$16; \$20 Holiday, pending pre-employment drug testing. First day worked is hire date.

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

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

22-177 Motion to submit an application for a Community Development Block Grant Program for Storm Water Retention assistance on Townsend and to authorize Trustee Arnie Clebone and Administrator Martha Weirick to prepare and submit the application on behalf of Liberty Township, Trumbull County.

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

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

22-178 Motion to transfer from the General Fund into the Fire Fund \$38,500.00, which is the money received from a NOPEC Grant, to cover the cost of the fire station roof and to allocate those funds into the Fire Fund.

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

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

Wayne Hickman, Road Superintendent discussed Naylor Lloyd project with the Board. Also discussed was upgrading the Park Truck with strobe lights and removing some trees in our parks and right of way. Wayne asked the Board to consider holding a future meeting at the Road Department.

Police Chief Toby Meloro thanked everyone for their help in making this year's Community Holiday Celebration a complete success. Chief wanted to commend his department for collecting \$2,200 and over 700 lbs. of food for the 2nd Harvest Food Bank.

Fire Chief Doug Theobald said this year was a record year in runs. He was happy to report they received one of the power cots. Chief reported to the Board there was a house fire on Fifth Avenue, mostly smoke damage. The Fire Department is applying for grants which will allow them to purchase miscellaneous equipment. Chipotle is opening December 21st.

Trustee Arnie Clebone complemented the Fire Chief on keeping the Fire Departments revenue up. Trustee Clebone spoke more on the ARC Funds and which areas that would be covered by the grant. He explained the Planning Grant application is due this Friday. Something to consider, he suggested, is using some of those funds for a Wellness and Training Facility for First Responders.

Administrator Martha Weirick praised Trustee Clebone's many hours of work organizing a meeting with surrounding communities, gathering support from communities and business and preparing the ARC Planning Grant application on behalf of the multiple communities from two counties.

Motion to adjourn into executive session at 12:15 p.m. to conference with the township law director regarding union negotiations and to discuss compensation of public employees.

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

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

Motion to adjourn from executive session at 12:56 p.m.

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

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

22-179 Motion for the Township to pick up the increase in the insurance premium costs from the first pay in January 2023 through the last pay in September 2023 for all township employees but excluding elected officials.

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

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

22-180 Motion to pay Maureen Schrecengost a lump sum payment of \$325.00 in the first full pay period of May and \$325.00 the first full pay period of November and continue each year thereafter.

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

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

Motion to end meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Next meeting Monday, January 9 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

December 12, 2022 Regular meeting is cancelled.

MATT CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON