

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session at the township administration office on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Arnie Clebone, Mr. Gregory Cizmar and Mr. Devon Stanley, presiding.

Police Chief Toby Meloro invited neighboring communities to attend and receive awards to show the township's appreciation for their valuable assistance during an officer involved shooting on June 10, 2022. These individuals played a crucial part in securing the scene and collecting critical evidence during countless hours of investigation. The Board of Liberty Township Trustees and Liberty Police Chief extend their sincere gratitude to the following communities, agencies, and individuals:

- The Trumbull County Sheriff's Office
- The Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement Task Force
- The Youngstown Police Department
- The Youngstown State Police Department
- Ohio State Highway Patrol
- Hubbard City Police Department
- Girard Police Department
- Detective Michael Banic (Hubbard City Police Department)
- Detective Sergeant Rob Whited (Austintown Police Department)
- Detective Tyrone Hyshaw (Mahoning County Sheriff's Office)
- Detective Adam Grymberg (Vienna Police Department)
- Trumbull County 911 Dispatcher Shana Murphey

A special thank you goes out to the entire Liberty Police Department especially Captain Ray Buhala, who had the daunting task of overseeing the entire operation.

A representative from Heyday Health spoke to the Board of Trustees. Primary care doctors from Heyday Health offer convenient in-home, video and phone visits, for Medicare patients. Anyone interested can contact them at 330-223-7001 or visit their website www.heydayhealth.com. The Fire Chief added that this type of service can help individuals who don't require ambulance transport to a hospital, but rather an in-home or video medical visit.

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly presented his financial report. The cash summary report expenditures are more than we took in for the month of January, but that's because we paid the \$1.3M invoice for the 2022 Paving Program. Mr. Connelly closed out 2022 and received an amended certificate from the County Auditor. He noted the 2023 Permanent Budget is nearly complete and should be on the agenda soon.

Correspondence: Trustee Devon Stanley received a note from a resident on Secrist Lane who had reported a streetlight out and is now operational. Devon thanked Administrative Assistant Maureen Schrecengost for contacting Ohio Edison and getting it repaired in less than a week.

Reports:

Administrator Mrs. Martha Weirick said the office is taking reservations for Churchill Park pavilions, available to rent from Memorial Day weekend to the end of September. The Grant the Township received to restore the creek is nearly complete with the exception of a few minor plantings. The park bathrooms will be open around mid-May.

The Community and Historical Group are meeting Tuesday, February 21st. The guest speaker is from the Trumbull County Tourism office. Everyone is welcome.

Fire Chief Doug Theobald reported he, as well as other area Fire Chiefs, were asked to help after the February 3, 2023 East Palestine Norfolk Southern Rail disaster where hazardous chemicals were being released into the air and seeping into the ground. The following day, a call came from East Palestine Officials asking for assistance from area fire departments to provide onsite squads during a dangerous controlled burn of the chemicals. Because of this disaster, the Fire Department is working to develop a safety plan for the railways in the township with other communities and the county.

Chief is working with the Senior Loft Architects to modify the design to include a standpipe on each floor.

Chief is working with Walmart to establish a supply of basic essentials (clothing, toiletries etc.) the Fire Department can provide to displaced residents when circumstances prohibit them from returning home.

Police Chief Toby Meloro presented his report. Chief recognized the Chaplains who have been so helpful both in the past and present. He wanted to express his gratitude again for all their assistance within the community.

On March 31st, Chief said plans are in the works for Coffee with a Cop at Sheppard of the Valley.

Chief thanks Trustee Greg Cizmar for saving the police department budget \$20,000. He was able to find two vehicles at a lower purchase price.

Road Superintendent Mr. Wayne Hickman reported since the weather has been cooperating, the road department has been focusing on addressing drainage issues and filling potholes. RT Vernal is working on the 2022 punch list, including striping of some roads. Naylor Lloyd paving preliminary preparations will begin soon. Wayne thanked the Trumbull County Planning Commission for all their hard work. Hopefully we will hear something for the CDBG Townend project soon. Wayne also thanked Trumbull County Engineer Randy Smith and those at the Trumbull County Engineers Office for their invaluable work on the township's behalf.

Zoning Department Mr. Jim Rodway was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2023 Regular meeting.

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

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

Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of January 2023 in the amount of \$1,842,490.56 warrants #24760 through #24820 inclusive.

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

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

Motion to approve the Purchase Order Listing and the Then and Now Certificates for the month of January 2023.

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

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

23-47 Motion to approve the following TREX Transfer Application for economic development from NABLUS TWOW INC DBA K NAFA Restaurant, 3129-A Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, Oh 44505 to SAMS SHOP CONVENIENCE STORE, 3129-B Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, Oh 44505 and authorize the fiscal officer to sign and submit the application to the Department of Liquor Control.

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

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

Public Comments:

A citizen questioned what happened to the litter camera we purchased. The trustees explained it could not read the licenses clearly, even after the manufacturer flew in to see if they could get it to work. Ultimately it was sent back.

Stephen Papalas, Trumbull County Engineers Office, invited everyone to attend a meeting at the Johnston Fire Station, Farmdale, Ohio on February 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss broadband and gas line extensions within Trumbull County.

Remarks:

Trustee Devon Stanley thanked the visiting safety forces for all their hard work. It's great to see the cooperation between agencies and is much appreciated.

Trustee Arnie Clebone said he was pleased with the public/private partnership. He also thanked the Chaplains with their involvement within the Community and Historical Society.

Trustee Greg Cizmar said he's working on an auto auction and will announce the date as soon as possible.

Motion to go into executive session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss pending litigation with legal counsel, compensation of a public employee, and union negotiations.

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

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

Motion to end executive session and resume regular meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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

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

Next business meeting Friday, February 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

MATTHEW CONNELLY, FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON