

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Gregory Cizmar, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Devon Stanley, presiding.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Regular meeting.

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

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

22-39 Motion to request the County to advertise for bids on the Liberty Township Parking Lot Storm Sewer/Resurfacing project as part of our Countywide Road Improvements.

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

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

22-40 Motion to request the County to advertise for bids and to submit the roads to Trumbull County, Liberty Townships 2022 Paving program, to be included with the Countywide Road Improvements bid out in March. The 14 roads to be included in Liberty Townships paving program shall be:

Pleasant Valley Road

Lakeview Drive

Leslie Lane

Sunny Drive

Susan Lane

Lois Lane

West Montrose

Park Circle

Crestwood Drive

Stonington Drive

Shaulis Street

Goist Ave (Off Shannon Road)

Michigan Boulevard

Trails Edge Drive

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

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

22-41 Motion to pass the following MOU between Liberty Fire Department and The Red Cross
The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to document the relationship between the Northern Ohio Region of the American Red Cross and the Liberty Township, Ohio, acting through its "Fire Department". This MOU provides a broad framework for cooperation between the two organizations in conducting smoke alarm installations and fire safety education in the community. Both Red Cross and Liberty Fire Department are a "Party" under this MOU.

See addendum file for details.

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

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

22-42 Motion **tabled** to install a light on existing poles on either side of the administration building entrances.

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

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

Discussion: Road: After discussion with Road Superintendent Hickman regarding a highway tractor, the Board agreed to purchase a John Deer (see below resolution 22-45). The Board approved Wayne to research outsourcing street sweeping companies. Lastly, Wayne was able to speak with a company who provides the equipment and personnel training for crack sealing roads, as long as we purchase the sealant from them.

Fire: Chief Theobald reviewed the Fire Departments Annual Report with the Board of Trustees. He spoke on the ISO rating in the township and how a tanker could provide a higher score. The Chief is working with the State Fire Marshal who placed Motel 30 in penalty phase having multiple violations that need addressed. The Chief and county building inspector are trying to set up a non-punitive walk through at an unauthorized Bed and Breakfast in order to meet the fire codes and other necessary changes.

Zoning: Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Rodway is working with a company to replace the outside sign.

Police: Chief Meloro will use approximately \$4,500 to upgrade the cameras at the tow yard. This will also benefit the Road Department. Chief will ask the law director if he can spend \$250 each to send the Police Chaplains to a class for law enforcement chaplains.

General Discussion: The differences between Purchase Orders, Then & Now Certificates, and Blanket Certificates were discussed with the Department Heads and Trustees. The Board would like to meet with the Baseball Association. Martha will set up a meeting.

22-43 Motion to purchase a John Deer Tractor, at approximately \$165,000.00 which is at state minimum price, for the Road Department.

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

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

22-44 Motion to adjourn into executive session at 10:30 a.m. to consider the compensation of a public employee.

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

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

22-45 Motion to leave executive session and resume regular session at 10:36 a.m.

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

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

22-46 Motion to increase the hourly rate of Fiscal Officer Assistant Teena Wylie to \$17.26 per hour effective 2/20/22.

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

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:37 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting March 2, 2022 @ a.m.

MATT CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON