

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Meeting by teleconference on Thursday, February 25, 2021 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 February 4, 2021 Regular meeting.

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

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

21-40 Motion to promote Joseph Santangelo to a full-time probationary firefighter effective February 21, 2021.

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

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

21-41 Motion to accept Patrol Officer Alexandra Anastis-Nichols retirement effective 2/28/21. We wish Alliy every happiness now and in the future. Good luck in your retirement!

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

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

21-42 Motion to pass the following:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RESERVE BALANCE ACCOUNT IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.R.C. 5705.13:

WHEREAS, the Liberty Township Board of Trustees wishes to establish a reserve balance account, pursuant to section 5705.13(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, to stabilize the Township budget against cyclical changes in revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, a resolution establishing a reserve balance account, pursuant to section 5705.13(A) of the Revised Code, shall state the purpose for which the account is established, the fund in which the account is to be established, and the total amount of money to be reserved in the account; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money to be reserved in such an account in any fiscal year shall not exceed five per cent of the revenue credited in the preceding fiscal year to the fund in which the account is established, or, in the case of a reserve balance account of a county or of a township, the greater of that amount or one-sixth of the expenditures during the preceding fiscal year from the fund in which the account is established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, State of Ohio, as follows:

Section I. There is hereby established the Budget Stabilization Reserve Balance Account (the "Account"), pursuant to section 5705.13(A)(1) of the Revised Code, for the purpose of stabilizing the Liberty Township budget against cyclical changes in revenues and expenditures.

Section 2. The Account shall be established in the General Fund, and the total amount of money to be reserved in the Account shall be up to Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000.00), which constitutes less than one-sixth of the expenditures during the preceding fiscal year from the General Fund.

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

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

Remarks: Mr. Clebone stated we would earmark the funds as they became available throughout the year. Mr. Stanley thanked Mr. Cizmar and Mr. Clebone who were responsible stewards of

the funds to allow us to pass the above resolution and begin the process for the township to come out of fiscal caution.

Discussed the Permanent Appropriations for the year 2021. Except for some minor changes, the Board expects to pass the appropriations at the next business meeting.

Motion to adjourn into executive session to meet with the Law Director regarding pending court action at 8:40 a.m.

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

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

Motion to adjourn from executive session at 9:28 a.m. and end meeting.

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

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

Next meeting Thursday, March 4, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. via zoom teleconference.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON