

BID OPENING

Sealed bids opened for the **Little Squaw Creek Phase 2 Stream Restoration.**

C Crumb, Inc.	\$178,890.00
Gary Moderalli Excavating,	\$134,428.50

Bids taken under advisement.

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The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session at the township administration office on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Arnie Clebone and Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding. Mr. Devon Stanley was absent due to an illness.

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly gave his financial report. Appropriation Budget is nearly complete and should be ready for the Wednesday, March 3, 2022 meeting. The Revenue Budget has been submitted and accepted by the Trumbull County Auditor. The Year End is available for anyone who wishes to view it.

Administrator’s Report –Mrs. Martha Weirick thanked Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly and Trustee Arnie Clebone for their hard work preparing the permanent appropriations for 2022. The township was awarded \$209,821.00 for the Ohio Department Transportation Stimulus Grant (only one per county receive the grant). Thanks to the efforts of Trustee Clebone and Administrator Weirick, the grant will be used to pave Naylor Lloyd Road. Administrator Weirick took a minute to recognize and thank the department heads. ”Their vast knowledge, ability to adapt and manage a multitude of challenges, has been instrumental in offering solutions, keeping us safe, all while safeguarding the townships best interests.”

Fire Department – Chief Doug Theobald reported they had 160 more runs compared to last year at this same time. Chief announced they are still in the running for several grants they applied for recently. Fire Department personnel visited Victory Christian Church on career day to speak with the junior and senior classes explaining the rewards and challenges on becoming a firefighter. They are finalizing the EMS system change – by the end of the month we should be up and running. Received two more applications for part time firefighter positions.

Police Department – Chief Toby Meloro said BCI is conducting a statewide study on drug use. An officer is sent to Trumbull County BCI to work with them. We will keep a close watch on the matter. The Township is working with the Chaplains for an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 9th at 10 a.m. township children ages 8 and under. Coffee with a Cop to be held at the new Landmark Restaurant sometime in April, date yet to be determined.

Road Department – Mr. Wayne Hickman stated they are finishing with snow and ice control. Last Saturday, the crew worked a 12-hour day due to the heavy snow. The crew is cold patching potholes, due to the freeze/thaw of our roads. They are still dealing with clogged pipes and drains from last weeks heavy rains. The crews are concentrating on culverts and ditches, as well.

Zoning Department – Mr. Jim Rodway gave his report. He thanked the new Fire Chief and Road Superintendent for their help with several projects the zoning department is dealing with.

New Business:

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 Regular meeting.

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

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

Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$508,466.69 warrants #23511 through #23644 inclusive.

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

Roll Call: 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 February 2022.

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

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

22-59 Motion to accept the Ohio Department of Transportation Township Stimulus Program Grant in the amount of \$209,821.00 for the Naylor Lloyd partial depth pavement repairs and resurfacing project, and to authorize Trustee Arnie Clebone and Administrator Martha Weirick to execute all documents required for acceptance and implementation of the grant.

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

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

22-60 Motion to pass the following resolution Authorizing to file Lawsuits:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Liberty Township Board of Trustees authorizes Law Director Cherry Poteet to file lawsuits against Youngstown Hotel LLC dba Quality Inn and Baymont Inn & Suite, and any related people or entities, for unpaid Liberty Township Lodging Excise Tax.

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

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

A citizen asked about replacing street signs. Road Superintendent replied they are in the process of replacing them.

A citizen spoke about coming up with an identity for Liberty Township. He proposed a committee be formed. Police Chief Meloro suggested he join the newly formed Community Group who will be meeting next week.

Trustee Clebone said we are looking at a Planning Grant perhaps to enhance our upcoming WRTA Sidewalk Grant.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

Next business meeting March 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

MATT CONNELLY, FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON