

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 30, 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 March 23, 2022 Regular meeting.

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

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

22-63 Motion to award the bid to Moderalli Excavating Company to remove trees for the Little Squaw Creek Stream Restoration Phase 2 Project in the amount of \$17,400.00, which was the low bidder.

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

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

22-64 Motion to award the bid to Moderalli Excavating Company for the Little Squaw Creek Stream Restoration Phase 2 Project in the amount of \$134,428.50 which was the low bidder.

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

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

22-65 Motion to pass the following Eastgate Planning Grant Application:

WHEREAS, Liberty Township, Trumbull County is applying to Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate) for funding through the Fiscal Year 2023 Planning Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023 Planning Grant provides federal funds for projects that integrate transportation and land use planning, increase transportation options, and promote livability; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023 Planning Grant is paid on a reimbursement basis, requiring the applicant to first expend funds and then request reimbursement from Eastgate; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township, Trumbull County agrees to abide by all federal requirements as sub-recipient of federal transportation funds, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and including all applicable federal procurement requirements; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township, Trumbull County agrees to be responsible for managing all sub-contracting agencies, organization, or consultants; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township, Trumbull County is authorized to execute a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Eastgate if selected for the Fiscal Year 2023 Planning Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Liberty Township, Trumbull County that: Authorization is given to Trustee Arnold Clebone (Authorized Official/Trustee) to submit this application to Eastgate, acting as designated recipient of USDOT funds, for the Fiscal Year 2023 Planning Grant and to execute a subaward agreement with Eastgate if selected for funding

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

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

22-66 Motion to pass the following resolution:

RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY TO BE INSECURE, UNSAFE, AND STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE AND ORDERING AND PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OR DEMOLITION OF INSECURE AND/OR UNSAFE BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 975 Colonial Drive, LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 505.86 authorizes a Board of Trustees to provide for the removal, repair, or securance of buildings or other structures within the Township that have been declared insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, or unfit for human habitation, and to provide for the repair, demolition and removal of said structures; and;

WHEREAS, the Trumbull County Building Inspector has inspected the property located at 975 Colonial Drive, Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, and has declared the residential dwelling structure on the property to be a serious hazard dangerous to human life and unsafe due to structural defects with structural deficiency in the bearing walls and roof system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, by authority of Section 505.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, as follows:

SECTION 1. The structures on the property located at 975 Colonial Drive, Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, Permanent Parcel No. 12-411600, (hereinafter “the Property”) are hereby determined to be unsafe and structurally defective thereby constituting a direct threat to the public health and safety pursuant to Section 505.86 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 2. The Liberty Township Board of Trustees hereby orders the Property Owner to abate the nuisance by repair or demolition and removal of said structures, pursuant to Section 505.86 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. The Zoning Inspector is hereby instructed to notify the Property owner and all lienholders of record by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the Township’s declaration of nuisance and demand to abate said nuisance by repair or demolition, and the right to request a hearing in writing within twenty days after the notice is mailed, pursuant to RC 505.86(B) and(C).

SECTION 4. If the Property Owner or Lienholders of record fail to request a hearing before the Board within twenty days or provide for the repair or demolition and removal of said nuisance structures within thirty days of the notice, the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to obtain proposals from contractors for the repair or demolition and removal of the Structures.

SECTION 5. The total cost of the repair or removal of the structures and all associated site restoration work shall be assessed to the owner(s) of record and the Liberty Township Fiscal Officer shall certify the total costs, together with a proper description of the lands, to the county auditor who shall place the costs upon the tax duplicate. The costs are a lien upon such lands from and after the date of entry. The costs shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the township general fund.

SECTION 7. That this Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately, or upon the earliest date as otherwise allowed by law.

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

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

Discussion: Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman reported the salt estimates need to be submitted by the end of April. Wayne discussed the 2022 road and parking lot bids. It appears RT Vernal was the low bidder for both projects. The road crew is working on preparing the roads to be resurfaced this year, as well as, drainage issues. The Street Sweeper is going in for repairs. He received several quotes to outsource the street sweeping but the cost is too high. The township will continue to do the sweeping in house. Wayne contacted Waste Management and

Foust to dispose the byproduct of sweepings per EPA standards. The Board endorsed the removal and cost associated with the disposal. The Board and Wayne discussed the possibility of a used utility truck but were not ready to commit to the purchasing a new Street Sweeper. Sorice fixed a power steering issue on a park truck and replaced the breaks. The township lawn equipment will be ready for this year season of grass cutting of township properties.

Fire Chief Doug Theobald mentioned traveling to Columbus. The distinguished valor award was given to Scott Thomas for bravery in the line of duty along with other awards given that day. The Chief is planning some sort of ceremony on May 11th at the administration hearing room for the recipients, their families and anyone else. Motel 30 missed another deadline with the State Fire Marshal. Chief is in the process of receiving quotes for Station 34's roof. The roof at 35 has an extended warranty however the company who installed the roof is not returning his calls and missing appointments.

Trustee Clebone said the trees are down at Churchill Park moving the Phase 2 Stream Restoration forward.

Trustee Cizmar will have accounts payable make a Purchase Order for extended warranties on the two newest vehicles and upgrades to on the outside sign.

Chief Meloro reminded everyone the Easter Bunny will be at the township on April 9th for township children 8 years and under.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting April 6, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.

MATT CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON