

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session at the township administration office on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Arnie Clebone, Mr. Gregory Cizmar and Mr. Devon Stanley, presiding.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2022 Regular meeting.

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

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

22-51 Motion to authorize the collection date of September 17 & 18th for the 2022 Scrap Tire Program.

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

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

22-52 Motion to hire Isabel Schors as a part-time firefighter/EMT at \$14.00 per hour, pending pre-employment drug testing, no benefits, first day worked is her hire date.

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

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

22-53 Motion to approve repairs on the outside electrical sign and new building signage in proposal from Custom Sign and Lighting.

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

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

22-54 Motion to provide Paramedic School tuition reimbursement for full-time firefighters in accordance with the summary prepared by the Township Law Director.

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

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

22-55 Motion to approve \$16,000 repairs for the Maintenance Building

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

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

22-56 Motion to approve selling three vehicles at auction.

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

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

22-57 Motion to increase Kim Quinlan to \$300 per week for litter clean up.

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

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

22-58 Motion to designate Administrative Assistant Maureen Schrecengost as designee for Trustee Arnie Clebone and Fiscal Officer's Assistant Teena Wylie as designee for Trustee Greg Cizmar for public records training under R.C.109.43.

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

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

The Permanent Appropriations were discussed among the Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer.

Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer asked the Board to consider several options, including a possible Home Rule Resolution to deal with the abandoned Walmart shopping carts littering Belmont Avenue.

Fire Chief Doug Theobald said the volume of calls and fuel costs are up substantially. Chief informed the Board of an upcoming valor award to be presented to Firefighter Scott Thomas. Chief hopes to set aside funds annually to cover matching funds for any successful grants he may obtain. He is working with NF Foundation Organization for possible grants. Chief reported our part time firefighter pool has expanded helping cut overtime costs. Chief stated they made the first cut of a AGF Grant for power tools. He will know in the next two weeks if we get the grant. The department applied for a \$15,000 Fire Marshall Grant. He is looking into the possibility of a grant for a new vehicle. Chief Theobald spoke more about his recommendation for reimbursement of paramedic training for full time employees (see resolution 22-54).

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman is currently obtaining estimates from companies to outsource street sweeping this year, as well as the removal of the biproducts from the sweepings stored at the road department in accordance with EPA standards. Wayne spoke on the recent large volume of rain, the

ditches, and the storm water drainage system. Some of the drainage areas running through private properties have been filled with leaves and other debris. He would like to have a meeting with the cities to discuss water line breaks and what the impact it has on our roads. Wayne reported we have a help wanted ad on our web site for a full-time road worker. He has been in contact with Chagrin Valley Paving to make sure we are first on their list to pave the roads that they did not complete last year. The white truck was towed to Myers Automotive who advised us it was not worth fixing and recommends all 3 vehicles should go to auction (see resolution 22-56). It appears we will need to look for a used pick-up truck for the park department. He spoke about the aging trailers; one is still at Sorice Towing who is attempting to locate a part.

Police Chief Toby Meloro let everyone know we are working with the Chaplains to coordinate an Easter Egg Hunt for the local children.

Trustee Greg Cizmar spoke about the Maintenance Garage upgrades (see resolution 22-55).

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

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

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

Next meeting Monday, March 14, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

MATT CONNELLY, FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON