

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Gregory Cizmar, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Devon Stanley, presiding.

Reports:

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly reported on the township's finances. He is wrapping up the CAES Act audit. The Bi-annual Audit will begin this month. He is reviewing our township credit card policy.

Administrator Mrs. Martha Weirick was absent due to illness

Fire Chief Doug Theobald showed award video. The heart monitors were received.

Police Chief Toby Meloro reminded everyone the Chaplains were hosting a kids fun day at the Lyric this Saturday.

Road Superintendent Mr. Wayne Hickman said the crews were cleaning ditches, filling potholes and Chagrin will begin paving the roads this week. Foust Construction will be finishing the culvert work on Oriel Rogers.

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Jim Rodway presented his written report.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2022 Regular meeting.

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

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

Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$949,597.64 warrants #23645 through #23819 inclusive.

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

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

Motion to approve the Purchase Order Listing – there were no Then and Now Certificates for the month of March 2022.

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

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

22-74 Motion to pass the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO DEMOLISH A STRUCTURE WHICH IS UNSAFE, STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE AND UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AFTER HEARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 810 COLONIAL DRIVE LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 505.86 authorizes a Board of Trustees to declare structures within the Township to be a nuisance by reason of being insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, or unfit for human habitation, and to provide for the abatement of said nuisance by securing or demolition and removal of said structures; and;

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2019, the Liberty Township Fire Inspector inspected the property located at 810 Colonial Drive, Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, and declared the residential dwelling structure (hereinafter "the Structure") on the property to be structurally damaged, unsafe and structurally defective, with holes in the roof and foundation; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2021, the Trumbull County Chief Building Inspector inspected the property located at 810 Colonial Drive, Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, and declared the residential dwelling structure on the property to be structurally deficient in the roof system, and that it is a serious hazard dangerous to human life, is insecure and unsafe due to structural defects; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 21-166 adopted on December 6, 2021, the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township determined the Structure on the property to be insecure, unsafe and structurally defective; and

WHEREAS, the Property owner, Glenn Sniderman, and all lienholders of record were notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the Township's declaration of nuisance, right to request a hearing, and the demand to abate said nuisance by demolition, pursuant to RC 505.86(B) and(C); and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner and Lienholders of record failed to provide for the demolition and removal of said nuisance structure within thirty days of the notice; and

WHEREAS the Property Owner requested a hearing before the Board, and upon agreement of the Property Owner and the Township the hearing was held before the Board of Trustees on March 23, 2022 at 8:30 am; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on March 23, 2022 before the Board of Trustees, and the Property Owner attended along with his attorney Alden Chevlen. The hearing was recorded by stenographic means, and the Board of Trustees received evidence, including the Report of the Fire Inspector, the Lien Report, the Report from the Trumbull County Building Inspector, the Notices sent by regular and certified mail to the Property Owner and all Lienholders of record, photographs of the property, and testimony of the Zoning Inspector and the Property Owner.

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:

1. The Structure on the property located at 810 Colonial Drive, Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, Permanent Parcel No. 12-342780, (hereinafter "the Property") is hereby determined to be insecure, unsafe and structurally defective, with holes in the roof and foundation and the structure constitutes a threat to the public health and safety.
 2. The Property Owner has been notified of the damage multiple times over more than two years and has been directed to repair the structure but has failed to do so. The house is missing foundation blocks. There are at least four large holes in the roof where rainwater, snow and raccoons are coming in. The Property Owner and his counsel admitted that the roof tiles, sheathing and rafters are damaged and the ceilings in certain areas are collapsing. The damage to the house is substantial and long-term. The Property Owner has not obtained any estimates of the cost of repairs; however, he admits the cost would be substantial. The structure must be removed to protect the health and safety of the township residents.
 3. The Property Owner and lienholder shall be notified of the Board's decision, and of the Board's Order to remove the Structure. A party in interest who requested and participated in the hearing and who is adversely affected by the Order of the Board may appeal the order under section 2506 of the Revised Code.
 4. If the Property Owner does not remove the Structure within **thirty days** of the adoption of this Resolution, the Township Zoning Inspector is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for the demolition and removal of the structure on the Property and site restoration.
 5. The total costs incurred by the Township for the removal of the Structure and all associated site restoration work shall be assessed to the owner(s) of record of the Property and the Liberty Township Fiscal Officer is requested to certify the total cost of the demolition, together with a proper description of the lands, to the Trumbull 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.
1. 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.

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

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

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

22-75 Motion to hire Joseph Koziel as a PT Firefighter/EMT basic with hourly wage of \$14.00, no benefits, pending pre-employment drug testing, first day worked is hire date.

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

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

22-76 Motion to hire Jessica Greer as a PT Firefighter/EMT basic with hourly wage of \$14.00, no benefits, pending pre-employment drug testing, first day worked is hire date.

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

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

22-77 Motion to hire Zachary Holmes as a PT Firefighter/Medic with hourly wage of \$16.00, no benefits, pending pre-employment drug testing, first day worked is hire date.

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

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

22-78 Motion to hire Haley Martin as a PT Firefighter/Medic with hourly wage of \$16.00, no benefits, pending pre-employment drug testing, first day worked is hire date.

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

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

Trustee Clebone spoke on Little Squaw Creek Stream Restoration Phase 2 and the Naylor Lloyd grants.

Trustee Cizmar reported another auction was taking place. He met with Boak on the Fire Roof.

Trustee Stanley thanked every for their efforts to make a very successful Easter Egg Hunt we held for township children.

Motion to adjourn 7:03 p.m..

Next business meeting Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

MATT CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON