

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Meeting by teleconference on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Devon Stanley, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding.

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, we are conducting the Regular Meeting via teleconference.

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 the March 25, 2021 Regular meeting.

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

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

21-51 Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$587,481.99 warrants #21917 through #22162 inclusive.

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

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

21-52 Motion to approve the Then and Now Certificates for the month of March 2021.

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

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

21-53 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2021 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT

WHEREAS, the Township of Liberty, Ohio (the “GRANTEE”) is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (“NOPEC”) and is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grant(s) for 2021 (“NEC Grant(s)”) as provided for in the NEC Grant Program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the GRANTEE has previously entered into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc. on 8-8-2020 to receive one or more NEC Grant(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF TRUMBULL AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. This Board of Trustees of the GRANTEE (the “Board”) finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the GRANTEE to enter into the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) for 2021 and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) funds.

SECTION 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the GRANTEE; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the President of the Board of Trustees of the GRANTEE.

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

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

21-54 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION

IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2021

The Board of Trustees of Liberty Township finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Township to participate in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2021 on the terms and conditions set forth below and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to execute the Agreement to participate on behalf of the Township.

WHEREAS, the Liberty Township Trumbull County (hereinafter referred to as the “Political Subdivision”) hereby submits this written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract:

a. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and

b. The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT’s signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and

c. The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees to hold the Department of Transportation harmless for any claims, actions, expenses, or other damages arising out of the Political Subdivision’s participation in the road salt contract; and

d. The Political Subdivision’s electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and

e. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 90% of its electronically **submitted** salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract’s effective period; and

f. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and

g. The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written, emailed request by no later than Friday, April 30th by 5:00 p.m. The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Section email: Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov by the deadline. The Department, upon receipt, will respond that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political Subdivision’s participation request. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of the Political Subdivision to ensure ODOT has received this participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision’s participation agreement and/or a Political Subdivision’s request to rescind its participation agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the following authorized person(s) that this participation agreement for the ODOT road salt contract is hereby approved, funding has been authorized, and the Political Subdivision agrees to the above terms and conditions regarding participation on the ODOT salt contract.

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

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

21-55 Motion to accept the resignation of part time firefighter David Phillips effective 4-6-2.

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

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

Trustee Clebone proposed obtaining engineering estimates for the Trumbull County Community Development Block Grant Program for several township roads in low to moderate income areas. The application is due April 16, 2020. Trustee Clebone received authorization from the Board Members to seek outside help from an engineering firm or the County (if time allows). If nothing else, we will have the specifications ready for next year.

21-56 Motion to submit application for PY 2021 Community Development Block Grant and to obtain engineering estimates.

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

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

Trustee Cizmar said the Belmont Fire Station sign has been set up again, Little Squaw Creek Project is moving along, and he is trying to clean up the litter (trash), which is everywhere.

Trustee Clebone spoke of the stream restoration and the possibility to extend the work, since the project came under budget.

Liberty Local School Board Member Diane DeVito addressed the Trustees about the Special Election held on May 4th asking residents to pass a 2.5 mill 5-year permanent improvement levy. Currently they have and collect on a .9 mill improvement levy. Ms. DeVito indicated they would not renew the .9 mill, if the 2.5 mill passes. Ms. DeVito invited anyone to go on their web site to view a video which would explain all the improvements which need addressed.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:45 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting Thursday, April 15, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. via zoom teleconference.

Reminder from Administrator Weirick:

Liberty Community Litter Clean Up Saturday April 24 & 25th (weather permitting).

COVID Vaccine is offered by Trustees and Tr. County Board of Health, April 13th must call 330 759 1315 Press 3 and then 0 for an appointment.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON