

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, May 31, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance Mr. Arnold Clebone, Mr. Devon Stanley, & Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, May 24, 2024 Regular meeting.

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

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

24-62 Motion to hire Kirt Stifinger effective June 10, 2024 as a full-time probationary road department employee per the terms of the bargaining agreement between the Teamsters Local 377 and the Board of Liberty Township Trustees.

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

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

24-63 Motion to increase Police appropriations line 2081-210-323-0054 by \$19,002.70 from a February insurance/accident claim for the 2023 Chevy Tahoe.

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

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

24-67 Motion to pass the following resolution for grass abatements:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris upon the following properties constitutes a nuisance:

Address:	Parcel No.:
1130 Timbercrest	12-019973

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this Board's intent to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constituting said nuisance be given to all owners of the land and holders of liens of record upon said land in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon proper notice, and failure of the property owner to abate said nuisance within seven days, the Board of Trustees provide for the abatement, control, or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constituting said nuisance in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**

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

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

24-68 Motion to approve the renewal levy for the Fire Department

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

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

Discussion: Trustee Clebone had a conversation with Fire Chief Theobald requesting, when possible, to make sure he alerts the administrator or trustees when a major event occurs in Liberty Township.

The Board discussed future preferences on Police and Fire levies.

Fire Chief Theobald gave a brief update on the hotel's construction progress, including water presser issues. Chief applied for a \$25,000 State Grant and seems hopeful we will receive it.

The Trustees and Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman spoke about the property next to the Refuge. There is a lot of debris in the field, left by the previous owners. Wayne feels it would be beneficial if the owners of the Refuge took possession of the property. The Board decided to speak with Bob Denen to discuss several options. Wayne also spoke about part time seasonal employee Jeff Pezzuto. Wayne reported, Jeff is doing a great job for the township, along with his brother Vince. Wayne has the flush truck back in service and will be going to areas that he's had

some complaints. Wayne reminded everyone of the Trumbull County project at Trumbull Avenue. The road will be closed from June 3rd through the 17th. Detour signs will be posted by the County. He mentioned a drain improvement project at Ruth Circle next to Haviland. Wayne expects Hazelwood and the fire station parking lot paving to be finished around June 10th. The Board and Wayne discussed roads for the next paving project. Last, Wayne said the crew continues to work on grass cuttings, drainage issues, and other road work. A person in attendance asked Wayne about some bushes causing a blind spot when attempting to pull out at Blount. Wayne will look into the matter.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:38 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting Monday, June 10, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON