The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Meeting by teleconference on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Devon Stanley, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding.

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. NOTE: Effective July 1, 2021 all meetings will be conducted in person at the township administration hearing room.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 Regular meeting.

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

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

21-100 LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 100 Renewal Fire and EMS Levy 1.0 Mills

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR FIRE AND EMS PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Liberty Township Trumbull County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the existing 1.0 mill levy for Fire and EMS purposes expires in 2021 and it is necessary to renew the existing levy in order to have sufficient funds for the Township Fire and EMS services; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a renewal tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Liberty Township, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.03, §5705.19(I) and §5705.191 for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer firemen or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of firemen employer's contributions required under 742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, at a rate not exceeding 1.0 mills for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to \$0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing tax year 2021 first due in calendar year 2022, which tax will be voted upon and levied on the entire unincorporated area of Liberty Township, which is wholly located in Trumbull County, Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer Certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor with the request that said County Auditor certify to this Board of Trustees the total tax valuation of Liberty Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal tax of 1 mill if approved by the electors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon certification of the County Auditor and adoption of a Resolution to Proceed by the Board of Trustees that the provisions of said tax levy be submitted under the authority of Ohio Revised Code §5705.03, §5705.19(I) and §5705.191 to the electors of the entire territory of said Liberty Township, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.25, in the general election to be held on the 2nd day of November, 2021. Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second. Mr. Clebone.

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

21-101 LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 21-101 Renewal Fire and EMS Levy 2.0 Mills

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR FIRE AND EMS PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Liberty Township Trumbull County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the existing 2.0 mill levy for Fire and EMS purposes expires in 2021 and it is necessary to renew the existing levy in order to have sufficient funds for the Township Fire and EMS services; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a renewal tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Liberty Township, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.03, §5705.19(I) and §5705.191 for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer firefighter personnel or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of firefighter employer's contribution required under §742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, at a rate not exceeding 2.0 mills for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to \$0.20 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing tax year 2021 first due in calendar year 2022, which tax will be voted upon and levied on the entire unincorporated area of Liberty Township, which is wholly located in Trumbull County, Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer Certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor with the request that said County Auditor certify to this Board of Trustees the total tax valuation of Liberty Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a tax of 2 mills, if approved by the electors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon certification of the County Auditor and adoption of a Resolution to Proceed by the Board of Trustees that the provisions of said tax levy be submitted under the authority of Ohio Revised Code §5705.03, §5705.19(I) and §5705.191 to the electors of the entire territory of said Liberty Township, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.25, in the general election to be held on the 2nd day of November, 2021. Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second. Mr. Clebone.

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

21-102 LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 102 Renewal Police and EMS Levy 2.0 Mills

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR POLICE AND EMS PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Liberty Township Trumbull County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, an existing 2.0 mill levy for Police and EMS purposes expires in 2021 and it is necessary to renew the existing levy in order to have sufficient funds for the Township Police and EMS services; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a renewal tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Liberty Township, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.03, §5705.19(J) and §5705.191 for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, building, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the policemen employer's contribution required under section 742.33 of the Revised Code, or the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or to provide ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, at a rate not exceeding 2.0 mills for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to \$0.20 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing tax year 2021 first due in calendar year 2022, which tax will be voted upon and levied on the entire unincorporated area of Liberty Township, which is wholly located in Trumbull County, Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer Certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor with the request that said County Auditor certify to this Board of Trustees the total tax valuation of Liberty Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a tax of 2 mills, if approved by the electors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon certification of the County Auditor and adoption of a Resolution to Proceed by the Board of Trustees that the provisions of said tax levy be submitted under the authority of Ohio Revised Code §5705.03, §5705.19(J) and §5705.191 to the electors of the entire territory of said Liberty Township, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.25, in the general election to be held on the 2nd day of November, 2021.

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

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

21-103 Motion to hire Madison Kelly as a part time EMT/firefighter at a rate of \$12.00 per hour no benefits, first day worked his hire date.

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

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

21-104 Motion to award the 4th Round 2021 Drainage Improvements to Ztech Builders & Excavators, Inc. 3301 Bazetta Rd., Cortland, Oh 44410 at \$143,662.00.

Discussion: Trustee Clebone state its for the Pleasant Valley & Lakewood drainage improvements.

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

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

21-105 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.: 3031 Youngstown Hubbard 12-217959 3011 Youngstown Hubbard 12-541500

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.

Discussion: Road Foreman Tim Monroe asked if the Board had an opportunity to review the proposals for crack sealing of township roads from two companies. Whichever company the Board decides on, Tim would like to get us on their schedule as quickly as possible.

Trustee Clebone complimented the entire Road Department for the outstanding work the department accomplished at Church Hill Park. Tim said more work is needed next week, but weather is always a factor.

Fire Chief Gus Birch thanked the Trustees for approving the two Fire renewal levies to be placed on the ballot in November. Chief also thanked the Board for ability to tie into the sewer line at the Belmont Fire Station. It should save a significant amount of money.

Police Chief Toby Meloro also thanked the Trustees for approving the Police renewal levy to be placed on the ballot in November. Chief reminded everyone of the Dash and Splash happening this Sunday. Runners start at the JCC and end at the Logan Swim Club. This is a joint effort between the City of Youngstown, Trumbull County and Liberty Township. Some township roads will be closed for a few hours. On Sunday, there will be an event held at the swim club for those who participated in the event.

Trustee Devon Stanley thanked the Police Chief and officers for the hotel interventions and the traffic control. Just a great example of crime prevention and making our community safer.

Trustee Clebone mentioned his meetings with Kiwanis members. He said it needs more community volunteers. The organization is committed to the support of our schools. Chief Meloro, who was also at the meeting, reported the Kiwanis Organization will be participants in our National Night Out to be held in August.

Trustee Clebone also notified the Board the application was sent in last week for the purpose of restoring the remainder of stream at Church Hill Park. The Phase 2 project if awarded work would begin this fall.

Trustee Greg Cizmar also thanked the Road Department for the work accomplished last week at Church Hill Park. He reported the pavilion has been painted, CR Electric will soon begin the electrical upgrades and the deck is currently being replaced. The Trustees discussed upgrading to a more visible sign at Church Hill Park, as well as, better and safer road crossings and sidewalks.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting Friday, July 2, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. in the administration hearing room.

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BID OPENING 6/18/21 11:00 a.m.

Bid Opening for the 4th Round 2021 Drainage Improvements Foust Construction Part 1 \$100,450.94 Part 2 \$ 52,460.00

\$152,910.94 TOTAL BID

Z-Tech Builders Excavators Inc.	Part 1 \$ 86,962.00 Part 2 \$ 56,700.00 \$143,662.00 TOTAL BID
Bids taken under advisement. County Estimate \$161,920.00	¥
Discussion:	
MATT CONNELLY DEPUTY FISCAL OFFICER	GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON