

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, June 24, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Arnold Clebone & Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding. Mr. Devon Stanley was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022 Regular meeting.

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

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

22-107 RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A RENEWAL 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, the existing 1.5 mill levy for Police and EMS purposes expires in 2022 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, for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police officer's contributions required under RC §742.33 of the Ohio Revised Code or the payment of 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.

Said tax being a renewal tax at the same rate as the existing levy, which is not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to \$0.15 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing tax year 2023, collection year beginning 2024. Said levy to 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 1.5 mills 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(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 8th day of November 2022.

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

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

22-108 Motion to approve, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5705.281 RC, the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and requesting the Fiscal Officer to certify them to the County Auditor for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2023.

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

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

22-109 Motion to reallocate \$1,000.00 from other expenses(1000-130-599-0000) to Contracted Services(1000-130-360-0000) for Zoning stenographer.

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

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

22-110 Motion to authorize Police Chief Toby Meloro to enter into a mutual aid agreement for law enforcement for Mahoning, Columbiana and Trumbull County Police Departments.

Whereas, the Counties of Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull, and the various cities, villages, and townships within the counties have a desire to enter into a mutual assistance agreement for police protection; and

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code Section 505.431 authorizes townships to enter into mutual aid agreements to provide police protection to any county, municipal corporation or township of Ohio; and

Whereas, Liberty Township deems it in its best interest to join with the other municipalities, townships, and the Counties in providing law enforcement mutual aid;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, State of Ohio that the Liberty Township Chief of Police, Toby Meloro, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Mahoning/Columbiana/Trumbull County Local Government Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement.

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

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

22-111 Motion to purchase rifles and safes for patrol vehicles and to reallocate \$40,000 from the 2081-210-190-0003 line to the 2081-210-430-1316 line.

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

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

Discussion:

A resident inquired if rocks can be placed in his yard. Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman explained 25 feet from the center of the road is the right of way and rocks cannot be placed in yards near the street. Also discussed was the exposed pipe. Wayne discussed Arbor Circle to approve and save the road. He would like to set up meetings with the water departments in Youngstown and Girard with issues on our roads. An issue with a sink hole and wash out on Greenbrier Road. Township needs to have a sign off form if we go on to private property to make repairs.

A discussion of utility companies being required to apply for a road bond, as more and more utility companies are damaging our newly paved roads when a gas, electric or water issue arises. The County offers a road bond we can emulate, but it would require someone to oversee the projects. Fiscal Officer will discuss the matter further with the law director.

Chief Toby Meloro reminded everyone of the safety day at our local Walmart. Both the Police and Fire Departments will be in attendance. Chief also informed the Board of the upcoming neighborhood block watch programs. Chief will follow up with the County Health Department regarding a property on Redfern.

Code Enforcement Officer Jim Rodway reported on the Ferrara Properties. Jim discussed the additional trees and ground cover to protect sounds for neighborhoods near the Walmart planned upgrade. Jim spoke on the litter trailer, which needed some additional fixing from our IT person.

Captain Phil Lucarell reported the springs broke on the Sumpter Truck and taken to Fallsway for repairs. The Fire Dept. is up to 300 plus calls for the year. The department will be participating in community service events throughout the summer. Motel 30 still waiting on the State Fire Marshall.

Fiscal Officer Matt Connelly will speak with law director on creating a MOU between the Liberty Baseball Association and the township to clearly note who is responsible for what during baseball season.

The Shady Road Bridge project to repaint the sidewalks (requested by Liberty Schools) has been approved by the State. The School is working with Sherman Williams to acquire a non-graffiti paint and the township agreed to purchase for the paint. The Fire Department will hose off the sidewalks. The Road Department will provide barrels & cones to block a portion of the road while the walkway is painted, and the Safety Officers will provide traffic control.

Trustee Arnie Clebone discussed the Naylor Lloyd Road grant, which is about \$100,000 short to address all the necessary infrastructure upgrades. We will probably need to use ARP funds to complete the road. Arnie spoke on 2 sidewalk grants Phase II approved to go from 304 to Giant Eagle. Waiting for WRTA agreement/contract. TAP contract for engineering needs completes by end of the year for Eastgate Regional Council.

Trustee Greg Cizmar announced the pavilion at Churchill Park is repaired (after a tree fell on the roof causing extensive damage). The Fire Station roof is nearly complete.

Motion to adjourn at meeting 10:20 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting Monday, 7/11/2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

MATT CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON