

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, June 28, 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, June 21, 2024 Regular meeting.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

24-84 Motion to promote Police Officer James Marco to the rank of Sergeant effective June 28, 2024. Congratulations!

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

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

24-85 Motion to hire Steven Hayes as a probationary full-time firefighter at a pay rate of \$21.00 per hour, per the terms of the bargaining agreement between the IAFF and Liberty Township Trustees. 1st day worked will be his hire date.

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

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

24-86 Motion to hire Colin Traves as a probationary Police Officer per the agreement between the Liberty Township Trustees and the OPBA effective July 14, 2024, pending pre-employment drug testing. His pay rate at hire will be \$26.44 per hour.

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

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

24-87 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.:
36 Norwick Dr.	12-179900

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. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

24-88 Motion to advertise for Zoning Assistant position to help Code and Zoning Director Jim Rodway.

Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second: Mr. Cizmar

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

Discussion: Trustee Greg Cizmar reiterated from last meeting that the Cemetery Shelter is in worse shape than originally thought and may require additional repairs which means additional costs.

Trustee Arnie Clebone said he believes the County will be extending the date for the \$450,000 Park Improvement Grant. Raxit Shah contacted the Township wanting recognition for a donation of property that was intended for a new fire station, located on E Liberty St but it was sold by the Township and is now a church. Mr. Shah wants a plaque commemorating his gift to the Township in 2005. Trustees were ok giving a plaque to Mr. Shah, Arnie will take care of.

Trustee Devon Stanley commented that Girard water may be increasing prices for our township residents water bills in the near future as they are receiving increases from City of Niles and passing them along.

Wayne Hickman, Road Superintendent reported that the striping on E Liberty St has been completed and '23 paving project almost completed, just a small punch list of minor items left to be done, we will be about 10% over budget. Bob Dennen contacted Wayne to ask where the Trustees are with the Sale or

Lease of Township property next to his on Churchill Rd and if they've made a decision on what to do with his proposal. '24 OPWC project will have 9 roads and we will add Pinehurst Circle as a 10th road now that the Trustees and Wayne agreed on that during this discussion. '25 OPWC project, Wayne submitted 5 roads for this, and Trustees agreed to add March Ave to the list. Wayne would like to use CT Consultants for the Center Park improvements project and Trustees agreed to do so. Wayne would like a new 1-ton truck, gave Trustees the price quote and they agreed to purchase vehicle for the Road Dept. at a cost of \$129,942.00. Wayne will be installing the new Bike racks he purchased last year at the Admin building and Churchill Park, he will install the Center Park rack after the improvements are made there next year.

Doug Theobald, Fire Chief, Now that parking lot is finished, which he thanked everyone for, the new Search & Rescue Trailer will come and be ready for use soon. The new Marriot hotel fire line & Hydrants are set up and they can continue construction, but pressure is low, and they will need to do something before opening about that themselves or in connection with Girard Water. Doug thanked Wayne and Greg about a tree downed on Hadley and their efforts in removing it promptly. Doug received a grant from the Gary Senise Foundation, and we will be getting a training prop building in August for help in that area of the Fire Dept.

Residents' discussion: Dawn Hauser, Pinehurst Circle spoke about wanting to help spread the good news about the Music in the Park to bring more attention and people to it, contacting Food Trucks, etc. so Trustees thanked her and said to go ahead and do so. Another unidentified attendee mentioned a power box or cable box on Logan that needs replaced/removed looks like it has been hit, dented, etc. and if we can take care of. No one was sure if it was Spectrum, First Energy, etc. Arnie said he would call and find out and ask if it can be fixed, seems to be an eye sore.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:27 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting July 8, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON