

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Meeting at the township administration office on, July 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Devon Stanley, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding.

A Moment of Silence

Steven T. Shelton, Fiscal Officer of Liberty Township passed away on Friday, July 2, 2021 after a hard battle with ALS with his family by his side.

Steve was appointed as Liberty Townships Fiscal Officer on December 9, 2013 following Fiscal Officer John Fusco's retirement and subsequently was elected by the residents of Liberty Township serving nearly three terms.

As a Certified Public Accountant, Steve worked tirelessly performing the duties of his office with integrity and honesty up to the conclusion of his life.

Steve will be missed by the entire staff of Liberty Township who wish to extend their sincere condolences to his wife, children, and grandchildren. May his memory be eternal.

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly's financial report.

Reports:

Administrator's Report –Mrs. Martha Weirick

Asked the Board to submit preferred projects for the NOPEC Grant funding. Projects are due by October. Mrs. Weirick attended a meeting at Eastgate Regional Council of Governments with Trustee Clebone on a WRTA Transit Grant and will be submitting the application next week. Mrs. Weirick attended a virtual meeting along with Fiscal Officer Matt Connelly on the American Rescue Plan – specifically what is eligible and the application process. The funds are much more restrictive than the CARES funds.

Martha announced the Party in the Park: The Board is hosting a party at our newly renovated Churchill Park scheduled on Tuesday, August 10th from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. The plans are for live music and food. In addition to our safety forces in attendance. Judith Mitchell from Davey Resource Group will be on hand to explain the grant renovations and future plans for the park.

Fire Department – Chief Gus Birch

Both ambulances are now back in service. Chief asked the Board to consider an ambulance with some of the American Rescue Plan funds.

Police Department – Chief Toby Meloro

Reminded the Board of the August 3rd National Night Out at 6:30 p.m. a joint effort by the police local schools and clergy to promote relationships between the police and community. Several activities are planned to include a parade, car show, bounce house, movie (weather permitting), a K9 demonstration and a drone demonstration.

Zoning Department – Mr. Jim Rodway

Reported the struggle to get grass cuts done due to lack of manpower by lawncare companies.

New Business:

Discussion of the alternative tax budget for 2022

21-108 Motion to approve the Alternative Tax Budget for the year 2022.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second. Mr. Clebone. See attached Budget.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2021 Regular Meeting and the July 8, 2021 Special Meeting.

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

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

Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of June 2021 in the amount of \$654,926.85 warrants #22112 through #22611 inclusive.

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

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

Motion to approve the Purchase Order Listing and the Then and Now Certificates for the month of June, 2021.

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

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

21-109 Motion to Proceed with Renewal Fire and EMS levy 1.0 Mills

The Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, hereby determines to proceed with a Renewal of a levy for Fire and EMS purposes in excess of the ten mill limitation, in the amount of 1.0 mills, to be submitted to the electors at the general election to be held on November 2, 2021, and directs the Township Fiscal Officer to certify the Resolution to the Trumbull County Board of Elections, all in accordance with the Resolution below.

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY OHIO, THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF A LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF 1.0 MILLS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FOR FIRE AND EMS PURPOSES

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, on June 24, 2021, the Board of Trustees passed and adopted Resolution 21-100 declaring the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount necessary for the purposes of Fire and EMS services as set forth in RC §5705.19(I), and that it is necessary for the purpose of providing a renewal of funds, to levy a tax upon the electors of Liberty Township in its entirety, in excess of the ten-mill limitation, under Ohio Revised Code §5705.03 and §5705.191, at the rate of 1.0 mills for each one dollar of valuation, for the renewal of an existing levy for a period of five (5) years, starting in tax year 2021, commencing in 2022; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2021, the Trumbull County Auditor certified to the Board of Trustees that the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the tax levy at the stated millage, assuming tax valuation of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$179,080.00, based upon the current assessed valuation of the Township of \$235,897,340.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the Board desires to proceed with the submission of the question of a renewal levy in excess of the ten mill limitation, for the benefit of and upon the entire territory of said 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 or maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer firefighting personnel or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of fire fighter employer's contributions required under §742.34 of the Ohio 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 collection year beginning 2022.

Section 2. That this tax will be voted upon and levied on the entire unincorporated area of Liberty Township, which is wholly located in Trumbull County, Ohio.

Section 3. That the question of such renewal of a tax levy shall 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 November 2, 2021.

Section 4. That the Fiscal Officer of Liberty Township be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution, Resolution 21-100, the June 28, 2021 Trumbull County Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue, and all other necessary documents to the Trumbull County Board of Elections, not less than ninety days prior to the general election to be held on November 2, 2021, and request said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Section 5. That the form of ballot to be used for submitting the question of such renewal of a tax levy to the electors of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, and cast at the election, shall be in conformity with all provisions of law and/or as follows:

"A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, 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 or maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer firefighting personnel or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of firefighter employer's contributions required under §742.34 of the Ohio 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, collection year beginning 2022."

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 6. That the passage of this Resolution and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Resolution were held in open meetings in accordance with the provisions of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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

21-110 Motion to Proceed with Renewal Fire and EMS levy 2.0 Mills

The Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, hereby determines to proceed with a Renewal of a levy for Fire and EMS purposes in excess of the ten mill limitation, in the amount of 2.0 mills, to be submitted to the electors at the general election to be held on November 2, 2021, and directs the Township Fiscal Officer to certify the Resolution to the Trumbull County Board of Elections, all in accordance with the Resolution below.

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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 purposes; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, the Board of Trustees passed and adopted Resolution 21-101 declaring the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount necessary for the purposes of Fire and EMS services as set forth in RC §5705.19(I), and that it is necessary for the purpose of providing a renewal of funds, to levy a tax upon the electors of Liberty Township in its entirety, in excess of the ten-mill limitation, under Ohio Revised Code §5705.03 and §5705.191, at the rate of 2.0 mills for each one dollar of valuation, for the renewal of an existing levy for a period of five (5) years, starting in tax year 2021, commencing in 2022; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2021, the Trumbull County Auditor certified to the Board of Trustees that the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the tax levy at the stated millage, assuming tax valuation of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$431,135.00, based upon the current assessed valuation of the Township of \$235,897,340.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the Board desires to proceed with the submission of the question of a renewal levy in excess of the ten mill limitation, for the benefit of and upon the entire territory of said 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 firefighters personnel or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of fire fighter 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 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 collection year beginning 2022.

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Section 3. That the question of such renewal of a tax levy shall 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 November 2, 2021.

Section 4. That the Fiscal Officer of Liberty Township be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution, Resolution 21-101, the June 28, 2021 Trumbull County Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue, and all other necessary documents to the Trumbull County Board of Elections, not less than ninety days prior to the general election to be held on November 2, 2021, and request said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

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

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

21-111 Motion to Proceed with Renewal Police and EMS levy 2.0 Mills

The Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, hereby determines to proceed with a Renewal of a levy for Police and EMS purposes in excess of the ten mill limitation, in the amount of 2.0 mills, to be submitted to the electors at the general election to be held on November 2, 2021, and directs the Township Fiscal Officer to certify the Resolution to the Trumbull County Board of Elections, all in accordance with the Resolution below.

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WHEREAS, the 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 purposes; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, the Board of Trustees passed and adopted Resolution 21-102 declaring the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount necessary for the purposes of Police and EMS services as set forth in RC §5705.19(J), and that it is necessary for the purpose of providing a renewal of funds, to levy a tax upon the electors of Liberty Township in its entirety, in excess of the ten-mill limitation, under Ohio Revised Code §5705.03 and §5705.191, at the rate of 2.0 mills for each one dollar of valuation, for the renewal of an existing levy for a period of five (5) years, starting in tax year 2021, commencing in 2022; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2021, the Trumbull County Auditor certified to the Board of Trustees that the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the tax levy at the stated millage, assuming tax valuation of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$358,161.00, based upon the current assessed valuation of the Township of \$235,897,340.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring:

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

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

21-112 AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT

Motion to authorize Arnold Clebone on behalf of the Liberty Township Board of Trustees to apply for the Mahoning and Trumbull Counties Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan and to execute any documents necessary and appropriate to apply for the Grant for federal funds to provide for improvements in the Township:

A resolution authorizing the filing of a project proposal application to the Western Reserve Transit Authority for grant funding through the Western Reserve Transit Authority for the US DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding, as authorized under Federal Transit Laws, as codified, 49USC Chapter 53, and executing a contract with WRTA upon project approval.

WHEREAS, WRTA is authorized to make grants for public bodies, privatenonprofit

organizations and other eligible entities;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of the project costs in the program;

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under 49 USC Section 53 the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the applicant that disadvantaged business enterprise be used to the fullest extent possible in connection with this/these project(s), and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that disadvantaged businesses shall have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Liberty Township Trumbull County

That Trustee Arnie Clebone is authorized to execute and file (an) application(s) on behalf of Liberty Township Trustees with the Western Reserve.

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

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

21-113 No objection to a Liquor Permit to Youngstown Area Jewish Federation Entire fenced in Recreation Complex, DBA Jewish Community Center of Youngstown, 3245 Logan Way, Liberty Township, Ohio 44505.

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

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

21-114 Motion to accept the resignation of Full Time Firefighter Megan Goehring effective July 27, 2021.

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

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

Trustee's remarks:

The Board unanimously thanked Matt Connelly for accepting the appointment and welcomed him as the township's fiscal officer.

Devon Stanley welcomed everyone back to live meetings. "Work didn't stop because of COVID." Devon thanked the Board and staff for working tirelessly during the pandemic.

Greg Cizmar "Although we hoped our road paving programs would have started by now, but the hot mix companies are having trouble getting the material to make the asphalt. The paving should begin in August."

Arnie Clebone reported on the Little Squaw Creek Stream Restoration. The project cost was around \$250,000 and the township share of the grant was 25%. We applied for the next phase of the stream restoration grant which should be approximately \$300,000 in restoration costs. Hopefully, we will know soon if we get the grant.

Motion to adjourn 7:06 p.m.

Next business meeting scheduled is Friday July 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

MATT CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON