

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, July 19, 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 Monday, July 8, 2024 Regular meeting.

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

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

24-92 Motion to approve the Alternative Tax Budget for 2025. See addendum file for full details.

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

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

24-93 Motion to enter into an agreement with Lexipol for the Fire Department Policy Manual for the Liberty Township Fire Department at a cost of \$9,649.80.

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

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

24-94 Motion to adopt a Resolution of appreciation for the generous gift from Raxit Shah and Ketki Shah

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2005, Raxit Shah and Ketki Shah made a generous donation to Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio of the property and building located at 114 East Liberty Street; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township hoped to build a central Fire Station on the property, however as that proved unfeasible, Liberty Township sold the property in March 2008 for the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty-eight Dollars (\$263,938.00), and used the proceeds for the benefit of the Liberty Township Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, this substantial gift to the Township has significantly contributed to the community's well-being and progress;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Liberty Township Board of Trustees expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Raxit Shah and Ketki Shah for their gift of this valuable asset, which greatly enhanced our community's Fire and Emergency Services;

FURTHER, the Board of Trustees recognizes the unwavering commitment of Raxit Shah and Ketki Shah to the Liberty Township community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be shared with the citizens of Liberty Township as a testament to our collective appreciation and will offer a plaque if requested in their honor;

ADOPTED, this 19th day of July, 2024

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

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

24-95 No objection to the request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to transfer the liquor permit from Murrays sports Put Inc, DBA Nonni and Mulligans, 4042 Belmont 1st Fl, Liberty Twp, Ohio 44505 to Pustira LLC, DBA Mantra, same address.

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

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

24-96 Motion to adopt resolution to set a work period for part-time firefighter EMTs/Paramedics

WHEREAS, Liberty Township has part-time employees engaged in fire protection activities as defined in the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA); and

WHEREAS, the FLSA permits the township to establish a work period of 7 to 28 days for

calculating overtime eligibility for employees engaged in fire protection activities.

NOW THEREFORE, Liberty Township establishes a work period of 14 days, beginning at 12:01 AM Sunday, coinciding with the pay period, for part-time firefighter EMTs/Paramedics. Part-time firefighter EMTs/Paramedics will be eligible for overtime for any hours they work over 106 hours during a work period.

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

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

24-97 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.:
1116 Churchill	12-773040

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: Fire Chief Doug Theobald received word they were awarded an additional \$10,875.00 grant from the Ohio Ambulance Impacted Industry Program which can be used for wages.

Road Superintendent mentioned the Refuge request. Trustee Devon Stanely will reach out to Mr. Dennen. The 2023 Paving Program invoices are coming in at around \$657,000. The 2024 Local Paving Program was discussed to include the Cemetery. The County is designing the roads now. Perhaps the cemetery can be an alternate bid. The 2025 OPWC Road Program – roads need picked. The Board discussed which roads to possibly include and will email Wayne their lists. Wayne met with the engineering company CT Consultants who will present their proposal for Center Park. The County has been in communication with GPD Group for the Townsend CDBG. The project has to be competed this year. Crack Sealing has been put on hold temporarily until we have a full crew back. Crack sealing is generally done in August. The four bus stop benches have been installed and look nice. Wayne discussed sink holes that have developed at Virginia Trail and Redfern.

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly said the current audit requested additional information, but the audit must be completed by August 1st. Matt discussed a resolution required by the State Auditor for ARP funds with the Board and Law Director. Matt announced he balanced May's bank statement and was almost done with Junes. The State Auditor is requiring all employees to go online and complete a fraud training program. It takes about 8 minutes and is required to be completed every 4 years.

Code and Zoning Director Jim Rodway discussed 810 Colonial with the Board and Law Director. Also discussed were recreational marijuana dispensaries, including locations and conditions. Jim asked the Road Superintendent to speak with the County Engineers Office regarding some right of way concerns.

The Trustees, Zoning and Road Superintendent discussed a variety of sink holes that are developing at Trumbull Avenue, Shannon Road, and other areas. They discussed possible solutions.

Police Chief Toby Meloro said his department is operating at 100% and will continue to make Liberty Strong.

Administrator Martha Weirick reported using Armor Risk Management to do additional background checks for new hires. She reminded everyone that Form Fire will open on Monday, and soon after we will be getting quotes for employee health coverages.

Trustee Greg Cizmar wanted to thank Dave Price for his help once again. He wanted to thank Dawn Hauser, the Liberty Band Boosters, and Kinsman's Travelers Coffee Company for their time and help at last night's Music in Churchill Park. Greg said the current auction will end Sunday. He said the Cemetery Shelter is coming along.

Trustee Arnie Clebone discussed a situation where a neighbor was shooting a pellet gun to eliminate geese who became a nuisance on their property. The Police were called. The person(s) shooting the pellet gun was cited and fined for killing the geese. He asked the Board if they were interested in restricting the days that fireworks can be used to fewer days than permitted under state law. The two other Board members said to keep the current state law guideline. If someone is not following the law, they can contact the police, who would send an officer to the individual(s) not complying. There is a utility box that Arnie received confirmation it was an AT&T box. However, when the technician went on site, he said it was not. Greg will contact Spectrum and Arnie will reach out to the AT&T Supervisor who indicated it was AT&T's box. Arnie wrote a letter to Senator O'Brien and Ohio Township Association requesting his concerns regarding the proposed amendments regarding to the proposed changes to R.C. 519.99 in HB 315 - the Township Omnibus Bill and to express our support for the points laid out by our law director, Cherry Poteet.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:03 p.m.

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

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

Next meeting Friday, July 26, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.

National Night Out Tuesday, August 6th Parade 6:30 – Fireworks Finale

Music in Churchill Park Thursday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m.

NO REGULAR MEETINGS IN AUGUST

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON