

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Meeting at the township administration office on July 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Devon Stanley and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding. Mr. Arnold Clebone was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular meeting.

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

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

21-115 Motion to authorize Township Administrator Martha Weirick and Township Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly to apply on behalf of Liberty Township for American Rescue Plan Funding through the State of Ohio Office of Budget and Management Application Portal, and to execute the ARP award terms and conditions, assurances of compliance, and other documents necessary to receive the ARP Funding.

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

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

21-116 Motion to pass the following resolution:

A Resolution establishing the American Rescue Plan Local Fund and affirming that funds received by the Township pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall be used only to cover costs incurred by the Township consistent with the requirements of the Act and applicable law and regulations.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARP”), a \$1.9 trillion economic COVID-19 stimulus package, was signed into law on March 11, 2021 to provide monetary relief to address the continued impact of COVID- 19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, as Ohio Townships have been designated non-entitlement units of local government eligible to obtain ARP funding; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires separate accountability, usually accomplished through use of separate funds, for direct recipients as well as subrecipients of federal awards greater than \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §5705.09 requires political subdivisions to establish separate funds for each class of revenue derived from a source other than the general property tax, which the law, including federal programs, required to be used for a particular purpose; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §5705.12 further requires the taxing authority of a political subdivision to establish, with the approval of the Auditor of State, a separate fund for money derived from specified sources other than the general property tax; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of State has approved taxing authorities to establish the separate funds required for separate accountability of federal programs upon adoption of a local resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees hereby establishes the ARP Local Fund. The purposes of such fund shall be to account for revenues and expenditures related to the funds received by the Township through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

SECTION 2. This Board affirms that all funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and deposited into said ARP Local Fund will be expended consistent with the requirements of the ARP and any other applicable law, regulations, and guidance.

SECTION 3. The Township Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to submit any documentation to the Auditor’s office necessary to create the ARP Local Fund.

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

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

21-117 Motion to pass the following resolution:

ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS
ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, Liberty Township, Trumbull County Ohio (hereinafter referred to as the "Recipient") provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to the Recipient's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that the Recipient may request in the future. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of the Recipient's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of the Recipient's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above. (see addendum file for full resolution).

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

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

21-118 Motion to pass the following resolution for grass, garbage, refuse and other debris 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.:
237 Richards	12-519015
203 Goldie	12-613351

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.

Discussion: Next year's final list of roads was discussed to be sent to the County. Crack seal was also discussed. The Board will use who Foreman Tim Monroe's recommendation. The Board discussed a proposed zone change for the 5.8 acre lots located in Kline's Farms and will vote on the matter at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:05 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting Friday, July 30, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.

MATT CONNELLY
DEPUTY FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON