

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, July 26, 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, July 19, 2024 Regular meeting.

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

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

24-98 No objection to the annual renewal of any retail liquor permits in Liberty Township.

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

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

24-99 Motion to hire John Greene as probationary firefighter per the terms of the bargaining agreement between the IAFF Local 2075 and the Board of Liberty Township Trustees. First day worked is his hire date, pending successful pre-employment drug and background checks.

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

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

\*Trustee Clebone abstained due to lack of an additional extensive background check and will not vote for any new hires who do not have an extensive background check performed.

Discussion: Fire Chief reported on the daily operations, He said training will continue in August and September.

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman said the 2024 Road Project will be going out for bids. Now that the 2025 roads have been decided, Wayne will send the final list to the County. Wayne asked if everyone reviewed the summary sent from CT Consultants and his answers. Trustee Clebone provided his comments and asked the other Trustees to consider them. The CDBG Townsend Grant bid opening is August 8<sup>th</sup>. Last week Arnie and he met with Goodwill Industries about their possible plans for a ditch that runs along their property (and 8 additional properties). Goodwill had met with a company who could pipe in the large ditch, however, ODOT had expressed their objections. ODOT said it could affect the flow of water. Wayne is hoping to have all concerned parties meet.

Code and Zoning Officer Jim Roadway discussed 810 Colonial Drive and the letter the Board requested be drafted by law director Cherry Poteet. He asked if anyone had any comments or revisions, otherwise he'd send the letter.

Police Chief Toby Meloro reminded everyone of August 6<sup>th</sup> National Night Out.

Trustee Greg Cizmar reported the recent auction has concluded and was successful. Greg was at the Trumbull County Commissioners meeting where he learned the Veterans Outreach was awarded a \$90,000 ARPA Grant, which was something Greg's worked towards on their behalf. Also at the meeting, the Commissioners mentioned the ARPA Grants deadlines have been extended to 2026. The cemetery shelter repairs are moving along.

Trustee Devon Stanley invited Bob Denon to discuss the preliminary plans for his property adjacent to township property. He had several options for acquiring property, in order to move his projects forward. Bob mentioned some challenges he faced recently with regards to drainage and storm water runoff. The Board gave Bob permission for him to survey the property. Mr. Denon discussed options of acquiring additional property owned by the township, including selling some of the property outright to him, in addition to leasing some of the property with the option to purchase it at a future date.

Motion to adjourn into executive session at 10:00 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment and compensation of public employees.

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

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

Motion to adjourn from executive session at 10:45 a.m. and end meeting.

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

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

No REGULAR meetings in August.

National Night Out August 6<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Local Schools Parade starts at 6:30 p.m.

Music in Churchill Park – August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. – The Dixie Dandies

Next meeting, September 9, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

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MATTHEW CONNELLY  
FISCAL OFFICER

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GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON