

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, July 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Gregory Cizmar, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Devon Stanley, presiding.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2023 Regular meeting.

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

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

23-109 Motion to accept the resignation for the following part-time firefighters as of 7-25-2023: Haley Vigorito, Michael Vigorito, Chelsea Caggiano & Ronald Womack.

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

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

23-110 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.:
1020 Chrysann	12-713900
3031 Green Acres	12-517800
2018 Pleasant Valley	12-665750

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: Administrator Martha Weirick proposed we schedule the initial Insurance Committee Meeting next week and the Board agreed. Republic Service Agreement was discussed.

Chief Doug Theobald is looking forward to National Night Out. The Chief spoke of options where to advertise to hire Full Time Firefighters, as the normal avenues are not producing applicants. The \$33,000 Lucas CPR grant has been submitted. The Educational Trailer shared by three communities should be delivered by the end of September.

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman announced Little Squaw Creek Grant is official closed. The 2022 OPWC will soon follow. 2023 OPWC Program has initially begun prep work. Shelly & Sands should start paving soon. The Township CDBG grant is in the hands of the engineer from GPD Group. Bike racks for the parks and administration building have been ordered. He said Jim Rodway observed someone nearly falling backwards as he stood from a bus stop bench. After further investigation, it was found the entire back of the bench was rusted and needed to be replaced. Since the benches are all the same age, different styles of replacement benches were discussed. Wayne needs the list of OPWC Roads by the end of this week. The Board can choose the local roads later, he suggested.

Zoning and Code Officer Jim Rodway asked if we could have weeds sprayed along Belmont Avenue sidewalks. He also said some of the sidewalks are heaved. The Sidewalk Home Rule resolution needs to be looked at by the law director and possibly updated.

Chief Toby Meloro spoke of the FLOCK cameras, where they will be located and the amount of cameras. Law Director Cherry Poteet discussed some changes necessary in the agreement with the Chief. Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly agreed there are enough funds budgeted to pay for the program for the next 5 years. By paying up front, we save significantly.

Trustee Greg Cizmar is preparing for a car auction. He also discussed the beautification of the bus stops and suggested replacing all the benches to keep continuity.

Trustee Arnie Clebone asked about a township's managed Facebook Page. Arnie also discussed potential ARC funds, specifically the \$200,000 grant which was combined with Youngstown. There is a combined desire to improve the facades of buildings along Belmont Avenue from Liberty Township to Downtown Youngstown. Initially, Arnie has several possible businesses earmarked between Liberty Street and Colonial. However, the businesses would need to commit to matching funds.

Motion to go into executive session to prepare for union negotiations at 9:31 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

There are no regularly scheduled meetings in August. Should it be necessary to hold a Special Meeting, the Board will notify the press and post a notice on the township website www.libertytp.com

Next Regular Scheduled meeting is Friday, September 1, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON