

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session at the township administration office on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Arnie Clebone, Mr. Devon Stanley, and Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding.

Firefighter Matthew Gray was sworn in by Law Director Cherry Poteet and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Congratulations!

**Reports:**

Administrator Mrs. Martha Weirick reminded everyone of the Senior Watch Open House on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and Music in Churchill Park on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Fire Chief Doug Theobald discussed his runs for the month. He reported the State Fire Marshall provided a trailer for fire training, with multiple communities participating. Next month the State Fire Marshall will provide a search and rescue trailer for the LFD & neighboring firefighters to train and in September additional training will take place.

Police Chief Toby Meloro presented his report. On August 6<sup>th</sup> our annual National Night Out will take place, starting with a parade, various local businesses will be in attendance, as well as food and children's events, ending with fireworks. He asked everyone to come out and support the Police Department. Last Friday, Captain Ray Buhala led our officers on a very successful interdiction. This undertaking produced a number of arrests, towed cars, gun confiscations, and drug captures. Chief praised the Liberty Police Department on their efforts.

Road Superintendent Mr. Wayne Hickman reminded the Board of the refuge property owners' requests to expand his facility. The 2023 OPWC program is complete and Wayne is waiting for the final invoice. Wayne said the 2024 OPWC roads have been picked and the 2025 OPWC roads need to be picked soon. CT Consultants have been chosen to do the engineering for drainage at Center Park. A meeting is scheduled this Thursday. Julie Green, Trumbull County Planning and he have been working with GPD Engineering Group to finalize the CDBG Townsend Drainage Grant, which has a yearend deadline.

Zoning and Code Enforcement Director Mr. Jim Rodway presented his report.

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly's financial cash summary report was available in his absence.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, June 28, 2024 Regular 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 2024 in the amount of \$638,949.81 warrants #26193 through #26263 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 any Then and Now Certificates for the month of June 2024.

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

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

24-89 Motion to accept the resignation of Firefighter Matthew Gordon effective July 2, 2024.

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

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

24-90 Mr. Steven Hayes decided not to take the firefighter position. Motion to rescind resolution 24-85.

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

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

24-91 Motion to hire Trevor Willoughby as a full time probationary EMT Fire Fighter per the terms of the bargaining agreement between the IAFF and Liberty Township Trustees. 1<sup>st</sup> day worked is his hire date.

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

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

Trustee Greg Cizmar said the Cemetery Bereavement Shelter repairs are coming along. He plans to hold

an on-line auction soon for impounded cars.

Trustee Devon Stanley reports he is working with the property owner behind the Road Department facility to possibly acquire more property. He is trying to get the County to accept responsibility for the ponds around Greenbrier and Logan.

Motion to adjourn at 6:14 p.m.

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

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

Next business meeting Friday, July 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Liberty Township Senior Watch Open House Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. for residents 60 and over at the Administration Building.

Music in Churchill Park July 18<sup>th</sup> CinCity and the Saints at 7:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

Police National Night Out Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>...Parade starts at Lyric Building, event at Liberty Local School Property.

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MATTHEW CONNELLY, FISCAL OFFICER

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GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON