

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session at the township administration office on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Arnie Clebone, Mr. Gregory Cizmar and Mr. Devon Stanley, presiding.

September 11, 2001:

As we recall the worst day in US history, we remember those brave Americans who perished and pledge to never forget. May their memory be eternal.

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly offered the financial report. He noted the current cash shown on the summary report was anticipated and budgeted by Trustee Clebone and himself. These funds will have to last until the next tax revenues are received in the spring of 2023. All motel taxes collected are up to date. Matt is in the process of reviewing our utilities to see which rates are the best. Matt has looked into investments but would have to be certified prior to any investments could take place.

Administrator Mrs. Martha Weirick reported on the Senior Watch Open House and National Night out events. Both events were successful and very well attended. Martha noted a \$38,500 reimbursable NOPEC Grant was recently received which covered the cost of a roof replacement at the Fire Department. Currently the township is working in conjunction with the Community and Historical Society Club towards an October Fall Fest at Churchill Park, scheduled for October 9th from 1 – 4 p.m. with a farmers' market, craft show, children's activities and refreshments planned. Several people have approached Martha on upgrading lighting behind the administration building. The Township Trustees and Police Department will host an open house at the Administration Building for Liberty Township children on October 31st at 4:00 PM. The Fire Department will also be on hand to greet the children prior to neighborhood Trick or Treating which will also be held on October 31st from 5- 7 p.m.

Fire Department Chief Doug Theobald presented his report and said they are on track for approximately 3600 to 3800 runs for the year. Chief told of two recent structural fires, a residence at Harding and the Roadway Motel. The motel is closed until the repairs are made. The Chief scheduled live fire training at the airbase sometime this month. They have spent the majority of the \$10,000 Fire Grant received on various tools.

Police Department Chief Toby Meloro presented his report. He announced the Halloween Open house will be on October 31st an hour before neighborhood trick or treat.

Road Department Mr. Wayne Hickman reminded everyone the Scrap Tire Program is scheduled for this weekend. He reported the project at Churchill Park is nearly complete. Just some minor plantings are left. The 2021 Paving Program still needs to be completed by RT Vernal and then the 2022 Paving Program will begin, hopefully in the next two weeks. Despite the older equipment breaking and sent out for repairs, the crew is making do and working on multiple jobs.

Zoning Department Mr. Jim Rodway presented his report.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2022 Special meeting.

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

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

Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of July 2022 in the amount of \$872,131.51 warrants #24119 through #24241 inclusive and for the month of August 2022 in the amount of \$727,128.21 warrants #24226 through #24335 inclusive.

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

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

There were no Purchase Order Listing or Then and Now Certificates for the month of July and August 2022.

22-141 Motion to accept the resignation of Toby Mizway as a part time firefighter/EMT effective September 9, 2022

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

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

22-142 Motion to promote Firefighter Abigail Buday to the position of Lieutenant in the Fire Department effective September 12, 2022.

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

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

Congratulations Abby!!!

Several concerned citizens expressed their exasperation regarding a neighbor who has an agricultural property abutting their properties. They complained of the odor and other nuisances, like horse flies attacking their dog, loud animal noises, animals mating at all hours of the night, which are preventing them from utilizing their own back yards, opening their windows, or getting a restful night sleep.

A resident spoke on the possibility of Liberty Township joining the Trumbull County Aggregation Program. Trustee Greg Cizmar said he was already in contact with the County but has yet to receive information. Currently Liberty Township is enrolled with NOPEC Aggregation Program. NOPEC has recently removed all customers from the electric aggregation portion of NOPEC allowing them to return to Ohio Edison, who has a better rate.

Trustee Arnie Clebone spoke on the Fall Festival, to be held at Churchill Park October 9th from 1 – 4 p.m. which is a joint venture with the Community and Historical Society Club. He reported on a grant from Eastgate which will connect sidewalks to Giant Eagle. Arnie said the grant would include landscaping and lighting,

Trustee Cizmar received notice from the County Engineers office that they received funding to pave Colonel and a portion of Logan Way. Unfortunately, the paving companies are behind and we may have to wait until next year.

Firefighter Joe Santangelo announced the Liberty International Local #2075 Union is hosting a Bowl – A – Thon October 16th at Boardman Lanes. Teams of 4 at \$60 each, which includes refreshments and prizes.

Motion to adjourn 7:25 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 September 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

MATT CONNELLY, FISCAL OFFICER

DEVON STANLEY, CHAIRPERSON