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February 12, 2024

Friday, February 2, 2024 Bid Opening for 2nd Round 2023 Road Program

RT Vernal \$583,005.10
Shelly & Sands \$769,138.98
Bids taken under advisement.

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session at the township administration office on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Arnie Clebone & Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding. Mr. Devon Stanley was absent.

Reports:

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly reviewed February's Cash Summary Report. He reported closing out the year (2023) and the report can be found on the State of Ohio Checkbook site. We should be receiving advances from the County soon. The new property evaluations are on the recently mailed tax notices. Anyone having questions about their property tax should contact the Trumbull County Auditor. Matt has prepared the permanent budget for 2024 but needs to review it with the Board of Trustees. It should be approved at the next meeting. Matt is preparing an upcoming levy renewal for the Fire Department.

Administrator Mrs. Martha Weirick thanked Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly on successfully closing 2023. She spoke on the new employee wellness program and completed BWC annual reports.

Fire Chief Doug Theobald was absent. Captain Al Rivalsky presented the report. He reviewed the runs for the month and reported the new floor for Station 35 has been installed and looks nice.

Police Chief Toby Meloro presented his report.

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

Road Department Superintendent Mr. Wayne was absent.

New Business:

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2024 Regular meeting.

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

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

Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of January 2024 in the amount of \$580,761.33 warrants #25834 through #25920 inclusive.

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

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

Motion to approve the Purchase Order Listing and the Then and Now Certificates for the month of January 2024.

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

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

24-31 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ONEOHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has reached a settlement with the distributors of opioids and developed the OneOhio plan to distribute some of the settlement funds to local governments to address the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Rev. Code §5705.09(F) requires subdivisions to establish separate funds for each class of revenue derived from a source other than the general property tax, which the law requires to be used for a particular purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of State in Bulletin 2022-003 recommends that each participating subdivision accepting OneOhio funds provide by a resolution that the local government share of the OneOhio funds shall be placed in a separate fund and used only for the approved purposes as required by the OneOhio memorandum of understanding.

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

Section I. There is hereby established the OneOhio Opioid Settlement fund within the General Fund, for the purpose of receiving and expending OneOhio Opioid settlement payments. All funds previously received into the General Revenue Fund from the OneOhio Opioid Settlement payments shall be transferred into the OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund, with interest.

Section 2. OneOhio Opioid Settlement money will be used only for the approved purposes as required by the OneOhio memorandum of understanding.

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

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes.

Motion carried.

Comment from Fiscal Officer: This is a required resolution to establish a separate fund for any settlements we may receive over the coming years.

24-32 Motion to accept the grant and authorize Township Administrator Martha Weirick to execute, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, the NOPEC 2024 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT

AGREEMENT for funds to be used primarily for energy efficiency or energy infrastructure updates in accordance with NOPEC Energized Community Grant criteria. See addendum file for full resolution.

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

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

24-33 Motion to award 2nd Round 2023 Road Program to RT Vernal at \$583,005.10, low bidder.

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

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

Discussion by Trustee Clebone and Trustee Cizmar: Additional roads may be added but would have to be bid out.

A Citizen invited the safety forces to join a soft ball fundraiser on July 13th in honor of his nephew Justin House to benefit Veteran's Suicide Awareness.

Goodwill representatives mentioned an overgrown ditch near the Belmont Avenue facility. The stagnant water and swill is causing a bad odor inside the facility. Administrator Weirick said the Road Superintendent is aware and is working with one of Goodwill's Representative. Code Officer Rodway added Wayne is currently researching who owns those properties and what options they have.

No Trustee remarks.

Motion to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

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

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

Next business meeting Friday, February 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

MATTHEW CONNELLY, FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON