

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, February 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance, Mr. Arnold Clebone, Mr. Devon Stanley, and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular meeting.

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

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

24-34 Motion to approve transfer of \$50,000 from the General Transfers Out Fund to the Fire Transfers In Fund.

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

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

24-35 No objection to a transfer liquor permit to Delhi Café Indian Cuisine & Bar LLC, 2021 Belmont Ave., Liberty Twp., Oh, 44505 from Stabones Sports & Gaming LLUC, DBA Bull & Bear Neighborhood Grill & Tavern, same address.

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

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

Interim Liberty Local School Superintendent Debra Mettee introduced herself to the Board of Trustees.

Discussion: Trustee Arnie Clebone offered some brownfield grant options regarding an abandoned gas station in Liberty Township currently owned by the Trumbull County Land Bank.

Director Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Jim Rodway reminded the Board of Trustees to review the advertisement for an assistant position. They will review and get back with him.

Fire Chief Doug Theobald reviewed the grants the department has applied for and feels confident getting answers soon including the staircase lift chair grant from BWC. He reviewed monthly statistics with the Board.

Chief Toby Meloro informed the Board the Police Department is running like a “well oiled machine.”

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman reviewed the 2023 Annual Report. Wayne discussed the possibility of adding road(s) to the 2023 paving project. Trustee Stanley reminded Wayne the additional road(s) should fall under the terms of the agreement. The Salt Barn roof located at the road department property needs to be replaced. Wayne will obtain bids. The road department property is currently being surveyed. They reviewed Townsend, Fredrick and Oakland roadways. Townsend received the CDBG grant from the State. GPD engineers have started the drainage plans for the CDBG grant. Wayne will speak to Trumbull County Planning Department to see when the State CDBG grant application would be due for Fredrick and Oakland. Wayne received the approval from the Board to get quotes for drainage contractors for issues on Catherine Street and Ruth Circle. The Road Department will begin street sweeping in the coming weeks, once the weather cooperates. GPD Engineers sent the 304-sidewalk project study to the state for review.

Trustee Greg Cizmar discussed the letter of support he prepared to be sent to Senator O’Brien for a community investment fund. He spoke of wires that came down causing some light pole outages on the township property. The cost to get the lights working again is around \$2,200.00. Greg has someone coming to Churchill Cemetery to remove tree stumps and various overgrown vegetation. Greg is reviewing the stop sign at Sampson Drive with the County. Greg will be composing a letter to the State asking them to repair the damage at the end of Garfield Road.

A resident asked the Board to consider posting weight limits where necessary, enforcing those limits and consider asking those businesses who use our roads to apply for a permit.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting, Friday, March 1, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m. was cancelled.

Regular 6:00 p.m. evening meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024.

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MATTHEW CONNELLY, FISCAL OFFICER

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GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON