

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members in attendance Mr. Devon Stanley, Mr. Arnie Clebone & Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding.

26-87 Motion to approve the May 11, 2026 regular meeting and the May 12, 2026 Special Zoning Meeting.

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

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

26-88 Motion to remove the following individuals from the Part Time Firefighters Roster effective dates below:

Josh Alessi - 11/14/2025

Alycia Bailes - 7/26/25

Jacob Jaynes - 8/31/2025

Joe Santangelo - 3/13/2025

Scott Thomas – 5/1/2026

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

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

26-89 Motion to promote Firefighter/Paramedic Dustin Beauchene to full time probationary status at a rate of \$25.85 per hour effective 2026 per the terms of the bargaining agreement between the IAFF and Board of Liberty Township Trustees.

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

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

26-90 Motion to approve the expenditure for the purchase of paint from Shermin Williams for the Shady Bridge at a cost of approximately \$2,171.00. The school will be painting the sidewalks.

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

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

Discussion: Trustee Cizmar asked about the past anti-graffiti paint and if they plan to sand blast the paint. He suggests to not use the anti-graffiti paint.

26-91 Motion to approve the expenditure for 100 tons of field mix at \$39 per ton (\$3,900) and approximately \$2,200 to haul and spread the dirt on 4 fields, with a portion of the fee split - approximately \$1,100 will be paid by the LTBA.

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

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

26-92 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.:	Address:	Parcel No.:
1178 Moorelene	12-710111	1262 Churchill Road	12-027620
503 Catherine	12-174660	930 Churchill Road	12-628550
3828 Sampson Road	12-098600	1680 Sampson Road	12-554235
2425 Tibbets Wick Rd	12-597700	1390 Virginia Trail	12-563743
340 Colonial	12-451950	2507 Fifth	12-591330
2510 Fifth	12-285470	3190 Fifth	12-306641
1146 Townsend	12-538060	2704 Belmont	12-012660
4055 Belmont	12-762300	143 Euclid	12-219600
240 Dailey	12-430135	4039 Parkwood	12-354299
533 Murray Hill	12-510600		

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. Clebone. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

26-93 Motion to pass the following resolution for nuisance 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.:
1390 Virginia Trail	12-563743

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. Clebone. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

26-94 Motion to purchase 4 Motorola radios for the fire department for \$25,998.76.

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

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

Mr. Devon Stanley left the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

Zoning Inspector Melissa Ritchie reported Law Director Cherry Poteet and she met with the Zoning Board on Wednesday evening. It was a very productive meeting. They will be meeting again in June and plan to meet twice a month after to discuss and review the moratorium. The Zoning Board will review all suggestions then present their recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Considerations will center heavily on the current moratorium alongside general zoning updates.

Chief Ray Buhala discussed a new hire possibility. He would like to hire him at the next regular business meeting which takes us to eighteen police officers. Chief thanked the fire department for their assistance at a recent incident at Motel 6.

Chief Doug Theobald is working with the Fire Marshall on a list of violations Motel 6 needs to address. He announced the water had been turned off at that location for nonpayment. However, within a few hours it was restored (once the \$42,000 unpaid water bill was paid). Chief asked for authorization to hire a grant writer for the air packs. He submitted a grant for air bottles from Firehouse Subs and is applying for the BWC Grant for hood and gloves. He received authorization for the purchase of the Motorola Bottles and turn out gear,

Trustee Greg Cizmar said we have a big problem at Belmont Cemetery's grounds. The cemetery grounds are currently facing significant maintenance challenges and urgently require extensive mowing and trimming. Greg and Arnie discussed placing a help wanted ad for part time groundskeepers. Greg is looking to purchase a rear discharge mower, as well. He is not opposed to asking the probation officer at Girard Court to see if we can get some prisoners to help. Greg mentioned an interested party who would like to purchase 2 acers of the cemetery that abuts his

property.

Next meeting Monday, June 8, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON