

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members in attendance Mr. Devon Stanley, Mr. Arnie Clebone & Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding.

25-127 Motion to approve the September 8, 2025 minutes. Motion: Mr. Stanley. Second: Mr. Cizmar. Roll Call: Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

25-128 Motion to accept the Ohio Department of Transportation Grant awarding Liberty Township \$55,034.71 for road signs, posts and miscellaneous items. The grant is 100% covered by ODOT, with no cost to the township. Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second: Mr. Stanley. Roll Call: Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Motion carried.

25-129 Motion to terminate Probationary Road Employee Mike King for absence without leave effective 9/18/25. Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second: Mr. Cizmar. Roll Call: Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Motion carried.

25-130 Motion to enter into a 3-year agreement with Lyden Oil Company for gas and diesel fuel and tanks. Motion: Mr. Stanley. Second: Mr. Cizmar. Roll Call: Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

25-131 Motion to adopt a Resolution Approving the vacation of a section of Overbrook Avenue adjoining property owned by Thomas and Sherril Weaver

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF A SECTION OF OVERBROOK AVENUE WITHIN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Weaver and Sherril Weaver, the owners of Property known as Parcel Nos. 12-509900, 12-9900 and 12-279335 in Liberty Township, which adjoins both sides of a portion of Overbrook Avenue, have filed a Petition to vacate the portion of Overbrook Avenue adjoining their property; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Overbrook Avenue adjoining the Weaver property has never been opened as a public street has not been use by the general public for public purposes for a period of more than 21 years, and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5503.04 provides that a board of county commissioners shall not adopt a resolution to vacate a public road that is a township road unless the board of township trustees has adopted a resolution approving the vacation.

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

SECTION 1: That the Liberty Township Board of Trustees approves vacating the portion of Overbrook Avenue adjoining the property owned by Thomas W. Weaver and Sherril Weaver, as Parcel Nos. 12-509900, 12-9900 and 12-279335 in Liberty Township, as described in the Petition to vacate and Plat attached thereto.

SECTION 2: That the Fiscal Officer certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 3: That this Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman discussed the Center Park Project possible grant extension with the Board. He is hoping the bid packets will be ready to be advertised very soon. Wayne is working on a punch list from the OPWC paving. The 2026 roads have been selected: Utah, Joanne Ln., Middle Rd., Vienna Ave., Rose Ave., Vine St., Sturgeon Dr., Fifth Ave (short 5th), and Daily Avenue. Wayne stated his issues with Belmont Park Cemetery drainage, and the parks never ending projects. This winter he plans to address the equipment in the utility building. He also mentions Lumos has been responding to the residents' complaints from damages caused when installing their fiber optic cables. Wayne said the other company, Omni Fiber, has had no complaints so far. Otherwise the road crew are busy with catch basins, ditch cleanouts, pothole patching and other road work.

A discussion took place regarding Chief Theobald's certifications. Two Board Members will allow the Chief time off using vacation time to get it straightened out. One Trustee would prefer he be placed on unpaid administrative leave.

Trustee Devon Stanley left the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Acting Chief Ray Buhala discussed the Trumbull County 911 bill and billing with the Board of Trustees. Ray also reviewed future promotions and procedures with the Board.

A discussion took place between the Board members after a complaint was registered regarding political signs placed on township properties. The township cannot interfere with people posting political signs on their own property. However, signs are not permitted on any township property as it would give the appearance of endorsing a candidate or business. In addition, the township Zoning resolution 7:2.9 prohibits signs from being placed in the public right of way.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:10 a.m.

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

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

Neighborhood Trick or Treat date and time set for October 31st from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE:

Please bring your children dressed in their favorite costume for our annual Police Department Open house on October 31st from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the administration Building. Families can take a tour of the police station where they will meet both your police officers & firefighter.

Next scheduled regular meeting is Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Note this meeting has been moved to October 6th because Columbus Day falls on the 2nd Monday of the month.

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON