

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance Mr. Arnold Clebone & Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding. Mr. Devon Stanley was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024 Regular meeting and the October 22, 2024 Special meeting.

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

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

24-117 Motion to hire Jeremy Gless, as a part time firefighter/EMT pending pre-employment Drug testing at \$20.00 per hour. 1st day worked will be his hire date.

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

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

24-118 Motion to adopt a Resolution to pay township employees for time spent as poll workers

WHEREAS, Liberty Township recognizes the need for individuals to serve as precinct election officials in order for our democratic process to operate in a fair and efficient manner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that township employees may be paid for serving as poll workers as follows:

Permanent full-time employees who are officially appointed by the board of elections to serve as a precinct election official in a General Election, Primary Election or Special Election are eligible to be paid for the time spent as a poll worker.

Employees will be paid their regular rate of pay for time serving as a precinct election official on an hour-for-hour basis, up to a maximum of eight hours of pay. The employee may also retain the compensation they receive from the Board of Elections for being a poll worker.

A request for paid time off to serve as a precinct election official on Election Day shall be submitted in writing to the employee's immediate supervisor at least 14 calendar days prior to the date of the election or as soon as practicable. The employee must submit a copy of the certificate of appointment issued by the board of elections, commitment card, or other similar form of confirmation from the board of elections that the employee will be serving as a precinct election official on the Election Day. The day following the election, the employee must submit verification that they worked as a poll worker and the number of hours worked.

Requests for leave to serve as a poll worker are subject to the operational needs of the employees' Department.

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

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

24-119 Motion to increase the appropriation in the general fund 1000-110-520-1309 Fire Escrow line for \$56,371.33, which is the amount placed in escrow by the homeowner's insurance company for the 2523 Fifth Avenue home destroyed by fire. The funds can now be returned when requested.

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

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

Bob Denen stopped in and discussed possibly acquiring 2 parcels next to his property.

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman discussed debris left behind a resident's home on Hadley from a demolished building. Wayne will do what he can to help the resident. Wayne said we are approved to receive Funding from OPWC for the 2025 Road Program. The Townsend CDBG Program is moving along. Some adjustments are being made to accommodate existing infrastructure. The Center Park project was discussed including the possibility of Wayne running the project. This year's crack seal program is complete, Wayne reported. Girard City removed

their salt that we were storing in our barn, until their salt barn was built. Wayne said he is repairing or replacing 6 guardrails at various sites. The bathrooms at Churchill Park and Center Park are being closed by this weekend, he noted. The City of Girard is turning off the water and Adam & Eve is removing the necessary hardware. Several of our road guys worked with Tim to reset some monuments at Churchill Cemetery. Tim is planning to leave his position as the cemetery sexton and Wayne asked the Board to consider various options to replace him.

Administrator Martha Weirick discussed this year's holiday tree lighting celebration and Santa's arrival. The Open House Halloween event was well attended, she reported. She also asked who planned to attend the Ohio Township Association conference in January 2025.

Trustee Greg Cizmar congratulated Jim on the newly hired Assistant Zoning Inspector . She will start next week. Greg said he's preparing for another car auction.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:20 a.m.

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

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

Next meeting, **Tuesday**, November 12, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON