

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

On December 4, 2023, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO convened in regular session at 7:00 pm at the Liberty Township Community Building. Chair Mike Moffett opened the meeting and Jeff Rea led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members and guests were present:

MEMBERS: Jack McCoy-present, Jerry McClary – present, Mike Moffett-present, Jeff Rea – present.

EMPLOYEES: Terry Turner, Jerry Welch, Joel Harrington

VISITORS: Sarah Phipps, Tim Merrick, Ashley Harrington, Neil Hanna, Farol Chanan

#### **Audience questions/comment**

None

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The Trustees looked over the minutes from the November 13, 2023 meeting. Mike Moffett made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

#### **Financial report**

Fiscal officer Jeff Rea presented the financial reports that ended November 30, 2023. Jack McCoy made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented, Jerry McClary seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

#### **Sheriff's report**

Sheriff Patton was present, and he reported that the department was dealing with staffing issues as well as dealing with the effects of the passage of issue 2 last month and how best to deal with that. He also announced the shop with a hero coming up on December 9 in which young people can shop with deputy or fire personnel at Meijer and Wal Mart for Christmas presents that they would not have otherwise.

#### **Maintenance department report**

Maintenance Supervisor Jerry Welch reported his activities for November:

- Dumped trash at the cemeteries, ballpark, and Keckley
- Flushed out water line at the ballpark.
- Started putting up lights in the meeting room

- Rented buffer and got the floor in Community Building waxed.
- Installed salt spreaders on trucks.
- Took down all flags
- Purchased and installed new running boards for Ford truck.

He reported that he got a quote from Janton to purchase a buffer for the Community building. The quote was for \$1071.49. Jack McCoy made a motion to purchase the buffer seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

### **Fire Department Report**

Chief Tim Merrick was at the meeting to give an update on the Fire District. He reported that the annual report for the District would be out next month. He also reported that there were 53 calls last month with 41 being in the District and that staffing was at 100%. A new CAD system will be implemented next month and the focus next year will be on planning for a new station.

### **Zoning department report**

Zoning inspector Terry Turner reported that he has received 1 application which was an agricultural exemption so there were no permits issued last month. He had 15 calls during the month with 11 emails. He reported that a joint organizational meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 7, 2024 for both the Zoning Commission and the BZA. Demolition of the Damien Nash property is scheduled for January.

### **Old Business**

The mini split climate system has been installed in the Township office and the Post Office.

### **Solar Projects**

Driveways have begun to be put in along 739 for access to start construction of the Cadence project. The County Commissioners have finally passed a resolution to make solar not welcome in Union County, a resolution long overdue.

### **New Business**

There was discussion about the rental of the small rooms at the Community Building and the inability to restrict people to those rooms at a lower cost when the rest of the building would be accessible. It was decided to not offer the option of renting the smaller rooms and leave those dedicated to the Lions Club and the VFW. The rate for the large room and kitchen would remain the same and be rented out as usual.

There is a Pavement Maintenance seminar on December 12 that may be of interest to our maintenance staff.

The equipment inventory needs to be updated by the Trustees annually so that will be done after the first of the year on Monday January 9, 2024.

The last meeting of the year will be on December 28, 2023 at the Community Building where rates and meetings will be approved for the next year.

**Pay Bills**

The November bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were Warrants 11502-11517 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 150-161. Jerry McClary made a motion to accept the payments as made. Jack McCoy seconded the motion. A vote was taken-Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye, Jerry McClary-aye.

**Adjourn**

Being no additional business to come before the Board, Mike Moffett moved to adjourn. Jerry McClary seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye, Jerry McClary-aye. The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting on December 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Liberty Township Community Building.

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Mike Moffett-Chairman

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Jeff Rea-Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.