

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

On January 21, 2025, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO convened in regular session at 7:00 pm at the Liberty Township Community Building. Fiscal Officer Jeff Rea opened the meeting and 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,

VISITORS: Tim Rowlee, Dave Hawkins, Farol Chanan, Judi Brinson, Suzie Arnold, Hayes Ingram, Deputy C. Brown

#### **Election of Officers**

Being the first meeting of the new year a Chairman and Vice Chairman need to be selected. The Fiscal Officer called for any nominations for Chairman. Mike Moffett made a motion to nominate Jack McCoy but Mr. McCoy respectfully declined the nomination so Jerry McClary nominated Mike Moffett and moved to close nominations, seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-abstained. The Fiscal Officer then called for any nominations for Vice Chairman. Jerry McClary made a motion to nominate Jack McCoy and close nominations, perhaps to escape being nominated himself, seconded by Mike Moffett. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-abstained, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. The Fiscal Officer turned the meeting over to the newly elected Chairman Mike Moffett.

#### **Appropriation Resolution**

The Fiscal Officer presented the Annual Appropriation Resolution to the Trustees last week for their perusal. Mike Moffett made a motion to approve the resolution as presented seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

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

None

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The Trustees looked over the minutes from the December 9 and December 30, 2024 meetings. Mike Moffett made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 9 meeting seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. Jerry

McClary made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 30 meeting 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 December 31, 2023. Jack McCoy made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented, Mike Moffett seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

### **Sheriff's report**

Deputy Brown was present to inquire about any issues of concern in the Township of which there were no new concerns.

### **Maintenance department report**

Maintenance Supervisor Jerry Welch reported his activities for December and first part of January:

- Took down the Christmas tree in Community Building
- Replaced pressure switch in the shop
- Plowed snow and put salt on roads
- Repaired headlights in the Ford truck
- Had a coil go bad in the Gator purchase one at Napa
- Had a funeral

Jerry reported that he had a minor accident with the salt spreader that caused some damage to the brackets and the auger in the spreader itself. The replacement parts will cost about \$1400 to completely repair it.

### **Fire Department Report**

Since Chief Hawkins was present, he gave the report:

- The fire in Broadway was discussed as there was an injury reported
- There was a driving complaint lodged against the department
- 291 unit slid into the ditch on a run according to a sheriff deputy, but disciplinary action will still need to be taken
- The District has been consulted from another county about how to form a district and how beneficial it is
- They have applied for a FEMA grant to replace a tanker
- They are having interviews for more part-time help tomorrow.

### **Zoning department report**

Zoning Inspector Terry Turner reported that he had received 3 zoning applications in the period since December 10. He has issued 2 certificates (formerly known as permits) and collected \$100 in fees. The semi tractor has finally been removed from the property at 23020 Raymond

Road (Larry Grimes property). He has logged about 35 calls for the month and around 40 incoming emails and 30 outgoing emails. The BZA and Zoning Commission held an organizational meeting on January 6, Dave Thomas and Gail Keck were retained as Chairman and Secretary respectively with Bob Nist being Vice Chair. Jerry Rea resigned from the BZA so Officers elected to this board are: Sarah Phipps, Chair, Sue Carl, Secretary, Judi Brinson, Vice Chair and the new alternates are Suzie Arnold and Farol Chanan.

### **Old Business**

The inventory list was finalized on January 13 meeting, Mike Moffett made a motion to accept the inventory list seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Jeff Rea reported that new chairs have been purchased for the meeting room to replace the broken ones.

### **Solar Projects**

Richwood Solar project has been canceled by not being approved by the Ohio Power Siting Board.

### **New Business**

Mike Moffett brought up the need to replace some of the round tables in the Community Building because they are becoming increasingly unsteady. This item will be tabled until some costs estimates are assembled.

February 15 is the Engineers breakfast

The roads will need to be evaluated because this is the year to have the County chip seal them if needed.

### **Pay Bills**

The December bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were Warrants 111749-111778 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 186-202. 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 February 10, 2025 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.