

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

On March 4, 2024, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO convened in regular session at 7:00 pm at the Liberty Township Community Building. Chairman 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, Judi Brinson, Dave Brinson, Gary Trees, Willie Trees, Mike Justice, Wezlynn Davis, Ashley Harrington, Rosa McMillen

Audience questions/comment

Mike Justice was present to discuss his campaign for Union County Sheriff in the upcoming primary. He outlined his experience as a Deputy Sheriff and his goals and reasons for running for Sheriff.

Wezlynn Davis also attended to discuss her candidacy for State Representative against incumbent Tracy Richardson. Ms. Davis outlined her experience as a small business owner and as Trustee for Jerome Township in Union County.

Meeting Minutes

The Trustees looked over the minutes from the February 5th meeting. Jerry McClary made a motion to accept the minutes 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 February 29, 2024. 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

Preparing for the eclipse and adding extra shifts to accommodate the possibility of increased traffic, accidents, and incidents.

Maintenance department report

Maintenance Supervisor Jerry Welch reported his activities for February:

- Met with resident whose check bounced for cemetery lot and resolved the situation
- Had two funerals that needed planks and water pumped out of graves
- Washed trucks
- Had the seal fixed in the Ford truck
- Plowed snow and salted roads.
- Begin pouring footers on May 13

Jerry also reported that he had Joel dig a grave, plow snow in the big and small trucks as well as put salt down on the roads. He also reported that he needed to replace some of the plywood used for planks. He will probably need 12-15 sheets.

He also wanted to know when Dumpster Days would be, May 10,11 will be the days this year.

Fire Department Report

Jerry McClary reported that the District is still on a learning curve about management. They need a records retention policy as well as a long and short term disability policy to help with future health insurance costs. They have added knock boxes to help in gaining entrance into homes with seniors or disabled residents so they don't have to wait for a relative to arrive before administering aid. They had an unexpected purchase of an ambulance that was made for someone else but was not able to be purchased so the District was able to purchase at a discount of around \$221,000.00. There were 67 calls in January and the fill rate of staff was at 97%.

Zoning department report

Zoning inspector Terry Turner reported that he has received 4 applications; one was an agricultural exemption and there were three permits issued last month. He had 15 calls during the month with 18 emails. He reported that a joint organizational meeting was held on February 6, 2024 for both the Zoning Commission and the BZA. Demolition of the Damien Nash property is complete. Several candidates have been found to serve on the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Mike Moffett nominated Judi Brinson and Dave Brinson to serve as alternates on the Board of Zoning Appeals, seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. Mike Moffett nominated Hayes Ingram as alternate for the Zoning Commission, seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Old Business

The LED lighting for the Community Building is purchased and is waiting for installation.

Jerry Welch thinks that there needs to be a tile taken out of the walking path and replaced and then cold patch on top to repair that.

Jack McCoy presented a list of contractors to contact to give a cost on repairing the parking lot at the Community Building

Solar Projects

No County meetings were held.

New Business

Mike Moffett had brought up that there is funding available as a grant for the possibility of paying for elimination of a railroad crossing to help in the train stoppage. Not total elimination but an alternative egress to traditional crossing.

Tomorrow March 5, 2024 Tracy Richardson is using the Community Building for a meet and greet for her campaign for reelection of Ohio House Representative.

Pay Bills

The February bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were Warrants 11558-11576 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 10-30. 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 April 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Liberty Township Community Building.

Mike Moffett-Chairman

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.

