

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

On March 6, 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. 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

VISITORS: Rachel Thomas, Dallas Thomas, Tim Rowlee, Kim Pettit, Susan Baker, Barry Baker, Patti Phipps, Farol Chanan, Shaun Ellinger, Jody King

Audience questions/comment

Several residents were in attendance that live on Bear Swamp Road with concerns about a disrespectful neighbor. A resident on Bear Swamp has been causing problems with loud noises from cars, gun shots, extremely loud music, drag racing on Bear Swamp and through Raymond at very early hours in the morning to all night long. They have also been causing damage to the parking lots of the Community Building and Keckley. The activity has been going on for at least 18 months to up to two years. A Deputy Sheriff was present to listen to the complaints and the department is aware of the activity and have talked with the residents at this house on numerous occasions. The issue is that they have not been caught doing anything when a Deputy is dispatched as they have set up a spotter and are notified where a Deputy is present. The Deputy just wanted to encourage the residents to call the Sheriff's office with complaints to hopefully establish a timeline for their activities and to set realistic expectations for getting this activity stopped. The Deputy also stressed that calls to the Sheriff's office are confidential and there is no way to know who called and complained.

Tim Rowlee was present to request that the Trustees move toward closing some of the abandoned alleys in Raymond, similar to what was done in Peoria four years ago. Part of his driveway is taken up by an alley and it is causing problems with him able to put an addition on his garage as the addition would technically not be on his property. He has been working with Terry Turner on this and will continue to do so.

Jody King was in attendance to complain about the increased fly population in the area. Ms. King is a resident of York Township but is impacted by the New Day Egg farms that she thinks is responsible for the increased fly population. She said she has been in contact with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and part of the problem is some of the aging chicken barns have gone un inspected because of the pandemic and they are in bad shape and have not been properly cleaned and treated for fly larvae. She encouraged people to contact the ODA at 614-382-0470 to file a complaint and hopefully control the situation.

Meeting Minutes

The Trustees looked over the minutes from the February 6 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 28, 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

Same speeders through Peoria and Raymond

Maintenance department report

Maintenance Supervisor Jerry Welch reported his activities for February:

- Met with residents about grave lots
- Met with a resident about a grave foundation
- Worked on getting the snow blower started by replacing an ignition switch
- Purchased new blades for the road mower, the cost was \$600 but the last set lasted 12 years.
- Started to paint the Community Building
- Removed some trees that had blown on the road
- Sold grave lots.
- Used only 5 ton of salt this winter

Jerry also wanted to know when we wanted to have Dumpster Days. After discussion it was decided to have them on Friday May 12 and Saturday May 13.

Fire Department Report

Jerry McClary reported that their last meeting was at Leesburg as they are alternating between there and Liberty Township. They have been discussing health insurance and the need to obtain permits that were lacking for the Leesburg Fire Department building to allow for people to live there during their shifts. He also reported that there was a 93% fill rate for shifts last month.

Zoning department report

Zoning inspector Terry Turner reported that he had received one application for a permit and has issued one permit. He reported that he had 25 phone calls and 38 emails incoming and 32 outgoing. The BZA hearing on February 21 request for variance from Christine and Todd Bright was granted and he sent an approval letter out on March 1. He is still in the process of culling out old duplicate records.

Old Business

No solar update as there has not been anything new to report.

Tom Roberts came to check out the leak in the Community Building roof, he found a screw that had lost it's rubber washer and was able to replace it and repair the leak.

Terry Turner is going to look into getting a central email for the Board of Trustees that would be able to separate email addresses from the personal email addresses of the Trustees and Fiscal Officer. He thinks we can do this through Homestead which is the company used for the website.

New Business

Jeff Rea reported that Randy Trapp has requested to rent the field that the Township owns once again this year for \$125 per acre for the year. Since he is the only one interested in renting it and has done so for the past 7 years the Trustees gave their permission.

Mike Moffett had looked into the maintenance contract for the HVAC at he Community Building. It would be \$584 for service for the furnace and \$331 for the Air Conditioning and both prices are annual. After discussion it was decided that since the units are fairly new annual maintenance would be not worth the expense because if something went wrong we would need to pay for the repair as well as the maintenance fee. The filters can be easily replaced by our maintenance department.

Pay Bills

The February bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were Warrants 11337-11361 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 13-25. Mike Moffett moved 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, Jack McCoy 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 3, 2023 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.