

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

On May 8, 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: Farol Chanan, Tim Rowlee, Dave and Judi Brinson, Holly Rast, Gary Trees, Willie Trees, Tom Young, Deputy Kristen Gibson

Audience questions/comment

Dave Brinson was organizing a Town Hall meeting with Congressman Jim Jordan sometime in the fall and wanted to know if the Community Building would be available for that. He was told to get a date as soon as possible to either Jeff or Mike and they could use the building at no cost.

Holly Rast from the Union County Health Department was present to discuss happenings there. She reported that they have hired some new staff and will be doing more aerator inspections. Along with hiring more staff there have been some changes to the management at the department. She also reported that there are grants available to help with the cost of repairs to septic systems, wells, and other items. There are either grants or low interest loans available with more information available at the Health Department. She reported that there will be a scrap tire drop off event sometime in October with details to come. She left off with a warning that the mosquito and tick season could be bad this year due to the mild winter, thanks Holly!!

Meeting Minutes

The Trustees looked over the minutes from the April 3, and April 10 meetings. Jack McCoy made a motion to accept the minutes for the April 3 meeting seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. Jack McCoy made a

motion to accept the minutes for the April 10 meeting seconded by Jerry McClary. 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 April 30, 2023. Mike Moffett made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented, Jack McCoy seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Sheriff's report

Deputy Kristen Gibson attended our meeting to see what was up in the "hood". Gary Trees was present to describe an altercation he had with a young man at the property where Andrew Phipps lives, the property with multiple complaints consisting of shooting and noise at all hours, drag racing, and general disregard for any neighboring residents. Mr. Trees had confronted a young man who had just raced past his house while he was getting the mail with his young Granddaughter. After words were traded punches were thrown allegedly by the young man and eventually the Sheriff was called and a report was filed. Mr. Trees is physically okay but wanted to express his frustration and add it to the list of frustrated residents. Deputy Gibson assured him that they are on the radar and his altercation will hopefully bring things closer to a resolution to the problem. Tom Young also reported that the youths have been tearing up the parking lot of the Church of Christ in Christian Union and he has talked to them and they have not continued. The saga continues.

Maintenance department report

Maintenance Supervisor Jerry Welch reported his activities for April:

- Checked on dumpsters and steel dumpsters for Dumpster Days-all is ready to go.
- Got signs ready for the driveway at Dumpster Days
- Cut up a tree that had blown down.
- Took Ford truck to Taylor Tire to be repaired.
- Turned on water at the Ball fields.
- Power washed snowplows and salt spreaders.
- Had a funeral, Mike Moffett helped with that.
- Sold grave lots
- Dumped trash at Keckley, cemeteries, and cleaned Community Building.
- Worked with Jeff to order flags.
- Mowed everything with help from Terry Turner.

Jerry also reported that he is going to pour footers on the 19th of May because that is the first available concrete. He is hoping to have help by then. He would also like to look for a used excavator to buy.

Fire Department Report

Jerry McClary reported that at the last District meeting it was reported that staffing was at 100% for the previous month. He also reported that they had 60 calls, with 40 being EMS, 16 fire, and 4 motor vehicle accidents. Chief Merrick was asked to give an interview with the

Washington Post about the train stoppage situation from the perspective of emergency personnel. The District is hiring 4 more full time fire and EMT's. Tanker 291 has been retired. A second station truck has been purchased for Leesburg station.

Zoning department report

Zoning inspector Terry Turner reported that he has received 1 application and has issued one permit. He has logged 25 calls for the month with 34 incoming emails and 19 outgoing emails. The newest version of the Zoning Resolution is available with copies for everyone.

Old Business

Mike reported that he had attended a meeting about the solar projects and Union Solar has done their due diligence regarding the drainage that they had messed up. Cadence Solar is in the process of setting up a meeting with Union County Soil and Water.

Still haven't been able to meet with Mr. Underwood regarding the Ball Field fence. Jerry McClary said he would try again and maybe look for another option.

A decision needs to be made regarding the road work that the County will do for us this year. After discussion it was decided to grader patch where needed: Peoria Loop Road, Evans Road, and Coder Holloway Road at an estimated cost of \$10,509.87. Roads to have chip sealed are Hoover Bault Road and Evans Road at an estimated cost of \$47,329.71. A combination of grader patch and chip seal on Northwest Avenue in Raymond at an estimated cost of \$9,013.91. Total estimated cost of road improvements for this year \$66,853.49. Jerry McClary made a motion to adapt a resolution to have Union County forces complete the work at the estimates provided, seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

A response was received from a person interested in the part-time maintenance position. This needs to be followed up quickly.

New Business

Mike Moffett brought up some objections to having Dumpster Days on Mother's Day weekend. Since it has always been that weekend and there have been no past objections it will remain that date this year but may be discussed again next year.

Mike Moffett pointed out that there need to be some signs that restrict parking for ball games to the parking lot behind the Community Building and not the paved area in front of the building. Jerry will look into the possibility of the County printing signs to that effect.

Mike also brought up the need for a training for the Board of Zoning Appeals members. Jeff reported that he had talked to Brad Bodenmiller about this and Brad is willing to put something together for a County wide training if he could use the Community Building.

Mike also brought up the need to increase the size of the dumpster at the Community Building, he will look into it.

Pay Bills

The April bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were Warrants 11383-11393 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 41-54. Mike Moffett 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, 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 June 5, 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.

