

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

On October 2, 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, Joel Harrington

VISITORS: Joe Eads, Dean Otworth, Sarah Phipps, Gary Trees, Tony Eufinger, Lorrie Culp

Audience questions/comment

Dean Otworth from the Union County Engineers Office and Joe Eads from Union County Soil and Water were at our meeting to discuss the progress on the Mill Creek Logjam project. The project will consist of multiple phases of removal of obstructions from the entire length of Mill Creek in Union County and maintenance after this is completed. Most of the cost of the first phase will be paid for using County ARPA funds as well as a bond offered up by Millcreek Township. The Cost of maintenance will be paid for by assessing parcels of land in the Mill Creek watershed, which consists of about 12,516 parcels. No cost estimate has been offered yet. They also shared that there will be three open houses about the project on October 17,18, and 19 at various locations with October 17 being here at the Liberty Township Community Building. Tony Eufinger, Paris Township Trustee also commented on the project and how it would benefit not only Liberty Township but the entire County. They then asked the Trustees to either accept or deny “A resolution to authorize Liberty Township under R.C. Ch. 6131 to petition the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Ohio, to remove obstructions from Mill Creek and related matters.” Jerry McClary made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Meeting Minutes

The Trustees looked over the minutes from the September 11 meeting. Mike Moffett made a motion to accept the minutes for the August 7 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 September 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

A Sheriff's Deputy was present asking if there are any issues in the Township. The usual speeding through Peoria and 739 into Raymond.

Maintenance department report

Maintenance Supervisor Jerry Welch reported his activities for September:

- Dumped trash at the cemeteries and Keckley
- Mowed and trimmed weeds.
- Burned brush at Raymond Cemetery and caught a tree on fire!
- Sold Grave Lots.
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- Cleaned Community Building
- Had Dumpster Days

He also reported that there were 7 dumpsters filled as well as 2 steel dumpsters. He also poured 8 footers for monument foundations.

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 67 calls for the past month with 57 of those being in the District. They have put up a sign for the Fire District at the Leesburg station. Discussion has also begun about where to locate a new station when one will be built.

Zoning department report

Zoning inspector Terry Turner reported that he has received 1 application and has issued one permit. He has logged 20 calls for the month with 20 incoming emails and 18 outgoing emails. No violations have been issued. Digitizing records continues to be an ongoing process.

Old Business

Jerry Welch reported that the buckets for the excavator were supposed to arrive today but he has not heard from them.

Contractors have yet to be contacted about resurfacing the walking path around the ballfields

The meeting room air conditioner project will be put on hold for now due to the difficulties of finding a unit that will fit the space and be the correct voltage. Jerry McClary will look into a different option.

The Community building will be closed from November 27 through December 1 to strip the floors.

New Business

Dates for the Halloween Trick or Treat in the Township and Trunk or Treat at the Community building will be held once again on October 30, 2023 from 6pm-8pm.

Jeff Rea presented a resolution from the Union County Auditor's Office accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Jerry McClary made a motion to accept the resolution seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Pay Bills

The September bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were Warrants 11464-11487 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 126-133. 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 November 13, 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.

