

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

On April 3, 2017, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO convened in regular session at 7:00 pm in the LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM. Chairman Jack McCoy called the meeting to order and Jeff Rea led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. The following members and guests were present:

MEMBERS: Karen Johnson – present, Jerry McClary – present, Jack McCoy-present, Jeff Rea – present.

EMPLOYEES: Lloyd Segner, Dave Thomas, Jerry Welch, Chad Herriott

VISITORS: Rosa McMillen, Jerry Shirk, Paul Sipp, Helen Henault, Bill Hudson, Dan Hutchins

Minutes of prior meetings

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the March 7 meeting. Jack McCoy had corrections as far as misspellings in the minutes. Karen Johnson moved to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken. Jack McCoy, aye; Karen Johnson, aye; Jerry McClary, aye.

Financial report

Fiscal officer Jeff Rea presented the financial reports for the month that ended March 31, 2017. Karen Johnson moved to accept the financial reports as presented, Jerry McClary seconded the motion. A vote was taken, Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Karen Johnson-aye.

Audience questions/comments

Bill Hudson wanted to know why the Township doesn't rent the house that was purchased for the fire department until a decision is made about what to do with it. Jerry McClary explained that for one thing the house has a lot of the previous owners stuff in it and we have been trying to contact him in order to help clean it out. Karen Johnson also reported that the house is not in terrific shape and would need a fair amount of work just to be able to rent it out.

Paul Sipp said that he is a commercial realtor and would be willing to walk through it to see if it had any potential as a rental.

Dan Hutchins was present with two items. First he wanted to report that he had received a letter about the appeal to the fence dispute with the Mullaney family. He had a few questions regarding the direction of the dispute. Secondly he has an opportunity to purchase some property to put more cattle on but some of the property is in a U-1 zoning district and wondered if this would be a problem. Chad said that anything over 5 acres in that district would not be a problem.

Sheriff's report

None

Maintenance department report

Maintenance supervisor Jerry Welch reported that they have been working on putting away winter snow equipment, power washing salt spreaders and plows. This year total miles of snow plowed was 497 and 40 ton of salt was used. They finished cleaning the Community Building on the inside and power washed the front and back of the outside. They also worked on repairing the counter in the Post Office, sold grave lots, changed oil in the mowers and got them ready for the coming season. There was also trash to pick up that had been dumped on Evans Road and begin cleaning up the cemeteries.

Fire Department Report

Chief Segner reported that there were 19 incidents in the month of March with 15 being EMS and 4 being fire runs. He also reported that a gas meter has gone bad and will need to be replaced at a cost of \$1962. Jerry McClary moved to purchase this seconded by Karen. A vote was taken: Karen Johnson-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye. He also reported that 20 of 25 sets of gear had been fitted so far. Jack McCoy asked about the applications being created for the hiring process of new hires. Dave Thomas reviewed the applications and he will send them to Karen Johnson to send to Assistant Prosecutor Rick Rodgers for approval before interviewing. Discussion began about using PSO Officer Scott Anspaugh as a fire fighter since he has had the training but paying him the basic firefighter rate. After discussion the consensus was to put him through the interview process and then he can be approved by the Trustees so he can be covered by insurance.

Dave Thomas reported that he wanted to set up a meeting with area fire Chiefs and discuss the needs of fire coverage in the area to get ideas of how to structure a department or district based on the feasibility study results. The Trustees had no problem with this but cautioned about estimating costs when nothing has been decided regarding the path we are taking with the Fire Department.

Zoning department report

Zoning Inspector Chad Herriott reported that he had 2permits issued, 29emails and 11 phone calls regarding zoning issues. He reported that he is working with Rick Rodgers on a solar field

possibly being installed but he doesn't have the specifics yet. He talked to Brad Bodenmiller of the LUC and the neighboring Townships don't have anything in their zoning regulation regarding solar fields either. Dave Thomas reported that he is still working with Brad to nail down a date for the zoning training. Chad said he had received an email from Holly Rast from the Health Department about participating in a grant for the Health Department but didn't respond. Jeff Rea reported that he told her we would be available for what they needed.

Keckley

Jeff Rea reported that he still has all of the equipment for the life ring at Keckley pond and will get it to Jerry Welch soon since the weather is getting better.

OLD BUSINESS

Feasibility study is still ongoing and in the information gathering stage.

Medicount contract is still with the Prosecutor's office waiting for approval.

The Trustees went over the dates for Dumpster Days and also went over what items were allowed and which were not.

New Business

Karen reported that the Union County Township Officials banquet is this week and wanted approval to run an ad in the program from the Township again. Everyone agreed to do this.

Helen Henault pointed out that there is a big hole on the North side of the railroad track on 739. Jerry McClary said he would contact ODOT about the matter.

The roads need to be inspected so that when the representatives from the Engineer's office come to the next meeting we can decide what needs chip sealed for this year. Karen suggested Saturday April, 29 at 8 am to have a special meeting to discuss the roads and parks in the Township. No one had a conflict for that day so the next meeting will be then, beginning here at the meeting room.

Pay Bills

The March bills as recorded by Fiscal Officer Jeff Rea were: Warrants 9281-9307, payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 103-153. Karen Johnson moved to accept the payments as made. Jack McCoy seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Karen Johnson-aye; Jerry McClary-aye; Jack McCoy-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; Karen Johnson-aye; Jerry McClary-aye.

The meeting was adjourned until April 29, 2017 at 8:00 am at the LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM.

Jack McCoy-Chairperson

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.