

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

On December 7, 2020, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO convened in regular session at 7:00 pm in a virtual meeting. Jerry McClary opened the meeting and Jeff Rea led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members and guest were present:

MEMBERS: Jack McCoy-present, Jerry McClary – present, Mike Moffett-present, Jeff Rea – present.

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

VISITORS: Judi Brinson, Alden Shepard, Erin Saal, Ryan Vanportfleet

Audience questions/comment

Alden Shepard, Erin Saal, and Ryan Vanportfleet from Invenergy, a solar company, were present to discuss the solar project that impacts parts of Liberty, York, and Taylor Townships. They outlined the process that they will undertake since they have commitments from landowners to lease their properties. Residents were present to ask questions and the representatives gave their contact information for any further questions.

Judi Brinson was present to ask if there is any updates on train stoppages because, in her opinion, it is getting worse

Meeting Minutes

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the November 2 meeting. Mike Moffett moved to accept the minutes of the meeting seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Financial report

Fiscal officer Jeff Rea presented the financial reports for the month that ended November 30, 2020. Jack McCoy moved to accept the financial reports as presented, Mike Moffett seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Sheriff's report

None

Maintenance department report

Activities during November as reported by Jerry Welch:

- Worked on stove at Community Building
- Power washed mowers and road mower
- Dug grave and had a funeral
- Had to take truck back to get an oil leak fixed after it had the fuel rail replaced
- Hauled dirt to Keckley to fill in where the bathrooms were
- Worked on the cable cover for Keckley

He also wanted to thank the Trustees for the new garage door and opener at the shop. He reported that he found someone who wants the toilets at Keckley to use for a hunting blind. They should be able to pick them up in one piece.

Fire Department Report

Chad Heminger reported that there were 45 incidents in November: 27 were EMS, 11 Fire, and 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents.

He also reported that we can use CARES money to replace the gear washer and dryer. Taylor has offered to pay for the dryer for \$10,700 and Liberty will buy the washer for \$19,106. Mike Moffett made a motion to release the remainder of the CARES money instead of just limiting it to the use of \$70,000 as previously moved. Jerry McClary seconded the motion and a vote was taken: Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Regarding the bids for the furnace upgrade at the Fire Department, Jerry McClary thinks it would be much better to go with the 90,000 btu furnace from Reliant as this would keep the building warm/cool without putting too much stress on the furnace. Jack made a motion to go with this furnace seconded by Jerry. A vote was taken: Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Chad also reported that another department may be interested in the washer and dryer so they will ask for a bid for them.

Zoning department report

Zoning inspector Steve Easter reported that he had 10 phone calls, 2 texts, 23 emails regarding zoning in November. He reported that he issued 1 accessory permit and has sent a primary permit to be returned.

Chad Herriott said that he will be done as inspector at the end of December but will still continue to guide Steve if he needs it. The Trustees thanked him for a great job over the past 5 years.

Dave Thomas reported that there needs to be more board members for the Zoning Commission and the BZA.

Keckley

The mulch still needs to be put down under the playset

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the Community Building locks Jack has looked into ESSI locks which are similar to ones at schools but they run about \$2000. It provides remote access and can be opened with a cell phone. He wants to refine the bid before moving one it.

Jack would still like to get e-commerce on the website.

Jack would like to get the voicemail changed

Dustin Webb, the Eagle Scout who wants to build the martin houses at Keckley would like to put one pole with multiple houses rather than multiple poles with one house each.

New Business

Mike Moffett reported that he has been approached about someone donating a piano for the Community Building. Everyone agreed this may be an asset so Mike will take care of it.

After discussion it is decided to not take any more reservations for the Community Building until things calm down again. Jeff will put this on the website.

The year end meeting needs to be scheduled so the rates for next year can be discussed. After discussion the meeting will be an in person meeting on December 28, 2020 at 7pm in the Community Building.

Pay Bills

The November bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were: Warrants 10713-10745 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 507-615. Jerry McClary moved to accept the payments as made. Jack McCoy seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-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- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

The meeting was adjourned until December 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Community Building.

Jerry McClary-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.