

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

On January 15, 2024, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO convened in regular session at 7:00 pm at the Liberty Township Community Building. Fiscal Officer Jeff Rea opened the meeting and 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: Sarah Phipps, Zach Stewart

#### **Election of Officers**

Being the first meeting of the new year a Chairman and Vice Chairman need to be selected. The Fiscal Officer called for any nominations for Chairman. Jack McCoy made a motion to nominate Mike Moffett and close nominations, seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-abstained. The Fiscal Officer then called for any nominations for Vice Chairman. Mike Moffett made a motion to nominate Jack McCoy and close nominations, perhaps in retaliation for being elected chairman, seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. The Fiscal Officer turned the meeting over to the newly elected Chairman Mike Moffett.

#### **Appropriation Resolution**

The Fiscal Officer presented the Annual Appropriation Resolution to the Trustees last week for their perusal. Mike Moffett made a motion to approve the resolution as presented seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

#### **Audience questions/comment**

Zach Stewart from VFIS, our insurance provider, was present to go over our policy, see if any changes need to be made and basically touch base regarding our insurance needs. Everything looks to be covered and taken care of with the exception of the old mower trailer being taken off of the policy in favor of the new trailer for the excavator. Zack will look into that and add if necessary.

## **Meeting Minutes**

The Trustees looked over the minutes from the December 4 and December 28, 2023 meetings.

Mike Moffett made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 4 meeting seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. Mike Moffett made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 28 meeting 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 December 31, 2023. Jack McCoy made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented, Mike Moffett seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

## **Sheriff's report**

None

## **Maintenance department report**

Maintenance Supervisor Jerry Welch reported his activities for December:

- Stripped and waxed Community Building floor
- Put up Christmas Tree in Community Building
- Sold grave lots
- Cut up tree that had fallen
- Worked on Post Office door
- Worked on generator and got it up and running
- Worked on welding a new extended hitch for the Ford truck
- Worked on and finished lights in the meeting room
- Met with Easton Water Solutions to get the softner fixed

Since the new lights were so effective in the Township Office Jerry Welch wanted to know if we also wanted to replace some of the ones in the Community Building kitchen and hallway and bathrooms. Jack McCoy made a motion to buy 12 lights to not exceed \$1200.00 in cost, seconded by Mike Moffett. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Jerry Welch also got a bid on a new welder for the shop, and the one that he has chosen is a Lincoln Mig, Tig, and stick welder that retails for \$1049.00 from Lowes plus the gas tanks that will need to be purchased separately. Jack made a motion to purchase the welder and accessories not to exceed \$1800.00, seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

## **Fire Department Report**

Jerry McClary gave a report on the Fire District operations:

- They have hired a new Fiscal Officer-Amy Beeney
- There were 828 calls for the year last year, 67 in December and 85% staffing

- New headsets have been purchased for the trucks
- Engine 292 misfired and burned a coil, which adds to the list of repairs for this engine
- Leesburg is officially part of the District
- New officers for the District Board are Jerry McClary-Chair, and Logan Rife-Vice Chair

### **Zoning department report**

Zoning inspector Terry Turner reported that he has received 2 applications which one was an agricultural exemption and there was one permit issued last month. He had 10 calls during the month with 14 emails. He reported that a joint organizational meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2024 for both the Zoning Commission and the BZA. Demolition of the Damien Nash property is still scheduled for January. He also reported that the 2023 calendar year totals were:

- Applications received-21
- Permits issued- 18
- Permits denied-0

Money collected-\$7151.80

### **Old Business**

There need to be some alternates appointed for the Board of Zoning Appeals

### **Solar Projects**

No County meetings were held.

### **New Business**

Jerry Welch reported that Taylor Township is selling a salt spreader that is in good shape and he would like to buy it for our truck as it would fit and is in better shape than ours. He will continue to look into it.

There have been complaints about some noise levels created by certain residents within the Township and questions about what can be done about it. The Zoning Resolution addresses noise levels but only in a basic way. More research needs to be done to address this issue.

Mike Moffett brought up the concern about some of the round tables in the Community Building may need to be replaced if they cannot be fixed. A new table will cost around \$130 so the tables need to be assessed to see if they can be fixed and how many will need to be replaced.

Mike Moffett made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss compensation of employees, seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. Executive session began at 8:43 pm and ended at 9:20. As a result of

discussion in executive session Jack McCoy made a motion to keep the compensation of Zoning Inspector Terry Turner the same at \$900.00 per month, keep the compensation of Maintenance Supervisor Jerry Welch the same at \$5600.00 per month, and increase the compensation of Part Time Maintenance worker Joel Harrington to \$20 per hour from \$18 per hour, seconded by Mike Moffett. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

**Pay Bills**

The December bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were Warrants 11518-11535 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 162-194. 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 February 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Liberty Township Community Building.

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Mike Moffett-Chairman

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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.

