**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**REGULAR SESSION**

On January 16, 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. Fiscal Officer Jeff Rea opened the meeting and 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, Terry Turner, Brian Johnson

VISITORS: Jodi Short, Kyndel Short

**Nomination of Officers for 2022**

Jeff Rea opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Trustees for 2023. Jerry McClary made a motion to nominate Mike Moffett for Chairman, seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken: Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-whatever.

Jeff then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Jerry McClary made amotion to nominate Jack McCoy, seconded by Mike Moffett. A vote was taken: Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye, Jack McCoy-whatever.

The meeting was turned over to the new Chairman Mike Moffett.

**Audience questions/comment**

None

**Budget**

Fiscal Officer Jeff Rea presented the appropriations budget for 2023. The Trustees had received advanced copies and had already gone over the proposed budget prior to the meeting. Jack McCoy made a motion to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

**Meeting Minutes**

The Trustees looked over the minutes from the December 5 and December 28, 2022 meetings. The only issue was a missing dollar sign $ in front of 8015. Jerry McClary made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections from the December 5 meeting seconded by Jack McCoy. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. Jack McCoy made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 28 meeting seconded by Mike Moffett. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

**Financial report**

Fiscal officer Jeff Rea presented the financial reports that ended December 31, 2022. 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 December and first of January as reported by Jerry Welch:

-Purchased new batteries for the generator and installed them

-Cleaned Community Building

-Plowed blowing snow drifts and cleaned sidewalks

-Had 1 funeral

-Sold grave lots

-Updated cemetery maps

-Purchased paint for the Community Building

-Replaced breaker in the Post Office with Jerry McClary’s help

He also wanted to thank the Trustees for the new salt spreader and Jeff Rea for coming to get him from Dexter and Mike Moffett for taking him back up to Bucyrus to get the truck and installed salt spreader.

He also doesn’t think that we need to trade the mower with Evolution Ag this year as it is working fine with regular maintenance.

F**ire Department Report**

Jerry McClary, Fire District Representative reported that the Northwestern Joint Fire District elected their Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2023, they will be Logan Rife and Jerry McClary respectively. He also reported that the meetings will be held in the Community Building on odd months and at Leesburg fire station on even numbered months.

**Zoning department report**

Zoning inspector Terry Turner reported that he had no applications and has issued one conditional use permit. He has sent some violation letters out and replaced the new computer that quit after a month with the new one that was replaced with the warranty. He also reported that he is getting no response from Assistant Prosecutor Thayne Gray regarding some other abandoned properties in the Township. Jerry McClary said he would try to talk to him in person.

A hearing needs to be scheduled to pass or fail a resolution on changes to the Zoning Resolution. The hearing will be held at the next regular meeting on February 6, 2023 at 7 pm in the Community Building. An advertisement will run in the Marysville Journal-Tribune 10 days prior to the hearing.

**Keckley**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

The dumpsters from Republic were picked up but the issue of the billing still needs resolved as it is the hands of Assistant Prosecutor Thayne Gray.

Terry reported that there is no voicemail set up at the meeting room.

Mike reported that there wasn’t much going on in the solar farm game right now.

Mike presented copies of the current inventory list, it may need to be updated with some serial numbers and values of equipment.

**New Business**

A project list needs to be compiled to see what needs to be done maintenance-wise.

Jack McCoy made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employee compensation and invite Jerry Welch and Terry Turner to join seconded Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. Executive session began at 8:33 pm and ended at 8:55 pm.

As a result of discussion in executive session:

Jack McCoy made a motion to increase the pay rate of Brian Johnson to $20 per hour for regular wages, up from $18 per hour seconded by Mike Moffett. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Jerry McClary made a motion to increase Terry Turner’s salary to $850 per month up from $725 per month for the Zoning Inspector position but the motion died for lack of second. Jack McCoy made a motion to increase Terry Turner’s salary to $900 per month up from $725 per month for the position of Zoning Inspector seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

**Pay Bills**

The December bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were: Warrants 11287-11319 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 180-203. 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. Jack McCoy seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting on February 6, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Liberty Township Community Building.

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 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.