

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

On January 17, 2022, 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, Steve Easter, Brian Johnson

VISITORS: Chad Seeberg, Nieca Nowels, Ruth Giles, Katie Johnson, Terry Turner, Lynn Hall, Teresa Rea, Barb Rea, Gail Keck, Chrissy McClary

Nomination of Officers for 2022

Jeff Rea opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Trustees for 2022. Jack McCoy made a motion to nominate Mike Moffett for Chariman, seconded by Jerry McClary. 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

Chad Seeberg and Nieca Nowels from the Marysville Public Library were asked to attend to discuss why the Raymond branch of the library has not been reopened when the Marysville branch has been opened for well over a year. Their presentation stated that the intention was to reopen the library some time in the future but with no concrete date available. Their excuses for not reopening were low staffing issues, and the need for two people to be there to run the library and there were not enough people to spare from the Marysville branch even though that branch is able to operate 7 days a week but there is not enough staff to reopen Raymond for even one day a week. Residents present expressed their frustration with it not being open and how the young people in the community are being cheated and even suggested volunteers to help staff the library. Mr. Seeberg and Ms. Nowels stated that there is a library board meeting in two days and they will discuss these matters with the rest of the board.

Budget

Fiscal Officer Jeff Rea presented the appropriations budget for 2022. 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 6 and December 28, 2021 meetings. Jerry McClary made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 6 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, 2021. Jack McCoy moved to accept the financial reports as presented, Jerry McClary seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Sheriff's report

A deputy was present to ask if there was anything that needed special attention. One of the only things was the continual speeding through Peoria.

Maintenance department report

Activities during December and first of January as reported by Jerry Welch:

- Put up new LED lights in the Post Office with an exit sign as well
- Leveled some graves
- Put up new LED lights in the shop
- Sold grave lots
- Purchased some new tools from Harbor Freight
- Plowed snow and salted using 1 ton of salt

He had gotten a bid to replace the bed on the Ford with a new stainless steel bed. The bid was from The Dexter Company and it was about \$645 more than an aluminum bed but with the price everything comes complete. The bid was for \$17,450 and includes removal of old bed, installation of new one with all appropriate lighting. Jack made a motion to purchase the new bed from Dexter, seconded by Jerry. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Fire Department Report

Jerry McClary, Fire District Representative reported that the District elected their Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2022, they will be Logan Rife and Jerry McClary respectively. Chief Merrick

would like to get the Verizon account sorted out and stop having to pay for unnecessary phone and data lines. March 12 has been a date set for a recognition of the Liberty Township Fire Department.

Zoning department report

Zoning inspector Steve Easter reported that he had 24 phone calls and several emails. He reported he had worked 18 hours December. Some other activities in 2021 were \$12,595.85 in fees, 49 applications sent out, 40 permits issued, and updated the zoning maps..

Keckley

None

OLD BUSINESS

Jeff had called the UAN about the cemetery module and costs for that but they were not open on Martin Luther King day, he will call on another day.

Reliant is working on the furnace and air conditioning in the Community Building.

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

Mike reported that he had received notice from the Army Corps of Engineers that there was to be a wetland installed on the Turkey Run property on the corner of Johnson Road and State Route 739

Jack made a motion to enter executive session to consider appointment or employment of a public employee or official, seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. Executive session began at 9:04 pm. Executive session was exited at 9:21 pm.

Jerry McClary made a motion to appoint Terry Turner to replace Steve Easter as the Liberty Township Zoning inspector, with the compensation remaining the same. The motion was seconded by Jack and 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 11065-11095 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 190-208. 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 7, 2022, 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.