

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

On June, 6, 2016 the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO convened in regular session at 7:00 pm in the LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM. Chairpman Jack McCoy called the meeting to order and Jeff Rea led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. The following members and guest were present:

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

EMPLOYEES: Chad Herriott, Lloyd Segner, and Dave Thomas.

VISITORS: Jack Hines, Jerry Shirk, George Ondick, Bill Hudson, Rosa McMillen, Mark Basil, Tom Cunningham, Tim Lane, Flora Kane, Helen Henault, David Gwilliams, David Thornton, Dan Hutchins, Dan Cunningham, Chris Combs, Warren Goble, Connie Kise.

#### **Minutes of prior meetings**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> meetings. Jack McCoy pointed out that slight corrections need to be made due to spacing issues. Karen Johnson moved to accept the minutes for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken. Jack McCoy, aye; Karen Johnson, aye; Jerry McClary, aye. Jerry McClary moved to accept the minutes for the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Karen Johnson. 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 May 31, 2016. Karen Johnson moved to accept the financial reports as presented, Jerry McClary seconded the motion . A voted was taken, Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Karen Johnson-aye.

#### **Audience questions/comments**

#### **Permissive Tax**

Chairman Jack McCoy opened up discussion for the final meeting for the Permissive Tax and whether or not it should be enacted. Karen Johnson began by answering a few of the questions

that had been asked in the previous meetings. She reported that the tax will begin to be collected next year, there were around 4477 registered vehicles in the Township that would be eligible for the tax and this could generate around \$22,000.00 per year for the road fund. George Ondick asked if all of the money comes to the township or if there is a processing fee. Karen replied that the entire \$5.00 per registration comes to the Township. Mark Basil asked what will be done with the money. Jack read from the description of the tax which outlined the use and non use of money generated from the tax. Flora Kane asked whether the Township gets money from the sewer fees to which Jeff Rea answered no, and that the Township has to pay those fees just like everyone else involved. George Ondick said he felt this was worth the effort however the citizens of the Township could get a petition to repeal the tax. Karen Johnson asked again what the general feeling of those present was in respect to the tax. Since it was generally favorable Jack McCoy moved to adopt a resolution in favor of the Permissive Tax, seconded by Karen Johnson. A vote was taken. Jack McCoy, aye; Karen Johnson, aye; Jerry McClary, aye.

A short break was taken to turn on the air conditioner and cool down the room.

### **Sheriff's report**

A deputy was present and reported that the Township has been relatively quiet lately.

### **Fire Department Report**

Fire Chief Lloyd Segner reported that there were 32 calls during the month of May with 22 being EMS runs and 10 fire runs. He also reported that of the 11 EMS transports last month all were taken to Memorial Hospital.

### **Maintenance department report**

Maintenance Supervisor Jerry Welch reported the activities of the Maintenance Department Last month:

- Worked Dumpster days, had 12 full dumpsters and one steel dumpster.
- Burned all wood at the bottom of the cemetery
- Patched blacktop, mowed, trimmed weeds, and sprayed Roundup
- Purchased supplies to rebuild the dock at Keckley
- Dumped trash at Keckley and the cemeteries
- Put up all flags, mulched, and weeded flower beds and trees
- Seeded new graves at the cemeteries, 8 in total

Jerry also wanted to thank Dave Thomas, John Cooper, and Duane Leiter for helping to spread mulch at Keckley. He also thanked the Trustees, Jeff Rea, and Chad Herriott for helping at Dumpster Days.

Lloyd Segner thought there should probably be a throw ring next to the new dock for safety.

### **Zoning department report**

Zoning inspector Chad Herriott reported that he has had 24 calls, issued 2 permits and has possibly 2 more on the way. He also reported that he sent out more letters for junk. Mark Basil asked again what was the content of these letters so Chad provided him a copy of what he

sends out. Chad also reported the possibility of a Dollar General being put in a lot in Raymond beside the old Cooper house. Since this is a Zoning issue it will probably need to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals if it ever gets that far as the company is still investigating the site.

## **Keckley**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Concerning the lights at the ball field, Connie Kise was present to report that since she had been part of the association for several years there was no real agreement about who would take care of what at the field. Karen felt that there should probably be a meeting with the Ball Association to iron this out. She will get in touch with them to see what their schedule is.

Karen brought up the possibility of getting a grant for a feasibility study to determine a possible direction for the Fire Department. Jack McCoy made a motion to pursue this grant. Karen amended the motion by adding that we enlist Larry Zimmerman and Greg Stubbs write the grant as is their business which they have experience in doing. If the grant were to be awarded they would be paid from this. Jerry McClary seconded the motion as amended and a vote was taken. Jack McCoy, aye; Karen Johnson, aye; Jerry McClary, aye.

### **New Business**

Dan Hutchins was present to appeal to the Trustees and issue with an adjoining property owner. He read a statement detailing the fence issue with the Mullaney family whereas on several occasions Mr. Hutchins cattle have breached their fence and invaded the Mullaney property. Mr. Hutchins said he has appealed to them with no response. He feels there are two problems with the situation, that the Mullaney's don't want to be involved financially or otherwise in the fence build but have criticism about any possible solutions. Assistant Prosecutor Rick Rogers was present to advise on the protocol for this type of situation and advised the Trustees not to discuss the situation until they have investigated further.

Connie Kise was present to say that she was impressed by the way Jerry Welch and Kevin Barrett have been maintaining the cemeteries in the Township.

Mark Basil had more questions concerning the Medical Director departure earlier in the year. Jack McCoy explained that basically it was Dr. Applegate's choice to leave based on the differences with the Fire Department. His lack of attention to the department really made the choice to make a change for us.

Helen Henault said that at the back of her property are some trees that should be Township property and need to be cut down before they fall on her house. The Trustees will investigate and get back with her.

## **Pay Bills**

The May bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were: Warrants 8978-8997, payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 198-243. Karen Johnson moved to accept the payments as made. Jack McCoy seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Jack McCoy-aye; Karen Johnson-aye; Jerry McClary-aye.

Karen Johnson had forgotten earlier but asked if the July meeting could be postponed until the following week as she had a conflict with July 5. It was agreed to move the meeting until July 11.

## **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 July 11 at 7:00 pm at the LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM.

Minutes were approved and signed

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Jack McCoy, 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.