

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

On May 2, 2022, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO convened in regular session at 7:00 pm at the Liberty Township Meeting Room. Chairman Mike Moffett opened the meeting and Jeff Rea 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: Jerry Welch, Terry Turner

VISITORS: Karla Wygle, Dawna Dailey, Sandy McBride, Hayes Ingram, Anne Owens, Shane Owens, Brian Lambert

Audience questions/comment

Several residents were in attendance to express their disapproval about the solar project on SR 347 just west of Lunda Road. Hayes Ingram brought a resolution that was prepared in Washington Township that is to ask the County Commissioners to not allow any more large scale solar projects in their Township.

Karla Wygle reported that the initial work the solar company has been doing is invasive and that some of the workers are requesting access to their property without having proper credentials and refusing to say who they are.

They also as a group expressed their frustrations with the project as they just don't want that in their community regardless of how well the company claims to take care of the site. They also were frustrated in how this affects them and their property but can't seem to be able to do anything to stop it.

They were also upset that the board had met with the company to have them outline the project before having a meeting with the residents that will come later. They were mainly upset that they were not invited to this meeting. A different protocol should have been followed by the Board.

Jack McCoy made a motion to draft a resolution to the Commissioners requesting restrictions on solar projects under House Bill 52 and submit to Prosecutor's office for approval, seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Meeting Minutes

The Trustees looked over the minutes from the April 4 and 18 meetings. Jack made a motion to accept minutes for the April 4 meeting, seconded by Mike Moffett. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. Jerry McClary made a motion to accept the minutes from April 18 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 April 30, 2022. Jack McCoy made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented, Jerry McClary seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jack McCoy-aye, Jerry McClary-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Sheriff's report

A deputy was present to ask if there was anything that needed special attention. Some of the only things was the continual speeding through Peoria and the daily stoppage of trains across the road.

Maintenance department report

Activities during March as reported by Jerry Welch:

- cut trees on the side of some roads
- sold grave lots
- Ford truck has new brakes and tires
- Changed oil
- picked up mulch
- mowing
- cleaned community building
- dumped trash
- cleaned up graves
- seeded 9 graves
- worked on post office door
- turned on water at the ball park.

He said that the new rototiller worked well. He also said he had someone interested in the old dump bed when the new one gets installed. The Trustees told him to try and get the best price for it.

Fire Department Report

Leesburg Township may be interested in joining the Fire District.

Zoning department report

Zoning inspector Terry Turner reported that he had 36 phone calls and 49 emails this month and 8 applications for zoning permits. He also reported that there is a hearing of the Board of Zoning Appeals on May 3 at 7pm in the meeting room.

Keckley

None

OLD BUSINESS

The bicentennial planning has begun and a party planner that Jack knows would like to meet with the board to get some ideas about the celebration.

The solar company Engie has expressed interest in meeting with the Trustees but would rather meet with them individually rather than as a board. That is not going to happen.

The RBSA is pushing back on the suggestions of what to paint on the dugouts so we will probably have to paint them ourselves.

New Business

There was some question about if BZA board members could be reimbursed for any expense they incur while working on hearings and such.

Pay Bills

The April bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were: Warrants 11151-11170 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 47-59. Mike Moffett moved to accept the payments as made. Jack McCoy seconded the motion. A vote was taken-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- Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye. The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting on June 6, 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.

