

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

On September 4, 2020, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO convened in regular session at 7:00 pm at the Liberty Township Community Building. Jerry McClary opened the meeting and Jeff Rea 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, Dave Thomas, Lloyd Segner, Chad Herriott, Tim Merrick

VISITORS: David Sparks, Rosa McMillen

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

Resident David Sparks was present to inquire about the possibility of purchasing the Larry Giles property and how would he go about doing that. He was given several suggestions such as talking to Thayne Gray at the Prosecutor's office and the Treasurer's office. He was also asked to keep us informed if the Board could offer any help.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the August 3 meeting although through technical snafu Jerry and Jack did not receive them by email. Jack McCoy moved to accept the minutes of the 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 for the month that ended August 31, 2020. Mike Moffett moved to accept the financial reports as presented, Jack McCoy seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

#### **Sheriff's report**

None

## **Maintenance department report**

Activities during June as reported by Jerry Welch:

- Burned brush at the cemetery
- Dumped trash at cemeteries, Keckley, and Ball Park
- Mowed and trimmed cemeteries and Keckley
- Mowed road ditches
- Patched black top
- Sprayed Round-Up
- Repaired the steps at the Millcreek Cemetery with treated 4x4's instead of landscape timbers
- The fuel line is bad on the Ford truck so John Cunningham said he would help him replace it, the Trustees suggested that John be sure to bill for his time

He also reported that he has a few foundations to do at Millcreek Cemetery

## **Fire Department Report**

Acting Fire Chief Dave Thomas reported that there were 26 total incidents during the month of August with 15 being EMS calls, 6 being fire, and 5 being motor vehicle accidents.

He also reported:

- They got a bid to power wash, tuck point, and paint the Fire Station at a cost of \$8000
- They have 3 more candidates for staff: Tyler Furry, Zachary Scherre, Dawson Hawkins. They will need to get turnout gear for Tyler Furry only. Jack moved to hire, seconded by Mike Moffett. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.
- He was informed that the Bonnie Plant Greenhouse is planning to expand propane storage from 30,000 gallons to 60,000 gallons
- The train stoppage issues are still occurring, so Dave has a number to call to see if it helps
- Dave submitted an addendum to the policy and procedure manual to cover the covid issues

A resolution was submitted to ask for approval of the Northwestern Fire District to add 2 members to the board to make it a 5-person board. Jack McCoy made a motion to accept the resolution but there was no second, so the motion died for lack of second. The resolution was not approved.

## **Zoning department report**

Zoning inspector Chad Herriott reported that he had 25 phone calls and 52 emails regarding zoning in August. He also said that he is dealing with issues from someone who does not seem to want to follow the zoning regulation. Since Chad has moved from the Township Jack McCoy made a motion to replace him as Zoning Inspector as soon as possible seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

## **Keckley**

Discussion about whether to reserve the shelter at Keckley, the Trustees talked about having a place for it on the schedule but leave it to first come first served.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion on whether to open the Township facilities especially the Community Building. The suggestions were to open to 25% capacity which would be around 40 people and allow for the oven to be used for warming only which will be included in the contract.

Jack has begun a new position at his work, and he is asking for help in scheduling and opening the Community Building. He has created an online schedule so all on the Board can access and enter reservations and follow up with renters. All the Board will help with this.

Jack reported that he investigated having a locking system installed to be able to remotely open the building. The cost of the system would be about \$4000 with a yearly maintenance fee for the Community Building only! Back to the drawing board on the locks.

## **New Business**

Jack has talked with resident Steve Easter about the position of Zoning inspector and he is interested. Jack made a motion to hire him for this position, seconded by Jerry McClary. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

Trick or Treat is scheduled for October 30, 2020 from 6-8 if the Health Department approves Trick or Treat for the County.

## **Pay Bills**

The August bills as recorded by the Fiscal Officer were: Warrants 10615-10651 payments, withholding, and payroll vouchers 347-393. 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. Jerry McClary seconded the motion. A vote was taken- Jerry McClary-aye, Jack McCoy-aye, Mike Moffett-aye.

The meeting was adjourned until October 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Community Building.

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Jerry McClary-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.