

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Regular Session on November 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the township Administration Building with the following members present: Mr. Jason Rubin, Mrs. Jodi K. Stoyak, and Chairperson, Mr. Stan Nudell presiding.

Guest Speaker: Paul Avdey, Jr. Discusses with the Board possibility of donating tree(s).

Congratulations to the Liberty Police Department who was recognized as one of the area police agencies awarded with the 2015 Distinguished Law Enforcement Agency Award. A plaque was presented to the chief for their participation on the Valley Drug Task Force.

The Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement is a multi-jurisdictional group made up of agents and officers from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. It targets drug trafficking organization in northeastern Ohio. During a two year investigation, the task force employed a variety of techniques that ultimately resulted in the indictment of 18 people in U.S. District court on 129 counts. In addition, 37 others were indicted in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court on charges including possession of heroin, conspiracy to traffic in heroin and possession of criminal tools. The officers seized more than 1,700 grams of heroin as well as crack cocaine, marijuana, prescription pills, guns and money. While the accomplishments in this one case were impressive and have had immeasurable impact on the area, the task force initiated 458 other investigations during this same time period.

Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Rubin. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Rubin to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of October 2015 in the amount of \$558,393.49 warrants #12187 through #12343 inclusive. Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mrs. Stoyak. Motion carried.

15-104 Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to pass the following resolution to amend agreement between Trumbull County Engineers and Liberty Township for the third and final payment for Colonial Drive Sidewalk Project and to adjust the final payment from \$13,408.81 to \$6,708.81. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Rubin. Motion carried.

15-105 Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to approve the amount and rates as determined by the budget commission. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Rubin. Motion carried.

15-106 Motion made by Mr. Rubin to approve purchase of 2013 Ford Taurus 4 door sedan police vehicle from Ace Equipment North, Pearl Street, Cortland Ohio for the Liberty Township Police Department in the amount of \$8,696.00. Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mrs. Stoyak. Motion carried.

15-107 Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak authorizing Liberty Township to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required:

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Liberty township is planning to make capital improvements to the 2016 Resurfacing Program; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs: \$169,395 which is approximately 61% of total project cost of \$277,696;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Liberty Township:

Section 1: Patrick Ungaro, Township Administrator is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: Steve T. Shelton, CPA, Fiscal Officer, is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance. Passed November 23, 2015. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Rubin. Motion carried.

15-108 Motion made by Mr. Rubin to pass the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township to encumber from the Road Fund \$169,395.00 which is approx.61% as Liberty Township's share of the total project cost of \$277,696.00 for the Ohio Public Work's Commission (OPWC) State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) for year 2016 Resurfacing Program.

Fiscal Officer of Liberty Township hereby certifies that Liberty Township has the amount of \$169,395.00 in the Road Fund and that this amount will be used to pay the local share for the 2016 Resurfacing Program.

Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mrs. Stoyak. Motion carried.

15-109 Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to pursue legal action against Casa Via Motel, Kentwood LLC, DBA Motel 30, 1600 Motor Inn Drive, Girard, Oh 44420 for collection of unpaid lodging tax from October 2013 to present. Estimated amount due \$16,000.00.

Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Rubin. Motion carried.

15-109 Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to withdraw the resolution as the Fiscal Officer Steve T. Shelton would not certify the funds to purchase a 2016 Ford Sedan Interceptor Police Cruiser from Statewide Ford Lincoln, at a cost of \$41,288.25. Payment through Statewide Municipal Leasing 3 year lease annual payments, 2015 \$13,762.75, 11/5/2016 - \$13,762.75, & 11/5/2017 – 13,762.75. Let the record show, Chief Richard Tisone believes the Police Fund can afford and has the money to support purchasing the vehicle at this time.

Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Rubin. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to adjourn at 2:25 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Rubin. Motion carried.

Next regular business meeting: December 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

STAN NUDELL, CHAIRPERSON