

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Regular Session on April 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. caucus 7:00 p.m. regular meeting at the township Administration Building with the following members present: Mrs. Jodi K. Stoyak, Mr. Gregory Cizmar, and Mr. Arnold Clebone, presiding.

Open Caucus Session 6:30 p.m.

**Items for Discussion:**

Township Roads – the Township Trustees met Thursday, April 12, 2018 with the Trumbull County Engineer’s Office and are working with the Engineer’s office to develop a complete road assessment and a plan for resurfacing and repairing the roads throughout the township.

Trumbull County agreement with the City of Girard Water Service – Trustee Stoyak has sent out letters regarding this issue, and would like to set up a meeting with the Trumbull County Commissioners. Legislation may be introduced in the Legislature, “The Clean Water Fair Pricing Act” to address the issue.

Dog tethering resolution – The committee met and made some suggestions, and a revised resolution was prepared by the township Law Director and is being circulated among stakeholders for review. Copies are available.

**Regular Trustees Meeting Called to order at 7:00 P.M.**

**Announcement:**

Liberty Township Road Department is seeking part-time seasonal laborers to help maintain roads and roadways, road projects and maintenance. If you are interested, please apply at the township offices. More information is available on the Township website.

Liberty Township Fire Department is accepting applications for part-time personnel who have Firefighter 2 and Ohio Paramedic Certifications. Please submit a resume to the Fire Department.

**New Business:**

Discussion then motion made by Mr. Cizmar to change the July’s evening meeting to July30, 2018 due to a scheduling conflict.

Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

1. Fiscal Officer Steve T. Shelton’s financial report.  
Monthly report given to Board and provided to the public.
2. Administrator Mr. Patrick Ungaro’s report.  
Growth and development in certain areas, hopeful, but too soon to make any announcements.
3. Fire Department – Chief Gus Birch
4. Police Department – Chief Richard Tisone
5. Road Department – Mr. Gino Bidinotto
6. Zoning Department – Mr. Jim Rodway

Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to approve the minutes of the regular meetings held on March 19, 2018 7:00 p.m.; March 26, 2018 12:00 Noon; March 29, 2018 7:30 a.m.; April 5, 2018 7:30 a.m.; April 12, 2018 7:30 a.m. and the special meeting on April 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes to the March 19, 2018 meeting only. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of March 2018 in the amount of \$656,537.87 warrants #16657 through #16823 inclusive.

Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

18-67 Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to set the following Cemetery Fees:

Effective 4/16/18

Grave Purchase: Township Resident	\$700.00	Non-resident	\$900.00
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Interment:

Weekdays before 2:00 p.m.	\$700.00 (\$300.00 for cremains)
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Saturdays before 1:00 p.m.	\$900.00 (\$500.00 for cremains)
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An additional \$100.00 per hour will be charged after 2:00 p.m. M-F after 1:00 p.m. Saturdays and Holidays.

Foundations:	\$150.00
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Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Motion carried.

18-68 Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to accept the resignation of Police Chief Richard Tisone, effective August 19, 2018. Chief Tisone plans to enjoy his well-deserved retirement. The Board of Trustees would like to thank Chief Tisone for his thirty-one years of service to our Police Department and his tireless efforts on behalf of the residents of Liberty Township.

Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes.. Motion carried.

18-69 Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to approve the iWORQ program for the Zoning Department at \$2,500.00 a year pending final approval.

Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

18-70 Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to hire Karl Williams, Dale Arehart and Raymond Agnone as part time teamster road department employees (first day worked is hire date) no benefits, 25 hours or less per week, at a rate of \$11.83 per hour.

Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Seconded by Mrs. Stoyak. Motion carried.

Trustee Jodi Stoyak Remarks – April 16, 2018

I participated as a judge for Men who Cook which is a fundraiser for Catholic Charities event on April 7. This is their largest fundraiser of the year and I represented the township as one of their judges. This weekend is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Liberty Community Litter Clean Up sponsored by the Great American Clean Up and Geauga-Trumbull County Waste management. Giant Eagle Belmont has provided snacks and water for our volunteers for those 23 years! This week I am going to the high school to get some kids to sign up as well. If you want to clean up an area in your neighborhood I will be here from 12-5 on Saturday and Sunday to provide you with gloves and garbage bags. I will mark our map so that we know where to pick up the bags. All you need to do is tie the bags up well and everything else will be taken away.

On April 24<sup>th</sup> I have been asked by a student from YSU to go to the Stambaugh Charter Academy to speak to kindergarten kids about recycling. I purchased a couple of appropriate aged books and will be reading those to them and giving them some litter bags for their parent's cars and some water bottles that were provided a few years ago by Geauga-Trumbull County Waste Management.

A Trustee Board is a board of three trustees all elected by the residents of this community. All trustees should have the consideration of the other when it comes to scheduling meetings. Meetings should be scheduled to be attended by all three trustees. Each trustee should have the opportunity to give their input on any discussion they are having, whether decisions are made or not.

Thus far in the three months that you have been in office you have had numerous meetings at 7:30 am on Thursday mornings when I and the fiscal officer clearly stated that we could not attend. Meetings held at this time may also give the appearance of a lack of transparency. I ask again, that you please reconsider your meeting times. Once again, I want the public to understand why I am not participating in the 7:30 meetings. Also to note in the past 14 years I missed only one meeting.

In summary, I would like you to reconsider the 7:30 am meeting times so that I, the fiscal officer, the public and the media can attend. Thank you!

Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. to consider the appointment or employment of a public employee or official.

Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Meetings:** All meetings are open to the public.

Informal Work Sessions: Every Thursday at 7:30 AM

Evening Meeting: Monday May 21, 2018. Caucus begins at 6:30 PM, Regular Agenda begins at 7:00 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to adjourn at meeting at 9:32 PM.

Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

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STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

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ARNOLD CLEBONE, CHAIRPERSON