

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Regular Caucus Session on April 19, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. at the township Administration Building with the following members present, Mr. Gregory Cizmar and Mr. Arnold Clebone, presiding. Mrs. Jodi K. Stoyak was absent. Also in attendance were the Administrator, Pat Ungaro and Senior Road Foreman Gino Bidinotto.

Discussion: Street Cleaning. Requirements for EPA testing fees discussed for disposal roll off dumpster, and additional costs. Senior Road Foreman to determine which streets to sweep and all costs involved. Possibly look into outsourcing the project, may in the long run, be more cost effective.

Continued discussion on which and how many streets to chip and seal – use Trustee Jodi Stoyak’s list with a few modifications. Determine the budget available. Perhaps do more streets. Ten on List have estimate to complete of about \$75,000 including repair. Must finalize the list at the next Thursday Caucus Meeting. Potential to replace some of the ten on List with others to include more traveled, as Virginia Trail to be continuous with Academy that will be paved this summer, Virginia Trail can be chip and sealed. Would like to include at least one with Curbs to see how chip and seal works with curbing.

Kline’s Drive: Discuss test strip paving with Chip and Seal. No longer have a paver that works. Look into purchasing a paver. Kline’s Farm area has the potential to increase tax base by developing the area more. California curbing – can’t plow.

Bring in the County to set heavy truck traffic on Country Club Drive. Potential for home owners to pay Costs.

Part Time Road Workers: Gino expressed his concern for not having Trustee Stoyak present to discuss part time road workers upgrading rates when they can move equipment instead of wait for a full time employee to move equipment. Both trustees agreed to talk to Trustee Stoyak before making any decisions. Proposed to upgrade the part time workers to operator only when doing the operator’s job, which would increase productivity.

Factors to determine priority for filling pot holes – too many variables. Have a broad plan but daily conditions change, making it almost impossible to have a firm schedule. You can find on the monthly report which streets were addressed but impossible to stick to a schedule which one will be completed in subsequent week.

Next steps to determine levy for street repairs – need a street plan.

Other Items: Chip and Seal Park and cemetery roads. Consider putting them on the County’s list, too. Jeff from CT Consultants and the County Engineers Office to see what they can do for us. Jeff indicated they “are here for us if we need them.” Northgate area has no drainage, which adds to the decaying roadways. Demonstrates it’s more than just putting down pavement. Prep work and drainage issues all part of repairing roads. Arnie spoke of affordable housing programs, to see if help with Colonial Group Apartments. Also, spoke of a possible non-profit developer/joint CT Consultants/ Township undertaking along Belmont Avenue. Perhaps use Kent State Architect to spur a joint effort with Youngstown City with matching funds to enhance areas along Belmont Ave. Pat Ungaro suggested EDATTA for lighting assessment. Also a Tiger Grant was mentioned. County and we share machinery discussed. Suggested we set up a meeting with CT. Consultants to help Belmont Avenue. Department heads to attend when needed.

Motion made by Mr. Clebone to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel at 9:45 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Cizmar. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Clebone to adjourn executive session at 10:45 a.m. and return to regular session. Seconded by Mr. Cizmar. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Clebone to adjourn meeting at 11:29 p.m. No action was taken. Seconded by Mr. Cizmar. Motion carried.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

ARNOLD CLEBONE, CHAIRPERSON