

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Caucus/Regular Session on Thursday May 17, 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 Fire Chief Gus Birch and Tim Monroe, Road Department.

#### Issues Carried Over from Last Caucus:

Finalizing List of Roads for County Engineers to Chip and Seal. Tim discussed taking the initial draft from the County, assessed and re-measured some roads, and offered options. Also addressed types of prep-work and who would be doing the prep-work. Tim suggested use 1 or 2 roads as an experiment with asphalt prep vs. penetrating patching. Also, main ingress and regress was taken into account – number of residents and road condition was taken into account. Arnie would like to see a final list to the county by next week. Also Tim recommended having the county prepare Mt. Everett's road berm as it will go much quicker. Board authorized Tim to contact the county to have them berm Mt. Everett.

Paver Repair VS Purchase of Drag Box. Trustee Cizmar said paver started but looking for parts. If not, the drag box would be purchased. Either will help Kline's Drive to strip pave.

Appointment of Tim Monroe to work with YSU Intern for Road Survey. Tim will work with the person from YSU to help identify level of road conditions, stage of deterioration and other factors including drainage issues.

Listing Ambulance given to the Road Department for Sale. Also, we will sell an ambulance for the Fire Department.

Country Club Road Offer to pave for half of Engineers Estimate. Tony, from the Club, said Contractor is willing to hold the price only for this year. Trustee Clebone feels we should begin the process to obtain sealed bids and if funds allow, but no guarantee it will be done this year. Administrator Pat Ungaro explained the process of obtaining sealed bids. An unofficial traffic count was presented to the Board. Mr. Monroe indicated this is a perfect example of a dead end, should not be a determining factor to pave that road. County is asking for 10 roads for a traffic study. This could be one of the roads.

Posting to Fill Police Chief Position. Was posted.

Critical Infrastructure Grant for Northgate. Determination and ponding on road way. Look for grant for flooding, if available through the County. Competitive bid CDBG Grant. Discussed expanding the CRA low to moderate income housing.

Employment of Cameras on I-80. Legislation introduced by Representative John Bocchieri was discussed regarding the use of cameras and not sure how it will turn out. Our police officers hold the speed cameras, rather than use mounted cameras.

#### New Issues:

JCC Request to Close Roads for Dash and Splash scheduled for June 24, 2018. Trustee Clebone directed Administrative Asst. Martha Weirick to coordinate a meeting with all parties.

Removal of Deer from Mill Run near Logan Swim and Tennis. Gentleman was called and will remove the carcass.

Using Lighting District Funds for LED lights in Township Buildings Administrator Pat Ungaro: Requested legal opinion from Atty. Cherry Poteet to utilize lighting assessment excess to convert all township buildings and properties to LED. Must determine the surplus funds available, if any. Administrator Pat Ungaro asked to consider going out for LED proposals as bids are critical should law director give a favorable opinion and we receive a figure from the fiscal officer of excess funds.

Use of NOPEC Grant. Not sure if the Grant would be used for solar lighting. Perhaps co-mingle funds with the lighting assessment and the grant. Could be used for energy efficient doors, energy efficient roofs, perhaps emergency generators for both Fire stations in light of the power outage last weekend. Fire Chief said no calls came through. Fortunately, we had one firefighter with a hand held unit that was on. Cost would be about \$15,000 per station.

Ed Conricote memorial. The Chief has collected about \$1,000 in donations. Board approved the expenditure for the repairs on the memorial and will place it on the next agenda.

Jason Altobelli was in attendance and discussed various issues with the Kline's Drive new development and the current road conditions. Mr. Altobelli said the association at Kline's Farm paid for the street to be swept. Unfortunately, it exposed more pot holes. Willing to work with the township to leverage dollars. Mr. Altobelli said it's hard to create growth when the roads leading to the new development are not passable. Not interested in a TIF District on existing roads, but open to it with new development. Would be a discussion for another day. Administrator Pat Ungaro and Mr. Altobelli Jason discussed Issue I grant. Mr. Altobelli is willing to consider put up the township's share of the funds. Mr. Ungaro said we must go through the county and legal process. Mr. Altobelli was hoping for strip paving this year on the bad sections.

Tom Shay, Braceville Township, spoke on how he may be able to assist us in sale of cars and other surplus equipment using the Internet. Representative Greg Thomas, from GovDeals, which is an on line government surplus auction house (similar to EBay) explained the process. On-line government surplus - sells anything of \$100 or more value. All fees could be passed on to the purchaser. They leave article to be sold minimum of 10 days, can have a reserve, or start bid, upload pictures and description of what is to be sold. Any safety force vehicle should have all emergency equipment and images removed prior to selling, must state such as "still in service" or small leak" for example. No risk to the township. MOU will be sent to the law director.

A resident complained about pot holes on Pleasant Valley Road.

Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to adjourn into executive session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss possible promotion of an employee.

Seconded by Mr. Clebone. Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, yes. Mr. Clebone, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to adjourn from executive session at 10:25 a.m. No decisions were made.

Seconded by Mr. Clebone. Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, yes. Mr. Clebone, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to conclude caucus at 10:26 a.m.

Seconded by Mr. Clebone. Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, yes. Mr. Clebone, yes. Motion carried.

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STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

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ARNOLD CLEBONE, CHAIRPERSON