The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Regular Session on May 4, 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.

Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting, the April 16, 2015 & April 22, 2015 Special Meetings.
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 April 2015 in the amount of $491,202.57 warrants #11336 through #11490 inclusive.
Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mrs. Stoyak. Motion carried.

15-70 Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Liberty Township Police Department is in the process of establishing a Police Department Towing Yard; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.11(A) when, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the township would be benefited, said Board may lease township real property to any person upon terms agreed upon by the board and the lessee; and,

WHEREAS, Liberty Township Board of Trustees has determined that it owns a suitable parcel of real property described as : 1099 Gypsy Parcel #13-000501 for lease to the Liberty Township Police Department for use as the location of said Liberty Township Police Department Towing Yard; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it would be in the best interest of the township to lease the above-referenced parcel of real property to the Liberty Township Police Department for use as a police towing yard for a rental fee of ten percent (10%) of the net monthly income of the towing yard; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Township Police Department and the Board of Trustees have agreed to enter a one-year lease for the above referenced property pursuant to the rental fee terms described above, which shall be paid to the Township Fiscal Officer for deposit within the General Fund of the Township; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the initial one year term of the lease, as a lease renewal term to be discussed if the towing yard is operating successfully, the Liberty Township Board of Trustees and Police Department agree to an increase in the monthly rental of an additional ten percent (10%), with said renewal term to be referenced in the lease, by approval of the Board of Trustees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees be and hereby is duly authorized to enter into a lease with the Liberty Township Police Department for the Liberty Township Police Department use of the real property referenced herein as a police towing yard, for the price and terms described above and to be finalized within the contemplated lease agreement;

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Liberty Township Board of Trustees and the Liberty Township Police Department be and hereby are duly authorized to prepare/have prepared and execute a lease agreement for the real property described herein, and to complete and execute any documentation required to effect the lease of the real property described herein for use by the Liberty Township Police Department as police towing yard and collection of rental fees as agreed by the parties to the lease agreement;

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution 15-70 be and hereby is effective as of the earliest date allowable by law.
Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Rubin. Motion carried.

15-71 Motion made by Mr. Rubin to increase the following rates for the Liberty Township Ambulance Service: Basic Life Support - BLS (current $500) increase to $550.00, Advanced Life Support II - ALS II (current $750) increase to $850.00. Increase mileage from $11.00 per mile to $14.00 per mile. Advanced Life Support - ALS to stay at $750.00 – no rate increase.
Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mrs. Stoyak. Motion carried.

15-72 Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to pass the following Resolution:

AUTHORIZATION FOR A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR MAHOING/TRUMBULL COUNTY LAW ENFORECEMNET AGENCIES FOR POLICE PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Counties and the various cities, villages and townships have a desire to enter into a mutual assistance agreement for police protection; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Liberty township deems in the best interest to join with the other municipalities, townships and the Counties in such agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Liberty Township Trustees of Trumbull County, State of Ohio;

SECTION 1: That the Administrator of Liberty Township is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for Mahoning/Trumbull County Local Government Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof.

SECTION II: That this ruling is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall be effective immediately. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the immediate necessity of entering into the agreement referred to in Section I in order to provide mutual assistance by the various police agencies within Mahoning and Trumbull Counties.
Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Rubin. Motion carried.

15-75 Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to hire Yolanda Haydy, as a seasonal park employee at a rate of $7.95 per hour, no benefits.
Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Rubin, Yes. Mr. Nudell, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Rubin. Motion carried.

Discussion only of the below proposed Home Rule Resolution (No action was taken):

ENACTING AND CODIFYING A HOME RULE RESOLUTION FOR LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING A STREET LIGHT USE FEE

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Liberty Township passed, by unanimous vote, a resolution on May 4, 2007, to place the issue of adopting a limited home rule government on the ballot pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 504.01(A);

WHEREAS, the electors of Liberty Township voted on November 6, 2007 to establish a limited home rule government pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 504.01(A);

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Liberty Township Board of Trustees to adopt a Home Rule Resolution to establish a Street Light Usage Fee to ensure that township residents have access to safe, lighted streets and intersections within the township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the following Street Light Use Fee in the unincorporated areas of Liberty Township be and hereby is adopted, pursuant to the authority of the limited self-government of townships (Chapter 504 Ohio Revised Code) and approved upon First and Second readings and Publication and Codification.

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF STREET LIGHT USE FEE

Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, hereby establishes a Street Light Use Fee. The street light system consists of all street lighting facilities owned by the Township and all street lighting facilities for which the Township purchases and supplies electrical energy. The operation of such utility shall be under the supervision of the Road Department. The Street Light Fee does not apply to any street lighting district currently subject to property owner assessments within the unincorporated areas of the township.

“Street lighting system” shall mean a series of light posts and lights owned, operated and maintained by the township which are currently installed adjacent to public streets within the township and are used to provide adequate lighting on streets and walkways to promote the safety of drivers and pedestrians.

A. The township is authorized to establish a street lighting fee pursuant to its Home Rule authority for the purpose of paying electrical charges to maintain the existing street lighting system.

B. The purpose of the street lighting system is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the township’s residents, visitors, and the general public by casting adequate lighting onto township streets so as to promote safe travel for vehicles and pedestrians.

C. The township street lighting system is not intended to act as security lighting for private properties.

D. The Street Light Fee does not apply to any street lighting district currently subject to property owner assessments within the unincorporated areas of the township.

SECTION 2: RATES AND COLLECTION OF FEES:

The fees for each property owner are as follows:

1.	Single unit property:	$25.00 per single unit property, annually.
2.	Multi-unit property:	$25.00 for the first unit, plus $5.00 for each additional rental unit that is in that building, annually.
3.	Commercial/Industrial/Business Property:	$25.00 for the first unit, plus $5.00 for each additional unit in a multi-unit building

All fees are payable annually, on or before _____.

A penalty in the amount of 10% of the balance shall be added to all fee amounts not paid in full by the due date. The penalty for late payment shall be added to the balance for which the account remains unpaid.

All street lighting fees are payable to Liberty Township through its Fiscal Officer at: 1315 Churchill Hubbard Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44502

SECTION 3: NO LIABILITY

The township shall not be liable for injury or damage to persons or property caused by any deficiency or failure in supplying electricity for the street light system whether occasioned by shutting off the system for the purpose of making repairs or connections, weather-related incidents or from any other cause whatsoever.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION

This Resolution shall be effective thirty (30) days from the date of adoption upon both First and Second Readings, and publication thereof.

Trustees Remarks: Next three business meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. June 8, 2015, July, 13, 2015 and September 14, 2015 – will all be held at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Mrs. Stoyak to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Rubin. Motion carried.

Next Trustee Regular Business Meeting scheduled on June 8, 2015 at **6:00 p.m**.

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STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER STAN NUDELL, CHAIRPERSON