

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Caucus/Regular Session on July 30, 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.

Guest: Beth Carmichael, Trumbull County Tourism presentation given.

Presentation by Trustee Stoyak – Chief Richard Tisone

With great honor and recognition for your loyal and dedicated service to the people of Liberty Township, we present this to you as a symbol of your lifelong accomplishments. We wish you the best in your retirement.

Presentation – Detective Sergeant Ray Buhala and representatives from the FOP to Chief Tisone.

Reports:

Fiscal Officer Steve T. Shelton's financial report. Copy of Cash Summary available for review
Provided Board with financial update to review and discussed budget.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Ungaro informed the Board of growth possibilities.

Fire Department – Chief Gus Birch. Presented report for review and informed the Board of the new Generator being installed at Logan Fire Station.

Police Department – Chief Richard Tisone presented report for review. Reported statistics Optotrafic Camera results from I-80.

Road Department – Tim Monroe, Interim Road Senior Foreman reported on road repairs and updates of progress.

Zoning Department – Mr. Jim Rodway presented report for review to the Board.

New Business:

Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018, June 21, 2018, June 28, 2018, July 5, 2018, July 12, 2018, July 19, 2018, July 26, 2018 Regular Meetings and the July 24, 2014 Special Meeting. Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Clebone.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes**. Motion carried.

**Mrs. Stoyak will only approve the minutes of the meetings she attended which were June 18, 2018 and June 24, 2018 meetings.

Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of June 2018 in the amount of \$936,617.32 warrants #17062 through #17283 inclusive. Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mrs. Stoyak. Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

18-104 Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to approve a Resolution to Proceed with the submission to the electors of Liberty Township at the general election to be held on the 6th day of November, 2018, of a levy for Road purposes, which shall be a replacement of 1.25 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 1.25 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to a total of \$0.25 for each one hundred dollars of valuation for a period of 12 years, commencing tax year 2018, first due in calendar year 2019; and the Fiscal Officer is directed to certify a copy of the Resolution to the Board of Elections of Trumbull County Ohio, all as set forth in the attached Resolution.

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION

RESOLUTION No.:18-104 (Tax Levy Replacement and Increase for Roads

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said Liberty Township, which is located exclusively in Trumbull County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the existing 1.25 mill road levy expires in 2019, and it is necessary to replace and increase the existing levy in order to properly maintain the township roads; and

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of July, 2018, the Board of Trustees passed and adopted Resolution 18-103 declaring the necessity, for the purposes set forth in RC §5705.19(G), of levying a tax upon the electors of Liberty Township in its entirety, in excess of the ten-mill limitation under Ohio Revised Code §§5705.03 and 5705.191, at the rate of 1.25 mills for the replacement of an existing levy and an increase of 1.25 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to a total of \$0.250 for each one hundred dollars of valuation for a period of 12 years, commencing tax year 2018, first due in calendar year 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Trumbull County Auditor has certified to the Board of Trustees that the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the tax levy at the stated millage, assuming tax valuation of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$543,935.00, based upon the current assessed valuation of the Township of \$217,573.840.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that the Board desires to proceed with the submission of the question of a replacement and increase tax in excess of the ten mill limitation, for the benefit of and upon the entire territory of said Liberty Township, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §§5705.03, 5705.19(G) and 5705.191, for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in said Township, which shall be a replacement of 1.25 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 1.25 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to a total of \$0.250 for each one hundred dollars of valuation for a period of 12 years, commencing tax year 2018, first due in calendar year 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of such tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of Liberty Township in its entirety at the general election to be held therein on November 6, 2018 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said tax levy shall be submitted to the electors under the authority of Ohio Revised Code §§5705.03, 5705.19(G) and 5705.191; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of this Board of Trustees of Liberty Township be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Trumbull County Board of Elections, not less than ninety days prior to the election and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law. Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Clebone. Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, NO. Motion carried.

18-105 Motion made by to authorize Arnold Clebone, Chair of the Board of Trustees, to apply, on behalf of Liberty Township and the Board of Trustees, for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG) that may provide federal funding for 80 percent of the cost for the paving and other improvements on roads which may be eligible for such funds, including a section of Fifth Avenue beginning on the southern border of Liberty Township to Goldie Road and Goldie Road from Fifth Avenue to Belmont Avenue, and pledging that if a grant is received, the Township will provide matching funds of not more than 20 percent up to \$125,000 for the project. These roads are eligible for the STBG per its designation as a Federal-aid Highway. Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Clebone. Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, NO. Motion carried.

18-106 Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to appoint Captain Toby Meloro to serve as Interim Police Chief effective August 20, 2018, for a six-month period, subject to reaching agreement on the terms of employment to be reflected in a memorandum. Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Clebone. Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, NO. Motion carried.

Next business meeting: 7:30 a.m. meeting August 2, 2018. Next evening meeting will be September 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. caucus). NO EVENING MEETING IN AUGUST

Motion made by Mr. Cizmar to conclude meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mrs. Stoyak. Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mrs. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

ARNOLD CLEBONE, CHAIRPERSON