

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Caucus/Regular Session on October 15, 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.

The caucus session, where attendees have the opportunity to speak about any issues of concern commenced at 6:30 p.m. and ended at about 7 PM. During the half hour caucus session one person in the audience discussed their support for the upcoming road levy. Also, a presentation was given by guest speaker Brent Bowker regarding the industry changes with recycling. For those interested in the valuable information can see it on the township web page. www.libertytwp.com

Retired Officer James Smith (1992-2017) and retired Officer Daniel Nichols (1987-2014) were presented with plaques for their years of service. We thank you for your years of service. Best wishes for the future.

Fiscal Officer Steve T. Shelton's presented his financial report to the Board and had a copy of Cash Summary available for anyone interested.

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

Fire Department – Chief Gus Birch report was presented for review.

Police Department – Interim Chief Toby Meloro presented report for review.

Road Department – Tim Monroe, Interim Road Senior Foreman presented a report and update of road repairs & progress.

Zoning Department – Mr. Jim Rodway presented report for review and discussed Shepherd of the Valleys changes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/17/2018; 9/20/2018; 9/27/2018; 10/4/2018; 10/11/2018 Regular Meetings and the 10/9/2018 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 9/17/18 & 10/9/18.

Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of September 2018 in the amount of \$329,314.40 warrants #17601 through #17737 inclusive.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mrs. Stoyak.

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

18-126 Motion to approve a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement for partial tax abatement for improvements to be made at 3219 Belmont Avenue, for construction of a Rally's restaurant. The Liberty Township Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposed Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Trumbull County, Ohio, and Belmont Liberty Development, LLC, designating a redevelopment site located at 3219 Belmont Avenue, Liberty Township, Ohio, in the Community Reinvestment Area, as eligible for a fifty percent ten-year abatement of real property taxation pursuant to R.C. 3735.67 to develop a new Rally's Restaurant and landscaping, to provide economic development and aesthetic improvement of said properties in the Township. The Board further approves the related Landscaping and Property Maintenance Agreement. The Board authorizes the Chair of the Board of Trustees to acknowledge this approval by signing the final agreement and the Landscaping and Property Maintenance Agreement and to take any and all necessary actions to implement the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the parties.

See Addendum File for full Community Reinvestment Area Agreement provided by the Trumbull County Planning Commission and the Landscaping and Property Maintenance Agreement.

Motion: Mrs. Stoyak. Second: Mr. Cizmar.

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

18-127 Per the recommendation of the State Auditor motion to pass the following Resolution to Correct Post Audit Finding through Fund Balance Adjustments from the years 2016-2017:
General Fund 1000 -\$18,100.41 2017; Police Fund 2081 -\$13,235.62 2018; Motor Vehicle 2011 - \$69.90 2017; Road Fund 2031 -\$5,897.67 2017; Fire Fund 2111 -\$17,040.08 2017; 4401 Public Works \$1 2017; Ambulance Fund 2281 \$472.48 2017.

Motion: Mrs. Stoyak. Second: Mr. Cizmar.

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

18-128 Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Liberty Township Board of Trustees and the International Association of Firefighters Local #2075 permitting the employment of part-time personnel who are certified paramedics with Firefighter 1 certification. Pursuant to Article 47 of the Contract, this Memorandum of Understanding will become an Amendment to the IAFF contract.

Motion: Mrs. Stoyak. Second: Mr. Cizmar.

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

18-129 Motion to approve the plan changes for Case Number 16-9-1ZCTT, as reflected in submitted plans "Construction Documents – May 04, 2018 Value Engineering October 5, 2018" for the approved PUD for Shepherd of The Valley. The plan has been reviewed and meets all regulations and requirements of the Resolution and is consistent with Original objectives.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mrs. Stoyak.

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

18-130 Per the recommendation of the Fire Chief and Medicount Management (3rd party biller), motion to increase the rates for ambulance services to meet industry standard billing rates as follows:

BLS from \$550 to \$650

ALS from \$750 to \$900

ALS 2 from \$850 to \$1,000

Mileage from \$14 to \$16 per mile

This will NOT affect Liberty Township Residents.

Motion: Mrs. Stoyak. Second: Mr. Cizmar.

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

Trustee Stoyak Remarks for October 15, 2018:

This past month we were able to complete installation of the handicapped accessible door with NO cost to the township. Thank you to Martha for sending out the solicitation letters to key residents and companies who contributed this is a practical and wonderful help to our aging population for years to come! I attended two ribbon cuttings this past month for a new business on Rt. 304 called My Office. It has been remodeled to assist people who don't own a building to start up a business by utilizing their facility. I also attended Molly Maid's ribbon cutting. They -grew out- (outgrew) of their old building on Belmont and moved down the street in the plaza near McDonalds. This appears to be a continuing phenomenon of small business growth that we as a board should promote.

I received several flooding issue complaints and visited those residents trying to listen and help if I could. Jim Rohan on Belmont Avenue called me and stated he had lost \$8,000 worth of carpeting. The Road Department was able to fix his problem, thank you. Last Thursday I visited another resident on Goldie that was complaining about water in between his yard and the neighbors. I brought Gary Diorio and Pat Ungaro with me to the resident as Gary's company (MS Consultants) had done the work for the township on Goldie Road. He explained to the resident what he and his neighbor could do to alleviate his water problem as our law director had explained that this area was private property.

Liberty in Bloom had their volunteer luncheon and I want to thank Mr. Ungaro for sponsoring it for them and Martha for setting up the room. The residents and businesses of this community continue to appreciate and support the work these volunteers have done for the past 17 years.

This Wednesday I will be attending Shepherd of the Valley's ground breaking ceremony. We are thankful to the county for supporting this project with (new) sewers and for this business to call Liberty Township their new home.

Pat and I have been in contact with Lori Moran of the Liberty Plaza. She continues to work on new projects for our area. I look forward to the new developments coming to Liberty Township. I know it is keeping Jim Rodway very busy these days.

I have been contacted by Sharon Walthen of Churchill United Methodist Church who has taken over the Blott Holiday Kids Project. The JCC and Temple El Emeth have been contacted regarding having tags at their buildings. I will be shuttling gifts to the church once they have been received. There will also be tags at Great Clips at Liberty Plaza, Liberty Library, Administration Building and Denny's.

One last item. The three large flower beds behind the flagpole at the freeway were installed by Liberty Township and have always been maintained by Liberty Township. Our local volunteer group, Liberty In Bloom, never maintained these beds. This year, the Board has not authorized funding to trim and weed these beds as in years past, instead relying on volunteers to complete the work. This is too much work for volunteers on top of the numerous beds that they already plant and maintain. I have authorized use this year of private donations to the Liberty in Bloom flower fund for maintenance of these beds. They are done now and look great! This work, however, is NOT what these funds are solicited for. My hope is that next year the Board will see fit to utilize General Fund monies for this purpose. Thanks to all Liberty in Bloom donors for helping to keep and improve the appearance of our business district in Liberty Township.

Motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Stoyak. Second: Mr. Cizmar.

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

Next business meeting: October 18th 7:30 a.m. Next evening business meeting: November 19th caucus
6:30 p.m./7:00 p.m. meeting

Trick or Treat Oct. 31st 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

ARNOLD CLEBONE, CHAIRPERSON

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