

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Regular Session on January 3, 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 Fire Chief Gus Birch, Road Senior Foreman Tim Monroe, Police Interim Chief Toby Meloro and Captain Ray Buhala.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2018 regular Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Clebone.

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

The Fire Chief asked if the Board had any questions regarding his request for a new fire truck. Chief emphasized the need for safety and the lengthy time it would take to build the truck. He said they will not hold that price for much longer. The first payment wouldn't be due until 2020. Trustees Clebone and Cizmar expressed carry over fund concerns with the Chief and asked to see a more detailed budget. Should they decide to purchase a new fire truck, the 2007 fire truck would be taken to the Belmont Fire Station the remaining two fire trucks – one with the rusted frame would be sold and the other would be used as a spare. Also discussed was the option of hiring another full time firefighter to offset overtime costs. More research regarding the IAFF contract language with regards to part time employees in the event a full time employee would ever be laid off.

Tim Monroe discussed safety concerns with the impound lot located in front of his building on Gypsy. At times, officers are not able to immediately release impounded vehicles. Tim is asking that the police add some sort of notification asking those to wait for a Police Officer in front of the lot. Police Chief will make the necessary changes. Tim requested preliminary lists for the County's Chip and Seal program. Also a list of primary roads to be striped – just a center doubles line for high volume roads and roads with dangerous curves should be decided. Naylor Lloyd should be rehabilitated by Shelly and Sands and ODOT. There's an agreement between Shelly and ODOT to rehab the road due to their heavy presence hauling during I80's renovations. Tim would like to have a comprehensive plan for the entire road program, including chip and seal, paving, striping, catch basins etc in place. Tim continues to work with Arnie on the budget. Tim also expressed his aging equipment and would like to see a capital equipment plan. Tim brought up the aging Churchill Park equipment and fixtures.

ODOT District 4 Planning Administrator Steve Rebillot joined the meeting along with CT Consultants Engineers Jeff Smith and Christopher Kogeinik who are working with Trustees and Eastgate on a grant application to improve an area along Belmont Avenue. They discussed safety, painted cross walks, involving WRTA with enhanced bus stops, bus route signage, improving signage and attractiveness to attract new business, as well as, walkable, safe, paved areas from hotels and neighborhoods.

ODOT also informed the Board we were approved for two areas neighborhoods where noise barriers along I-80 are warranted. Mr. Rebillot will be in touch with Mr. Ungaro soon.

Police Captain Ray Buhala discussed further Sundance Software fee's (\$20,000 to install/\$10,000 annual afterwards). Chief would use drug fund money. A savings would be realized by upgrading. Trustees asked to see the savings in the budget. Interim Chief discussed a partnership with American Red Cross for Blue Blood Drive in March and hopes to make it an annual thing. Chief showed several township logo upgrades.

Motion to adjourn at 9:51 a.m

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Clebone.

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

Next business meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. meeting.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

ARNOLD CLEBONE, CHAIRPERSON