

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Caucus/Regular Session on December 17, 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.

Caucus: Guest Speaker: Trumbull County Treasurer, Sam Lamancusa gave a detailed report on how Trumbull County collects property tax and how he works with the public to collect delinquency tax.

Fiscal Officer Steve T. Shelton's financial report. Copy of Cash Summary available. Mr. Shelton discussed the recent release of the independent 2016-17 Financial Audit from Perry and Associates. We received an unqualified opinion report which is desirable. Discussed findings and internal controls.

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

Fire Department – Chief Gus Birch absent due to illness.

Police Department – Interim Chief Toby Meloro presented report for review. Chief commended his officers for their successful efforts to help 2nd Harvest Food Bank. The officers positioned a cruiser at Giant Eagle and filled the cruiser with food, as well as, collected monetary donations. The Police Department in conjunction with Wal-Mart hosted yet another successful “Shop with a Cop”. A special thank you to Wal-Mart's Manager Mr. Miller and our good friends at Giant Eagle who constantly give back to the community. Thank you to Officer Rankin's father in law, the Honorable Judge Patrick Cunnings, for his part in the successful Christmas celebration for township children.

Road Department – Tim Monroe, Interim Road Senior Foreman update of road repairs & progress. Continue filling pot holes, maintaining equipment and snow and ice control.

Zoning Department – Mr. Jim Rodway presented report for review and addressed residents concerns.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018 regular Meeting.

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

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

Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of November 2018 in the amount of \$533,270.22 warrants #17887 through #18044 inclusive.

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

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

18-140 Motion to approve the 2018 Annual ODOT Mileage Certificate as of 12/31/2018 for 62.146.

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

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

18-141 Motion to pass the following temporary appropriations for the year 2019:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 400,000.00
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX FUND	\$ 75,000.00
GASOLINE TAX FUND	\$ 100,000.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	\$ 400,000.00
CEMETERY FUND	\$ 5,000.00
LIGHTING ASSESSMENT FUND	\$ 40,000.00
POLICE DISTRICT FUND	\$ 1,000,000.00
FIRE DISTRICT FUND	\$ 1,000,000.00
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	\$ 10,000.00
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
AMBULANCE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND	\$ 170,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (ISSUE II)	\$ 0.00
ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION FUND	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,201,500.00

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

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

18-142 Resolution in Support of Liberty Businesses Forming an Association:

Whereas, a number of commercial establishments within Liberty Township are in the initial stages of forming an association to jointly promote their goods and services available within

the township;

Whereas, the Trustees and business community acknowledge that joint efforts can be effective in expanding markets and in taking initiative resulting in an improved appearance of the business corridor that will serve to attract customers;

Whereas, the Trustees recognize the link between the health of businesses within the township and its growth and prosperity for residents;

Whereas, the trustees consider the formation of an association of Liberty businesses benefiting through cooperative initiatives of members, government entities and the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Liberty Township Board of Trustees

- 1) Encourages Liberty businesses to support the formation of an association, make financial contributions and actively participate;
- 2) Will seek the advice of the Association for actions it can take deemed to enhance the viability of businesses within the Township;
- 3) Will Support the Association in securing grants available through government entities and private foundations; and
- 4) Advocate, support and facilitate initiatives beneficial to Liberty businesses that can be undertaken jointly with other governmental entities and organizations

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

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

18-143 Resolution to Authorize Application to Eastgate Regional Council of Governments: Authorizes the Board of Trustees to apply for a planning grant from Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to determine capital improvements that will enhance safety and accessibility by Automobiles, pedestrians and bicycles between places on Belmont Avenue from Giant Eagle to E. Liberty Street.

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

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

18-144 Motion to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS. General Motors recently announced five plant closings in early 2019 including the GM Plant in Lordstown, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township Board of Trustees understand the pending hardships of the thousands of General Motors Lordstown men and women of the United Auto Workers Local 1112 as well as, the other business affected by the closing of the plants; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township Board of Trustees commit to support any efforts to preserve a future for this manufacturing facility; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE BOARD OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEES, urge, Federal, State, Local Representatives and the Youngstown Regional Chamber to continue their efforts to assure the Lordstown GM facility endures as a viable place of employment.

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

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

18-145 Motion to increase the appropriations for FY 2018 in the following funds by the amounts stated: General Fund \$ 25,000.00, Police Fund; \$125,000.00, Fire Fund \$ 25,000.00; Public Works \$175,000.00.

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

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

Trustees remarks.

Trustee Jodi Stoyak: December is always a busy month. The Historical Society had their last meeting of the year. Mr. Ungaro, Interim Chief Meloro, Capt. Macchione, Superintendent Norha, his new treasurer and the high school secretary and myself all spoke to the group. Capt. Macchione spoke about people calling the fire department to take them to their doctor appointments. After the meeting I spoke to Chief Birch and asked him if the fire and police secretaries could get together and put do's and don'ts on their face book pages. Our fire and police should be utilized in emergency situations not to

deliver residents to doctor appointments. If financially possible, in the future, I would like to bring back either a bi-annual or quarterly township newsletter that is mailed to our residents. Most residents don't have computers and our past newsletter was always well received. We did this as a joint effort with the schools and possibly we could do this again. Information about our departments and what we do could be addressed in a newsletter.

I attended CR Electric's Annual Holiday party with Martha. Many of our fire and police personnel also attended. Jack Kravitz and Knafa hosted an initial startup for the Liberty Business Association.

Aundrea Heschmeyer, a Liberty resident, organized this event. She sent out 700 invitations and about 35 people attended the event. On December 10th my husband and I met with Jack and Aundrea to discuss the Liberty Business Association and how it should be organized. I asked Stephan to come as he was the president of this organization for 10 years. From that meeting we were asked to provide a template for how to get the organization started and to place a resolution on the agenda in support of this organization. A resolution was written by Mr. Clebone and is on the agenda this evening in support of this organization.

December 9th the Township held a fondly remembered Christmas gathering with Santa entering on the Fire Engine Truck, Martha and Marcy handed out drinks and cookies and the brass band from the high school played Christmas songs. This was organized by a coordination of the fire and police departments. Thank you to both chiefs and their departments for their efforts! Each year we will hope to get more of our residents with families here. Also, the "shop with a cop" was well publicized this year and I want to thank the officers who were responsible helping out our less fortunate with toys and gifts for Christmas!

Tuesday, December 11, I helped at Churchill United Methodist Church to distribute gifts to the over 85 Liberty families for the Blott Holiday Kids Project. Samantha at the Vindicator wrote a very nice article that was in Monday's paper. Bob at the Tribune also covered the project. Thank you to both newspapers!

The schools once again had a senior citizen turkey dinner on December 12th for \$2 per person. This was a nice event that Superintendent Norha started last year and was well attended by the community. On Monday, December 10th, I called Gary Newbrough regarding Girard's Mayor's negative comments that were in the paper regarding the county taking over Liberty's water system. Gary sent an email to the commissioners requesting that they meet with the Mayor regarding this issue. Also I contacted Atty. Poteet regarding the water contract who stated we should continue to persuade the county commissioners regarding the unfair contract and modifying before its renewal. Mr. Clebone and Mr. Cizmar plan to discuss the contract with Mayor Melfi and Commissioner Polivka as soon as a meeting can be set up. Atty. Poteet echoed my interest in the township possibly creating its own water district under Revised Code Chapter 6119, if our other efforts fail. She stated, "we could certainly hire the Albers and Albers firm from Columbus to advise the board on this as they have expertise in the area. My hope is that Mr. Clebone and Mr. Cizmar will make headway with the commissioners and Mayor Melfi to amend the contract before 2020 to make our cost for water fair and equitable. Merry Christmas to everyone and Happy New Year!

Next business meeting December 20, 2018 7:30 a.m. Next evening meeting will be the Organization Meeting on January 14, 2019 6:30 p.m.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

ARNOLD CLEBONE, CHAIRPERSON