

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on April 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the township Administration Building with the following members present, Mrs. Jodi K. Stoyak, Mr. Gregory Cizmar, and Mr. Arnold Clebone, presiding.

Superintendent Joe Nohra spoke to the Board on the Ohio Means Jobs Youth Program.

Branding Liberty Township – public participation needed. Everyone is invited to April 23rd 5 p.m. get-together with Plus Public to help create a new branding for the township.

Fiscal Officer's financial report was offered to public. Fiscal Officer did not attend the meeting.

Correspondence: Greg Cizmar read a thank you letter addressed to him and to the Road Department for their prompt response to road conditions.

Old Business: Budget

Administrator's Report – Mr. Ungaro discussed growth possibilities in the township.

Fire Department – Chief Gus Birch presented his report.

Police Department – Interim Chief Toby Meloro presented his report.

Road Department – Mr. Timothy Monroe presented his report.

Zoning Department – Mr. Jim Rodway presented his report.

New Business:

19-58 Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of March 2019 in the amount of \$640,111.96 warrants #18517 through #18707 inclusive.

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

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

19-59 Motion to promote Officer Chad McGarry to Sergeant in accordance with the terms of the OPBA Sergeant and Captains agreement with the Board of Trustees. Congratulations!

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

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

19-60 Motion to promote Officer Ray Buhala to Captain in accordance with the terms of the OPBA Sergeant and Captains agreement with the Board of Trustees effective 2/20/2019. Congratulations!

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

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

19-61 Motion to decrease the appropriations in the 2221-210-190-0000 Other Salaries by \$10,000.00, decrease the appropriations in the 2221-210-211-0000 Other Public Employees Retirement System by \$5000.00 and decrease the appropriations in the 2221-210-230-0000 Workers Compensation by \$600.00 and increase the appropriations in the 2221-210-490-0000 Other Supplies and Materials line by 15,600.00.

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

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

**Presentation of plaque for his outstanding investigation of the LaRue Brown homicide to Captain Buhala.

Trustee Stoyak remarks:

First of all, there was an executive session on Thursday, April 11th, that the law director knew about and attended yet I was not informed. This also was not on the agenda. I and the press would like to know what the reason for entering into executive session. I would also like to know why the law director nor the board of trustees did not respond to my inquiry in an email that I sent Thursday.

April is usually a busy month for me as a trustee and as a volunteer for the community. I had Mobile Meals, litter cleaning at I-80 and Belmont Avenue with my Liberty in Bloom volunteers and my husband on another day. The daffodils that were planted are just now starting to bloom and I didn't want them to have to compete with the litter. Liberty in Bloom met regarding the large undertaking and revamping of the triangle area at I-80 and Belmont Avenue. Letters were sent out last week by Martha to solicit private funding for this project. An important note to remember that our signage and flagpole and flowers planted cost taxpayers nothing.

Paul Avdey has volunteered to make phone calls also for donations. We are planning to plant 20 pink and white crabapple trees on the hill at I-80. Andy Kish and Randy from Sekora Gardens have offered to plant and deliver these gratis to the township. Andy is the new president of Girard/Liberty Rotary and we have

discussed some other things to enhance Liberty Street and the triangle area. This is an important area as many people entering Liberty Township and leaving Liberty township drive through this area.

Superintendent, Joe Nohra, asked for a meeting with me regarding student work/study activities to involve Liberty in Bloom and litter cleanup. He still needs to confirm with the teachers before this idea goes through but it is something I am willing to involve our organization with. I have always involved the kids in the school for our litter cleanup for the past 24 years. Having the superintendent's interest and providing a supervisor/teacher to help us would be terrific.

I attended the Fowler Trumbull County Township Association meeting on April 11th. I represented the township as a judge for Catholic Charities, "Men Who Cook" on April 13. The event benefits Basic Needs and Emergency Assistance for people in need, regardless of religious affiliation. I will also be attending the Engineer's Annual Meeting at DiVieste's on April 24th.

The Liberty Community Litter Cleanup will be April 27 and 28th 12-5 p.m. Residents interested in picking up litter in their neighborhoods or in other areas that need it can come to the Administration Building and I will be handing out garbage bags and gloves from Geauga-Trumbull County Waste Management as part of the Great American Cleanup. I will be picking up these materials on Enterprise Drive this week.

Our Law Director received Girard's public records regarding the water they provide to Liberty Township residents. My husband and I have been going through these records and once completed will discuss with Gary Newbrough at the Sanitary Engineers Office and then to all three commissioners. If need be I am willing to provide the commissioners with petitions with residents names who want our water rates decreased and taken over by Trumbull County. Atty. Poteet has requested the additional information that was left out of the public records request, i.e., names and addresses of all residents who receive water from Girard.

Next business meeting is April 18th at 7:30 a.m. Next evening meeting is May 20th at 6:30 p.m.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

ARNOLD CLEBONE, CHAIRPERSON