

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on November 18, 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.

Fiscal Officer's financial report. Discussed financial matters.

Administrator's Report – Mrs. Martha Weirick presented her report.
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

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of October 2019 in the amount of \$517,080.81 warrants #19648 through #19874 inclusive.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

Motion to approve the Then and Now Certificates for the month of October 2019 .

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

19-166 Motion to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 505, 241 of the Ohio Revised Code grants the authority to a board of township trustees to authorize its elected officers to join an association or nonprofit organization formed for the improvement of township government; and

WHEREAS, Section 505.241 of the Ohio Revised Code further grants the authority to a board of township trustees to appropriate from its general fund an amount sufficient to pay the dues, subscription costs, or membership charges of such association or nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, THE Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships (hereinafter referred to as CLOUT), which is part of the Ohio Township Association, qualifies as an association or nonprofit organization formed for the improvement of township government within the meaning of Section 505.241 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township is eligible to be a member of CLOUT based on a budget of \$8,954,313.66 from the certificate of estimated resources Oct. 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to participate as members of CLOUT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED THAT, the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County hereby authorizes Liberty Township to become a member of CLUT, as part of the Ohio Township Association and to pay the annual CLOUT membership dues

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

19-167 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR MARTHA WEIRICK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Liberty is planning to make capital improvements to 2020 Resurfacing Program, and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Liberty Township, Trumbull County:

Section 1: The Administrator Martha Weirick *who signs page 6 of the application* is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: Chief Executive Officer Arnold Clebone is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance. Effective 11/18/19.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

19-168 Motion to appoint Steve T. Shelton, CPA, Fiscal Officer as the CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL FUNDS / LOAN REPAYMENT LETTER 11/1/19

I, Steve T. Shelton, CPA Fiscal Officer of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, hereby certify that Liberty Township has the amount of \$264,103.00 which is 63.7% of total project cost of \$414,102.00 in the Capital Improvement fund and that this amount will be used to pay the local share for the 2020 Resurfacing Program when it is required.

I, Steve T. Shelton, CPA, Fiscal Officer of Liberty Township, Trumbull County hereby certify that Liberty Township, Trumbull County has / will have / will collect the amount of \$254,103.00. in the Capital Improvement Fund and that this amount will be used to repay the Ohio Public Works Commission SCIP or RLP loan requested for the 2020 Resurfacing Program over a 12 year term.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

19-169 Motion to proceed with Phases II and III of the contracts with CT Consultants and Davey Resources Group for services required to apply for the Clean Ohio Conservation Grant for Little Squaw Creek stream restoration at Churchill Park, for a total cost not to exceed \$16,900.00, to appropriate that amount from the General Fund; and to authorize Trustee Clebone to execute any documents required for the Grant application on behalf of the Township.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

19-170 Motion to move balance of \$13,217.56 Hot Mix line 2011-330-420-1297 to 2011-330-420-1294 Fuel Diesel line.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

19-171 Motion to request Trumbull County Auditor to increase the revenue and appropriations in the fire fund by \$485,000 from the purchase of the fire truck.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

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

Trustee Remarks for November 18, 2019

The Blott Holiday Project is underway. Tags have been distributed to areas around the township. I have distributed mine to Temple El Emeth and the Jewish Community Center. Gretchen Reed, who passed away on Tuesday, November 5, began this project over 30 years ago. Thanks to Sharon Wathen and her volunteers at Churchill United Methodist Church this great program continues to provide gifts and gift cards to children from Liberty Schools and their families.

The Veterans Day program was held at the High School on November 11. This program began in 2007. I always felt it was important for our kids in the schools to honor our veterans. This year I was able to invite Colonel James Dignan as our speaker. He accepted and did a fine job as our speaker.

Oak Street Health opened and had an open house on November 6. I met Lori Moran there who is the Manager of the Liberty Plaza and Susan DeLeo who is the new community relations manager for Oak Street Health. I invited Susan to the Liberty Historical Society to speak where she elaborated on what Oakstreet Health will be offering to our community. I also mentioned to her that in their ads they are playing now on the television they should state that they are located in the Liberty Plaza rather than Youngstown.

I attended the Shepherd of the Valley tour of their new facility. Once it is completed it will be a beautiful addition to our community. I hope that the Board of Trustees will re-institute the Community Reinvestment Area for Liberty Township in February as I believe this has been extremely instrumental in attracting new businesses to our area. When the sewers are completed along Tibbetts-Wick Road this will allow for more new construction along this area. There is already new signs cropping up in this area for new development.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and look forward to my last meeting in December where I will give my farewell speech to the township employees and residents.

Thank you.

Next business meeting: November 21st at 7:30 a.m. Next evening meeting December 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.
Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stoyak, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

ARNOLD CLEBONE, CHAIRPERSON