

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Regular Session on November 7, 2019 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 Interim Administrator Martha Weirick, Zoning Inspector Jim Rodway, Road Senior Foreman Tim Monroe, Interim Police Chief Toby Meloro and Fire Chief Gus Birch.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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

19-160 No objection to liquor permit name change from Youngstown Crab Company, Inc. & Patio & Walk Kin Cooler, 3917 Belmont Ave., Liberty Twp., Ohio 44505 to Crabby Bobs LLC (same address).

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

19-161 Motion to enter into an agreement with the Liberty Township Firefighters, IAFF Local 2075 to waive the restrictions of ORC Section 4117.14(G) (11), to extend the Collective Bargaining Agreement for an additional period of ninety days, or until a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement is ratified by or issued to the parties, and to authorize Arnie Clebone to execute the waiver on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

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

19-162 Motion to move \$9,750.00 from the Police Other line 2081-210-599-0000 to the Clothing Allowance line 2081-210-190-1000, increase the Fire Extra Medical Costs

2111-220-221-1273 by \$10,000.00 and request the fiscal officer reallocate the funds.

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

19-163 Motion to hire Robert Catchpole (former Fire Captain) as a volunteer with the Fire Department. Fire Chief Birch will ask Mr. Catchpole to contact OP&F to confirm it will not affect his pension.

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

19-164 Motion to remove Dustin Beauchene as a part time ff effective 10/28/19.

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

Discussion with Jeff Smith, CT Consultants who offered updates on the Creek Restoration progress. Zoning Inspector Jim Rodway will contact owner of property upstream regarding an easement.

Fire Chief Birch discussed securing a grant writer for the township. The Board talked about the Jones and Young agreement and reiterated the agreement must be a flat \$500 retainer with the Board deciding on which grants to pursue and only pay if they are successful in obtaining the grant. Martha will follow up with Jones and Young.

Fire Chief informed the Board the Tornado sirens frequency has changed and is in the process of redoing the mechanics. He discussed staffing concerns with the Board and what options the township had, including putting a levy on and/or adding ambulance with staffing.

Road Senior Foreman Tim Monroe informed the Board hot mix is done for the season and will move into cold mix. Preparing equipment for winter and will be closing the park bathrooms. The park gate will be locked soon.

Chief Toby Meloro requested the Board adjourn into executive session to consider the appointment or employment of a public employee.

Motion to adjourn into executive session to consider the appointment or employment of a public employee at 9:21 a.m.

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

Motion to adjourn from executive session and resume regular session at 9:47 a.m.

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

19-165 Motion to hire Sean Ryan as a full time probationary employee with the Police Department in accordance with the Liberty Board of Trustees and the OPBA Probationary Patrolman Bargaining Agreement pending pre-employment drug testing. First day worked is hire date.

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

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Clebone. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting scheduled for November 14th @ 7:30 a.m. Evening November 18th @6:30 p.m.