

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on December 16, 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 provided the financial report.

Administrator's Report – Mrs. Martha Weirick presented her report.  
Fire Department – Chief Gus Birch presented his report.  
Police Department – Chief Toby Meloro presented his report  
Zoning Department – Mr. Jim Rodway presented his report

Guest: Joey Gaskell and family. The Liberty Police Department surprises 2 ½ year old Joe Gaskell with motorized police car. Keep smiling Joey!

Guest: Historical Society to present Trustee Stoyak with a plaque.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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

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

Motion to approve warrant/eft expenditures for the month of November 2019 in the amount of \$391,273.99 warrants #19875 through #20043 inclusive.

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

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

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

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

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

19-181 Motion to pass the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AN EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY AND FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY POLICY IN LIEU OF INDIVIDUAL SURETY BONDS**

WHEREAS, Liberty Township, Trumbull County, is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a political subdivision risk pool established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §2744.081; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 291 was signed into law on December 20, 2018 and became effective March 20, 2019; which authorizes the use of an "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" instead of individual surety bonds for trustees, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to give bond before entering upon the discharge of duties; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §3.061, the township must adopt a policy by resolution to allow use of an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty coverage document rather than a surety bond to cover loss by fraudulent or dishonest actions of employees and failure of employees to faithfully perform duties; Liberty Township, Trumbull County Ohio hereby adopts this policy, and the following shall apply to the policy:

- (1) An officer, employee, or appointee shall be considered qualified to hold the office or employment, without giving bond, on the date the oath of office is taken, certified, and filed as required by law.
- (2) The employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy shall be in effect and apply to each township officer, employee, or appointee otherwise required to have a bond before the individual's term of office or employment and such officer, employee or appointee shall not commence the discharge of duties until the policy is in effect.
- (3) All officers, employees, or appointees who would otherwise be required to file a bond before commencing the discharge of their duties shall be covered by and are subject to the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy instead of a surety bond requirement.
- (4) The coverage amount for an officer, employee, or appointee under an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy shall be equal to or greater than the maximum amount of the bond otherwise required by law.
- (5) Elected officials, prior to taking the oath of office and holding office, shall obtain approval of the intent to use the township's OTARMA coverage agreement and affirm that the township's coverage complies with Ohio Revised Code §3.061. Said approval shall be obtained by the Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, Liberty Township, Trumbull County's "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" through the OTARMA coverage document complies with Ohio Revised Code §3.061.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio hereby authorizes the purchase and use of "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" through OTARMA instead of individual surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to give bond before entering upon the discharge of their duties.

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

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Next business meeting: December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. (No meeting 12/26/19). Next evening meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

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ARNOLD CLEBONE, CHAIRPERSON