

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Regular Session on February 27, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at the township Administration Building with the following members present, Mr. Devon Stanley, Mr. Arnold Clebone, and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding. Also in attendance were Interim Administrator Martha Weirick, Interim Police Chief Toby Meloro, Zoning Inspector Jim Rodway, and Fire Chief Gus Birch.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020 regular meeting.

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

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

Code Officer Jim Rodway discussed the Trinity Door estimates for an ADA compliant sliding door/frame and options for an ADA compliant restroom.

The Landscaping Proposal was discussed regarding general specifications for I-80 grass cuttings and both township cemeteries. Additional language will be added addressing the overall appearance at Churchill Cemetery prior to any major holiday.

Fire Chief Birch addressed the Board regarding added overtime due to two injuries and one retirement. After discussion the Board approved Chief Birch to hire one full time firefighter from the Civil Service list.

20-39 Motion to hire Abigail Buday to a full-time firefighter paramedic effective March 5, 2020. She will serve a one-year probationary period in accordance with the agreement between the IAFF and Board of Trustees.

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

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

Fire Chief Birch wanted to extend another thank you to the Police Department for their help closing Rt. 304 while they battled a fully engulfed building which was on fire. Chief also thanked Office Shuster for his assistance with Sheppard of the Valley. Lastly, Chief spoke of an initiative the City of Canfield has taken to file suit against a motel, with a multitude of health code violations, to fix it up or tear it down. Liberty Township is facing similar situation with a motel located in the township.

Police Officer James Marco addressed the Board on the unreliability of the existing police radios. He expressed his safety concerns and said they not reliable in certain areas of the township including within the schools. Chief Meloro added the rebate on the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (Marcs Radios) is good through mid-March. The school will, also, purchase 3 radios. The Fire Department received a grant for the Marc's radios.

20-40 Motion to move towards the purchase the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (Marcs Radios and scanners) for the Police Department.

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

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

20-41 Motion to approve a letter of commitment for 2 Ford Interceptors cruisers through Blue Line for the Police Department.

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

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

Discussed the purchase of a large television screen with stand and authorize Martha to request Joel to purchase the equipment from Sams Club.

Next Thursday Meeting March 5, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. Next Evening Meeting March 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

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GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON