

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in a Regular Session on March 5, 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, and Fire Chief Gus Birch.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion: Mr. Clebone. Second. Mr. Cizmar.

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

20-42 Motion to authorize Trumbull County Engineers to advertise bids, on or around April 1st, for the year 2020 Township road project.

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

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

20-43 Motion to pass the following declaration:

The Board of Trustees expresses its support for the JCC Dash and Splash 5K Family Fun Run/Walk being held on Sunday May 31, 2020, from the JCC on Gypsy Lane to the Logan Way Swim Campus. Temporary lane and road closures along the route during the event are hereby authorized as determined necessary by the Chief of Police, and ingress and egress will be maintained by Liberty Township Police officers, City of Youngstown Police officers and volunteers stationed at each intersection.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second. Mr. Clebone.

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

20-44 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND REMISSION OF PUBLICPROPERTY.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Liberty Township acquired from the Trumbull County Land Bank eight (8) parcels of real property for public purposes located in Liberty Township, adjacent to the Belmont Avenue Fire Station, and

WHEREAS, Real Property owned by a public entity and used exclusively for a public purpose is exempt from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township that:

SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees of Liberty Township has acquired the following properties: Parcel Nos. 12-699989, 12-699990, 12-699991, 12-699992, 12-699993, 12-699994, 12-699995 and 12-699996 from the Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 5709.08 and 505.37(c)(5), the property was acquired for and is being used for expansion of the Belmont Avenue fire station premises, for parking and training space.

SECTION 3. The Board of Trustees of Liberty Township authorizes and directs its fiscal officer Steve Shelton to execute any documents necessary to apply for Real Property Tax Exemption and Remission of the property as provided by law.

SECTION 4. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. §121.22.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second. Mr. Clebone.

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

20-46 Motion to employ Manchester Newman & Bennett as additional legal counsel regarding labor negotiations pursuant to the terms set forth in the Engagement Letter between the Township and Manchester Newman and Bennett dated March 4, 2020, and to authorize the township Law Director to execute the Engagement Letter on behalf of the Township.

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

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

Acting Captain Phil Lucarell – Fire Officer One Program – would like to interview the Board regarding policy (as part of ongoing training).

Earth Day April 22nd – the Board discussed neighborhood litter clean up.

Superintendent Joseph Nohra provided information about the upcoming school levy on next week's ballot.

Mr. Tom Frank, representative of TEMA roofing service spoke to the Board regarding roof replacements using his company and the Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Fire Chief requested at the next evening meeting we officially swear in Firefighter Abigail Buday who was hired as a full-time firefighter on March 5, 2020, promote Lieutenant Phil Lucarell to Captain, Firefighter Justin Graham to Lieutenant, and Captain Cathy Macchione to Captain Inspector.

Next meeting scheduled March 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Next day meeting scheduled March 12, 2020.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON