

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Special Meeting by teleconference on June 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present, Mr. Arnold Clebone and Mr. Gregory Cizmar, presiding. Mr. Devon Stanley was absent.

** As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, we are conducting the special meeting via teleconference.

In accordance with the instructions issued by Governor DeWine, to limit the risk of community transmission of the virus COVID-19, all members of the public are invited to present their questions or concerns to the Township in writing, by email, or by telephone at any time.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2020 Special Teleconference meeting.

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

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

20-80 Motion to pass the following Resolution **authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2020 Energized Community Grant(s)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Liberty, Trumbull County, Ohio (the "Township") is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grant(s) for 2020 ("NEC Grant(s)") as provided for in the NEC Grant Program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Township has previously entered into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc. on March 19, 2018 to receive one or more NEC Grant(s).

WHEREAS the Township wishes to receive one or more NEC Grants(s) for 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF TRUMBULL, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. This Board of Trustees of the TOWNSHIP (the "Board") finds and determines that is in the best interest of the TOWNSHIP to accept the NEC Grant(s) for 2020 and authorizes the President of the Board to accept the NEC Grant(s) funds.

SECTION 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the TOWNSHIP; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the president of the Board of Trustees of this TOWNSHIP.

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

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

20-81 Motion to reallocate from the General Fund \$100,000 Repairs and Maintenance 1000-120-323-0000 and \$100,000 from Other 1000-110-599-0000 into Transfers Out 1000-910-910-0000 line. The purpose for the reallocation is to distribute the funds into the Police Fund for camera and tow yard share.

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

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

20-82 Motion to move \$12,000 from the General Fund 1000-110-599-0000 Other line into the Transfer Out 1000-910-910-0000 line and to move the funds into the Transfer In Cemetery Fund 2041-931-0000 to cover landscaping costs.

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

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

20-83 Motion to pass the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris upon the following properties constitutes a nuisance:

Address:	Parcel No.:
1698 Rockwood	12-302121

4900 Loganway	12-096800
3053 Hadley	12-146441
3055 Hadley	12-146442
3900 Sampson Road	12-599200

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this Board’s intent to provide for the abatement, control or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constituting said nuisance be given to all owners of the land and holders of liens of record upon said land in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon proper notice, and failure of the property owner to abate said nuisance within seven days, the Board of Trustees provide for the abatement, control or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constituting said nuisance in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**

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

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

20-84 Motion to Request Coronavirus Relief Aid

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 116 Public Law 136, (the CARES Act) was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly established a process for distributing funds provided by the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” in Senate Bill 310 of the 133rd General Assembly (SB 310); and

WHEREAS, SB 310 requires subdivisions receiving funds under Section 1 of the act, to pass a resolution affirming that funds from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund may be expended only to cover costs of the subdivision consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601(d), and any applicable regulations before receiving said funds; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township is requesting its share of funds from the Trumbull County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township affirms that all funds received from the Trumbull County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund pursuant to SB 310 be expended **only** to cover costs of the Township consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601(d), and any applicable regulations and guidance only to cover expenses that:

- (1) Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- (2) Were not accounted for in Liberty Township’s most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020; and
- (3) Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

FURTHERMORE, in compliance with SB 310, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township that the Liberty Township Fiscal Officer take all necessary action to:

- (1) On or before October 15, 2020, pay any unencumbered balance of money in the Liberty Township’s local coronavirus relief fund to the Trumbull County Treasurer;
- (2) On or before December 28, 2020, pay the balance of any money in the Liberty Township’s local coronavirus relief fund to the state treasury in the manner prescribed by the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management; and
- (3) Provide any information related to any payments received under SB 310 to the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management as requested.

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

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

20-85 Motion to appoint Representative for Application

Motion to appoint Township Administrator Martha Weirick as the Authorized Representative and Grant Contact for the Liberty Township – CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund SB 310 Local Distribution grant application and to authorize the application to be completed and filled.

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

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

Discussion for landscaping for township building and other areas. (welcome signs, I 80 and township building). It was decided the Board would wait for quotes before making any decisions.

Additional discussions:

The Board and Zoning Inspector discussed a damaged property of which the township is holding an insurance check until property is repaired. Township law director, Cherry Poteet and Zoning Inspector Jim Rodway are working with property owner's attorney.

Fire Chief Gus Birch informed the Board the new Marks Radios will be in next month and require a 10% match.

Police Chief Toby Meloro discussed options about a possible rally. Chief Meloro also informed the Board of an online training program the Board, Administrator, Department Head or first responders may find beneficial.

Administrator informed the Board she met with On Demand Services.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and the promotion or discipline of personnel at 9:20 a.m.

Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Cizmar.

Motion to end executive session and conclude meeting at 10:21 a.m. No decisions were made.

Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Seconded by Mr. Cizmar.

At this time there is no meeting scheduled for next week.

STEVE SHELTON, FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON