

**Minutes of Regular Trustee Meeting
Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
March 13, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

Opening

- The regular monthly meeting of the Liberty Township was held on Monday, March 13, 2023 in the Township Hall. Bill Siegel, township trustee chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that the meeting is being recorded.
- Roll call was taken with the following answering as present: Bill Siegel, Bill Bogantz and Doug Strait.
- Bill Siegel stated that the minutes for the Regular Meeting on February 13, 2023 are available in the back of the room.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13th, 2023, Regular Trustee Meeting. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Resident/Public Input

- Betty Boscow of Nichols Lane asked the board how the growth coming to Liberty Township is being addressed. Bill Siegel and Bill Bogantz address the comment.
- Al Judy of Windy Hollow expressed his concern on the lack of culvert on the south side of the road and asked about the 310 by-pass. Bill Siegel said he'd look into the water issue there.
- Mr. Wise was going to offer to help evaluate the proposals for the comprehensive plan, but since the township only received one proposal he realized it wasn't necessary.
- Bruce Lane, a St Albans Trustee informed the board that their fire department is considering ordering a new fire engine which will cost close to one million dollars. There was also some discussion on the two proposed asphalt plants in Alexandria

Mowing Bids

- The trustees received 2 mowing bids.
 - Brandon Daubenmire's bid was \$1780 per month for 8 months for a total of \$14,240.00
 - T3's Lawn Services bid was \$1,387.50 per month for 8 months for a total of \$11,100.00
- **Bill Siegel made a motion to accept T3's bid. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Comprehensive Plan Proposals

- The trustees received one proposal for updating the township's Comprehensive Plan.
- Planning Next's Fee for updating our Comprehensive Plan is \$63,300.00.

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- The trustees decided to postpone making a decision on accepting the proposal giving them time to review it since they have three months to make their decision.

Zoning

- There were no zoning permits for February 2023.

Old Business

- Miles Long Estate – litigation is on-going. There is now a civil suit. The sale of 4 acres to the electric company has been withdrawn.
- County Wide Comprehensive Plan Update (Framework) – There are upcoming public meetings that will be advertised on Facebook.
- Roads –
 - Melodie will forward information about the 2023 Safety Sign Grants to the trustees for their review.
 - Jeff is doing a good job plowing and cleaning ditches.
 - The Culvert Inventory has been updated
 - There was discussion on what to do with short Cooper road. The township does not have a right-of-way. The road is in need of ditches and a culvert.
 - There was discussion on the county's repair of bridges on Raccoon Run.
- Cemetery – There were two burials this month
 - Erick Cilles – Concord Cemetery, New Section, Lot 19, Grave 6
 - Janet Cole – Liberty Church Cemetery, New Section, Lot 18, Grave 3
- New Township Building – the trustees reviewed the plan provided by Slabaugh Builders and decided to meet with him one more time to finalize the plans.
- Insurance Reimbursement Policy –
 - Bill Bogantz provided the history on the policy.
 - **Bill Bogantz made a motion to pay the Insurance Reimbursement of \$3000 per year, for back years, 2018 to present, for currently sitting elected officials. Bill Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Solar and Zoning – We are waiting for input from legal counsel on zoning resolution changes for solar farms less than 50 megawatts since there were recent changes that allow townships to regulate such facilities.

New Business

- OTARMA IT Risk Assessment – Melodie provided the trustees with the recommendations from the township's IT Risk Assessment. The trustees will review their recommendations.

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Correspondence & Financials

- February credit card charges were read totaling \$472.70
- February Correspondences were read.
- February Payments were read. Payments totaled \$14,158.51
- February Receipts were read. Receipts totaled \$22,224.92

Credit Card Summary, bank reconciliation, minutes, permits, and warrants were signed.

Closing

- The next Regular Trustee Meeting is Monday, April 10, 2023.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to adjourn the March 13, 2023 meeting. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Approval

Approval of the minutes for meeting March 13, 2023:

Trustee: 	Date: <u>4-10-23</u>
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Fiscal Officer: 	Date: <u>4/10/2023</u>