

**Minutes of Regular Trustee Meeting
Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
January 9, 2023**

Opening

- The regular monthly meeting of the Liberty Township was held on Monday, January 9, 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 & Public Hearing on December 12, 2022 and the minutes from the 2023 Organizational Meeting on January 2, 2023 are available in the back of the room.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12th, 2022, Regular Trustee & Public Hearing Meeting. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2nd 2023, Organizational Meeting. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Resident/Public Input

- none

Zoning

- There was one zoning permit for December 2022.
 - 2022-P-044 Griffith Chenault – \$150.00 – 6039 Dutch Lane – accessory building
- The airstrip in the township was briefly discussed
- Ed suggested that we have the agricultural exemption form notarized
- A property on Cooper Rd was discussed because of a proposed Labor Camp/Housing on the property. Attorney Peter Griggs has been consulted on this matter.

Old Business

- Miles Long Estate – There was a meeting of attorneys this past week. Talks will continue. Licking County Parks wants to meet with Bill Siegel. Bill Siegel met with the Superintendent of Northridge Schools to make sure they were aware of the situation. The trustees want to make sure that Peter Griggs is involved in these meetings to represent Liberty Township and its residents.
- County Wide Comprehensive Plan – it is officially called Framework. They are currently conducting resident interviews.

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- Roads – plowing was done over Christmas holiday. Bill Siegel commended Jeff Irvin for a job well done.
- Cemetery – There was one burial this past month. Mary Foster in the Old Section of Concord Cemetery – Lot 31 Grave 6
- New Township Building – The trustees discussed layout options. They will give Sam Slabaugh some addition input next week and hopefully have a layout to approve next month.

New Business

- Ohio Department of Transportation Mileage Certificate – Melodie presented the Certificate from the Ohio Department of Transportation and noted the decrease of about ¼ mile from a recent survey performed for the state.
- The Resolution Employing Township’s Attorney on an Annual Basis for the Year 2023 was presented as provided by Peter Griggs. The trustee agreed to set the limit at \$15,000.00. Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the resolution. Bill Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.
- Insurance Reimbursement Policy – This policy was discussed at the Organizational Meeting. Peter Griggs said that since the policy has not been revoked it is still in effect even though it was not approved annually. If we want to up the amount, it would need to be done in the form of a resolution. Currently, the annual amount is \$3000.00. Receipts should be turned in for 2022 before the next trustee meeting in order to be paid. Doug Strait presented the cost of providing insurance for St Albans township was approximately \$12,000 per month. He is still waiting to get input from other surrounding townships to see if they do insurance reimbursements or provide insurance and the cost to the township.
- Lobdell Creek – Bill Siegel has been in contact with the Army Corp of Engineers who said that they will be funding a clean out of Raccoon and Lobdell creeks.

Correspondence & Financials

- December credit card charges were read totaling \$966.48
- December Correspondences were read.
- December Payments were read. Payments totaled \$11,719.26
- December Receipts were read. Receipts totaled \$22,529.78

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

Closing

- Bill Bogantz recommended that we should advertise for mowing bids this year. The trustees agreed.

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- Melodie mentioned that the current trash contract expires this September.
- The next Regular Trustee Meeting is Monday, February 13, 2023.
- Bill Siegel made a motion to adjourn the January 9, 2023 meeting. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.

Approval

Approval of the minutes for meeting January 9, 2023:

Trustee: William Siegel Date: 2-13-23

Trustee: William Bogantz Date: 2/13/2023

Trustee: _____ Date: _____

Fiscal Officer: Melodie Bogantz Date: 2/13/2023