

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

Opening

- The regular monthly meeting of the Liberty Township was held on Monday, February 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 and Bill Bogantz.
- Bill Siegel stated that the minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 9, 2023 are available in the back of the room.
- **Bill Siegel made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9th, 2023, Regular Trustee Meeting. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Resident/Public Input

- Ed Baldwin from the Greater Johnstown Parks and Recs District Board addressed the Trustees and invited them to a meeting to discuss parks along with Northridge and Johnstown Schools. He will try to coordinate a meeting before February 28th, which is the next court date.
- Monica Gernert from the Johnstown Youth Athletic Association (JYAA) addressed the Trustees and passed out a booklet on JYAA.

Zoning

- There were two zoning permits for January 2023.
 - 2023-P-001 Paul & Angela Roehrenbeck \$1,087.35
8585 Cooper Rd
residence
 - 2023-P-002 Jerrold Smith \$150.00
7139 Nichols Lane
accessory building
- Ed Wasem mentioned that he is still researching the airstrip issue.
- The Trustees agreed to have the Zoning Commission continue to meet monthly, on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Old Business

- Miles Long Estate – no update
- County Wide Comprehensive Plan Update (Framework) – Bill Bogantz reminded the elected officials that there is a meeting this Thursday (2/16) at 5pm
- Roads – good shape
- Cemetery – Walter Messer bought 2 graves (Concord – New – Section 52 – Graves 7 & 8)

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- New Township Building – Waiting for input from design contractor.
- Insurance Reimbursement Policy – Melodie presented some note on QSEHRA (Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Agreement) which the township can use in the future. She also gave details on how we can use the current policy. The trustees agreed to table the discussion until all three trustees were present.

New Business

- Mowing Bid – Melodie presented a draft of the mowing bid information that she received from the County Prosecutor’s Office. Bill Bogantz agreed to make the necessary changes to reflect our needs.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to advertise for mowing and then open bids at the March meeting. Bill Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- RFP for Comprehensive Plan – Our current Comprehensive plan is from 2000 and should be updated.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion that we put out an RFP to update our Comprehensive Plan and open proposals at the March meeting. Bill Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Internet – Bill went to a Broadband Ohio session at the OTARMA Winter Conference where he received information about this project. He encouraged everyone to check out the link that he shared on the township Facebook page and let **them?** know if their information on your internet service does not match with what you have so that our broadband needs are correctly represented.
- Framework – already mentioned the meeting
- Solar & Zoning – Also at the OTARMA Winter Conference, Bill learned that there was a legislative change in November that allows townships to regulate, through zoning, solar farms less than 50 megawatts. He has passed this information on to the Zoning Commission.
- Silicon Heartland Water & Wastewater Authority – Bill Bogantz attended a meeting where this Authority is being proposed. Right now it is just a proposal. Bill will attend monthly meetings on this.
- Final Appropriations – Melodie proposed several changes to the temporary appropriation budget.
 - Increase the budget for Legal Fees to match Resolution 2023-01 from \$12,000 to \$15,000
 - Add a Healthcare Reimbursement Account code and fund it with \$72,000
 - In the Roads & Bridges Fund move \$40,000 from Capital Outlay to Repairs and Maintenance
 - In the Special Levy Fire Fund increase the amount from \$2000 to \$4000
 - In the American Rescue Plan Fund, zero the Buildings code until we get a price for the new building

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- Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the suggested changes in Resolution 2023-02 Annual Appropriation Resolution. Bill Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.

Correspondence & Financials

- January credit card charges were read totaling \$734.03
- January Correspondences were read.
- January Payments were read. Payments totaled \$18,075.06
- January Receipts were read. Receipts totaled \$23,775.61

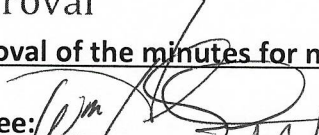

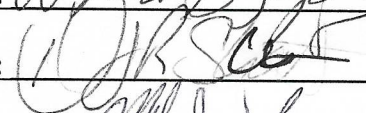
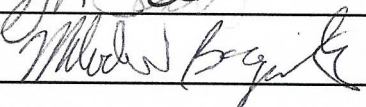
Credit Card Summary, bank reconciliation, minutes, permits, and warrants were signed.

Closing

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

Approval

Approval of the minutes for meeting February 13, 2023:

Trustee: 	Date: <u>3-13-23</u>
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Fiscal Officer: 	Date: <u>3/13/2023</u>