

**Minutes of Regular Trustee Meeting
Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
June 12, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Liberty Township Trustees was held on Monday, June 12, 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 May 8, 2023 are available in the back of the room along with the minutes from the Special Meeting May 22, 2023.
- **Doug Strait made a motion to approve the minutes from both the May 8, 2023, Regular Trustee Meeting and the May 22, 2023 Special Trustee Meeting. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Resident/Public Input

- Bob Kelly raised a concern about the rumor of an asphalt plant at SR 37, 310 and Windy Hollow. Bill Bogantz addressed the concern stating that to his knowledge it is a rumor.

Zoning

- The trustees welcomed Woody Fox as the new zoning inspector for the township;
- Wood Fox read the zoning report for May. There were 4 permits issued for a total of \$2001.00.
 - 2023-P-010; Randal Martin; 8411 Northridge Road; Pole barn; \$249.00
 - 2023-P-011; Branden Hubbard; 7931 Concord Road; Residence; \$438.00
 - 2023-P-012; Denny & Jackie Dotson; 8734 Concord Road; Residence; \$1164.00
 - 2023-P-013; Robert & Julia Elek; 112 Dutch Ridge Way; addition; \$150
- The trustees were officially notified of the Zoning Commission's recommendation for denial of 2023-R-001, the rezoning of 6252 Johnstown-Utica Road from Agricultural to General Business. There was discussion on the process and the rezoning.
- The trustees agreed to hold a public hearing at their next trustee meeting 7/10/2023 for the rezoning.
- The trustees reviewed the rezoning of 8369 Johnstown-Utica Road that took place in 2001/2002 but was never reflected in the township's official map. The map produced by Brad Mercer was reviewed.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the updated map that reflects the rezoning of 8369 Johnstown-Utica Road. Bill Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

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- Melodie mentioned that there are inconsistencies between our zoning map & key and our zoning resolution that need to be addressed.
- Bill Bogantz discussed what the township can do relating to keeping asphalt plants out of the township. He indicated that we cannot completely restrict them. He is working with Jennifer Huber, legal counsel, to define a district that would allow asphalt plants as a conditional use.
- Bill Bogantz discussed the status of the complaint about the airstrip on Harmony Church Road.

Old Business

- There is no update on the Miles Estate.
- Framework has held two more public meetings. Their final report should be published in July or August.
- Roads:
 - Bills Siegel has worked with Smalls and recommend chip and seal for Hardscrabble and two sections of Concord.
 - **Bill Bogantz made a motion to move forward with getting the information to the county engineer and then getting bids on the road work. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
 - Jeff is working on mowing.
 - There was some discussion about a crushed culvert that was replaced on Concord Rd by Johnstown.
- Nothing on the cemeteries
- **Bill Siegel made a motion to proceed with getting a bid for the construction of the Administration Building as described in the plans, with a completion date of 12/31/2023, and one week to review the bids. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- There is no update on the additional policies recommended by OTARMA IT, but some work has been done by Doug Strait.
- The Healthcare Reimbursement Policy was presented and briefly discussed.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04: Resolution Memorializing and Establishing Liberty Township Reimbursement Practices Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 505.601. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Bill Bogantz gave a brief description of what a TIF is and how it is beneficial for a township. He is working on two TIFs for our township – one for each school district.
- Trash/Waste collection:
 - Jake from Rumpke spoke and wanted to know what the township wanted for trash collection.

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- Bill Bogantz made a motion to send out a request for bids for the township's waste removal with the trustees opening bids at their July meeting. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.
- Bill Bogantz gave an update on what is going on in the area with respect to water & sewer.

New Business

- No new business

Correspondence & Financials

- May credit card charges were read totaling \$2323.15
- May Correspondences were read.
- May Payments were read. Payments totaled \$473,250.52
- May Receipts were read. Receipts totaled \$28,477.06

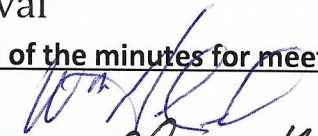
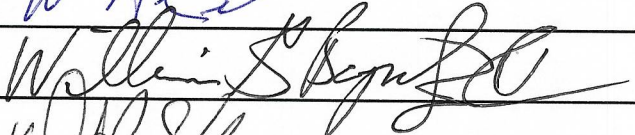

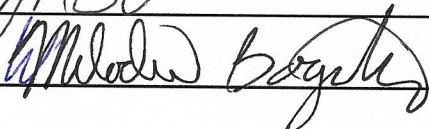
Credit Card Summary, bank reconciliation, minutes, permits, and warrants were signed.

Closing

- The next Regular Trustee Meeting is Monday, July 10, 2023.
- **Doug Strait made a motion to adjourn the June 12, 2023 meeting. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Approval

Approval of the minutes for meeting June 12, 2023:

Trustee: <u></u>	Date: <u>7-10-23</u>
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Fiscal Officer: <u></u>	Date: <u>7/10/23</u>