

Minutes of Regular Trustee Meeting & Public Hearing
Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
July 10, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Liberty Township Trustees was held on Monday, July 10, 2023 in the Township Hall. Bill Seigel, 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 June 12, 2023 are available in the back of the room'
- **Doug Strait made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2023, Regular Trustee Meeting. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Resident/Public Input

- Rick Peterson, of 8994 Northridge Road, expressed a complaint about the neighbor's weeds, fence line and junk. He gave the trustees a letter outlining his concerns.

Open Trash Bid

- The Trash/Refuse bids were opened. Two bids were received. They are described below:
- Rumpke
 - Option A: toter is included in the monthly price for all residents:
 - Monthly unit cost including a wheeled toter: \$22.71
 - Monthly Senior unit cost including a wheeled toter: \$20.79
 - Monthly cost for additional wheeled toter: \$3.50
 - Option B: a toter is NOT included in the monthly price for all residents:
 - Monthly unit cost: \$19.21
 - Monthly senior unit cost: \$17.29
 - Monthly cost for toter: \$3.50
- Waste Management
 - Option A: toter is included in the monthly price for all residents:
 - Monthly unit cost including wheeled toter: \$22.22
 - Monthly Senior unit cost including wheeled toter: \$20.00
 - Monthly cost for additional wheeled toter: \$3.94
 - Option B: a toter is NOT included – NO BID
 - Option C: Alternate Bid (notification was received ahead of meeting)
 - Year 1:
 - Monthly unit cost including a wheeled toter: \$19.74
 - Monthly Senior unit cost including a wheeled toter: \$17.78

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- Monthly cost for additional wheeled toter: \$3.50
- Year 2:
 - Monthly unit cost including a wheeled toter: \$20.54
 - Monthly Senior unit cost including a wheeled toter: \$18.49
 - Monthly cost for additional wheeled toter: \$3.64
- Year 3:
 - Monthly unit cost including a wheeled toter: \$21.36
 - Monthly Senior unit cost including a wheeled toter: \$19.23
 - Monthly cost for additional wheeled toter: \$3.79
- The trustees will review this information and discuss it at the next meeting. They have 60 to make a decision.

Open Construction of New Administration Building

- Two bids were received and opened.
 - Setterlin: \$775,773.00
 - Slabaugh: \$435,700.00
- The trustees have 60 days to make a decision.

Public Hearing

- Bill Bogantz opened the public hearing for rezoning 6252 Johnstown-Utica Road from AG to GB.
- Bill Bogantz stated that there was an issue with the advertisement for this public hearing in the Newark Advocate.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to hold a continuance of the public hearing on August 14th at the regular trustee meeting. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Bill Bogantz closed the public hearing.

Zoning

- June Zoning Report
 - 2023-P-014 Diana Lewis \$150.00
4636 Johnstown Alexandria Rd.
Garden Shed
 - 2023-P-015 Matt Miller (M&M Renovations) \$150.00
7726 Dutch Lane
All Season Room
- The proposed changes to the zoning resolution were discussed
 - Adding private airports as a conditional use in AG district
 - Adding mini-storage facilities as a conditional use in LB district

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- Melodie gave a brief description of some of the possible zoning map errors she is investigating.

Old Business

- There Miles Estate is still in mediation. The Energy Coop is planning on using Eminent Domain.
- Framework is in lit last phase.
- Roads – still waiting on input from the County Engineer Office on our request for assistance for our road work.
- Cemeteries – no update
- OTARMA IT Risk Assessment – Doug has a Disaster Recovery Plan that the trustees need to review before the next meeting where they can give input. No other work has been done on the assigned policies

New Business

- Bill Bogantz gave an explanation of what is TIF is and how it works. Bill Bogantz also distributed a proposed TIF resolution for Liberty Township.
- The first step in putting a TIF in place is to notify the local school districts.
- Bill Bogantz made a motion to notify Johnstown SD, Northridge SD, and the Career Center of the Trustee Board's intent to adopt a 10yr/75% TIF. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.
- Roads – Melodie just received the e-mail from the county engineer's office with the information the township needs to put out requests for bids for the 2023 road work. The trustees agreed to advertise the opening of bids on Monday, July 31, 2023 at 5:00pm.
- Melodie let the trustees know that the trustees need to appropriate additional funds for legal counsel.
- **Bill Siegel made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-05: A Resolution Appropriating Additional Funds for Township Attorneys Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 309.09(B) for an additional \$15,000.00. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Bill Siegel stated that the township will need a new truck soon. Doug Strait said he would start to do some research on finding a competitive price.
- Mike Theisen, the St Albans Fire Chief, gave an update for the St Albans Fire Department.
- Bill Bogantz stated that he has attended a meeting with the other 3 townships official (St Albans, Monroe, and Jersey) along with legal counsel, on the possibility of development of the intersection of 310 and Windy Hollow.

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Correspondence & Financials

- June credit card charges were read totaling \$475.56
- June Correspondences were read.
- June Payments were read. Payments totaled \$21,056.75
- Corrected May receipts was \$28,548.60
- June Receipts were read. Receipts totaled \$25,074.23

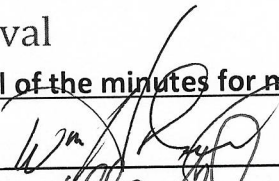
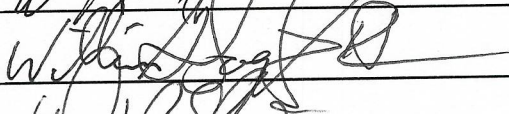

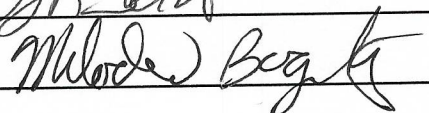
Credit Card Summary, bank reconciliation, minutes, permits, and warrants were signed.

Closing

- John Neibarger informed Bill Siegel that the tenants at 7111 Northridge Rd have moved out. Bill Siegel asked T3s to mow the yard while there are not tenants.
- The next Regular Trustee Meeting is Monday, August 14, 2023.
- **Doug Strait made a motion to adjourn the July 10, 2023 meeting. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Approval

Approval of the minutes for meeting July 10, 2023:

Trustee: 	Date: 8-24-23
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Fiscal Officer: 	Date: 8/14/2023