

Minutes of Regular Trustee Meeting & Public Hearing
Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
August 14, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Liberty Township Trustees was held on Monday, August 14, 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 July 10, 2023 are available in the back of the room along with the minutes from the Special Meeting on July 31, 2023.
- **Doug Strait made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023, Regular Trustee Meeting. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 31, 2023 Special Trustee Meeting. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Resident/Public Input

- none

Trash Bid

- The Trustees decided to move the trash bid discussion ahead since Waste Management and Rumpke were both at the meeting.
- Bill Bogantz made some comments about the total costs with each company.
- There was some discussion on the use of totes and whether trash outside of totes would be picked up by Waste Management.
- Waste Management said that with the new contract, they would continue to pick up trash that was not in totes.
- **Bill Siegel made a motion to award the trash contract to Waste Management. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following votes: Bill Siegel, YES; Bill Bogantz, YES; Doug Strait, NO.**
- The trustees will review the exception page and sign later.

Public Hearing – Rezoning of 6252 Johnstown-Utica Road from AG to GB

- Bill Bogantz opened the public hearing for rezoning 6252 Johnstown-Utica Road from AG to GB.

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- Bill Bogantz stated the purpose and procedures and swore in those who wished to testify.
- The public hearing was advertised in the Newark Advocate on 7/18/2023.
- LCPC input was available.
- The Zoning Commission's recommendation is to deny the rezoning request.
- Gary Hamilton stated that his desire is to build storage units on the property.
- Bill Bogantz closed the public hearing.

Decision by Trustees on Rezoning

- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to go with the zoning commissions recommendation and deny the rezoning request. Bill Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Public Hearing – for Zoning Resolution Updates

- Bill Bogantz opened the public hearing for updating the zoning resolution to allow private airports as a conditional use in AG district and to allow mini-storage facilities as a conditional use in LB district.
- Bill Bogantz stated the purpose and procedures and swore in those who wished to testify. Tyler McNutt and Gary Hamilton were sworn in.
- The public hearing was advertised in the Newark Advocate on 7/18/2023.
- LCPC input was available. Their recommendation was for conditional approval.
- First the issue of adding private airports as a conditional use in AG was discussed.
- Tyler McNutt asked Woody Fox, the zoning inspector, a few questions.
- The zoning commission's recommendation was read.
- There was also a question about whether the Harmony Church airport was grandfathered in.
- The issue of adding ministorage facility as a conditional use in LB was discussed.
- The recommendation of the zoning commission was read, which also updates a related definition.
- Bill Bogantz closed the public hearing.

Decision by Trustees on Zoning Resolution Updates

- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the zoning commission's recommendation for adding private airports as a conditional use in AG district and adding the definitions of private at public airports. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

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- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the zoning commission's recommendation for adding mini-storage facilities as a conditional use in LB district and updating the related definition of *Garage, Storage Unit*. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Zoning

- July Zoning Report: 5 permits totally \$1768.05
 - 2023-P-016 Stephen P. Janutolo \$150.00
109 Pine Hills Rd
3 Season Room / Porch
 - 2023-P-017 Mike and Kim Estill \$502.50
3615 Riley Rd.
Several Additions
 - 2023-P-018 Mark Bowers \$698.55
6940 Sportsman Club Rd.
Residence
 - 2023-P-019 Ralph C. Wise \$75.00
5985 Nichols Lane
24 Foot Round Pool
 - 2023-P-020 James Maston \$342.00
7099 Harmony Church Rd.
Accessory Building
- Zoning Issues
 - A violation was issued for 7041 Harmony Church Road
 - A sign permit was denied – they will appeal

Old Business

- Miles Estate: The Energy Coop is debating the price of the land they want to purchase from the Miles Estate
- Framework has an upcoming meeting for all elected officials.
- Roads – Small's Asphalt and Paving was awarded the 2023 road improvements bid and is also doing some patchwork on Nichols and Concord.
- Cemeteries – John & Gloria purchased 2 graves. Concord Cemetery – New Section – Lot 4 – Graves 1 & 2; Deed #153
- Building Bids – **Bill Siegel made a motion to withdraw their request/turn down both bids received for the new administration building. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

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- OTARMA IT Risk Assessment – The trustees reviewed the Disaster Recovery Plan that was written by Doug Strait.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to adopt the Disaster Recovery Plan as presented. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- TIF: Bill Bogantz described TIFs. The school districts were all notified of the township's desire to implement a TIF on July 11, 2023.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06 A Resolution Exempting Improvement to Certain Real Property From Real Property Taxes; Identifying Certain Public Infrastructure Improvements That Are A Public Purpose And, Once Made, Will Directly Benefit The Real Property; Requiring The Owners Of The Real Property To Make Service Payments In Lieu Of Taxes; Establishing A Township Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund; And Related Authorizations. (Johnstown TIF). Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07 A Resolution Exempting Improvement to Certain Real Property From Real Property Taxes; Identifying Certain Public Infrastructure Improvements That Are A Public Purpose And, Once Made, Will Directly Benefit The Real Property; Requiring The Owners Of The Real Property To Make Service Payments In Lieu Of Taxes; Establishing A Township Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund; And Related Authorizations. (Northridge TIF). Bill Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Water & Sewer: Bill Bogantz spoke to this and said that there may be a memorandum of understanding coming.
- Asphalt Plants – Bill Bogantz spoke to this issue. The zoning commission will address adding a Heavy Industrial (HI) district to our zoning resolution at their meeting next week.

New Business

- Key Property would like us to extend their contract.
- **Bill Siegel made a motion to extend the contract with Key Properties through December 31, 2023. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote: Bill Siegel, YES; Bill Bogantz, YES; Doug Strait, NO;**
- Consumer Gas – The trustees will sign the permit for 8409 Harmony Church Road.

Correspondence & Financials

- July credit card charges were read totaling \$491.73
- July Correspondences were read.
- July Payments were read. Payments totaled \$16,254.97
- July Receipts were read. Receipts totaled \$27,421.57

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


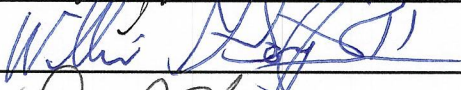
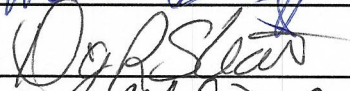
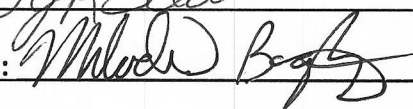
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Closing

- The next Regular Trustee Meeting is Monday, September 11, 2023.
- Doug Strait made a motion to adjourn the August 14, 2023 meeting. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.

Approval

Approval of the minutes for meeting August 14, 2023:

Trustee: 	Date: 8-11-23
Trustee: 	Date: 9/11/2023
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Fiscal Officer: 	Date: 9/11/2023