

*Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio*

**Regular Trustee Meeting Minutes**

**November 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm**

## **Opening**

- Bill Bogantz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He stated that the meeting was being recorded and is a public record.
- Bill led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Melodie Bogantz took the roll call with the following answering present: Bill Bogantz, Ed Wasem & Doug Strait.
- Bill stated that the minutes from the October 14, 2024 meetings were available for inspection at the back of the room.
- **Doug Strait made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2024 meeting. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

## **Resident/Public Input**

- Chief Michael Theisen, St Albans Township, said congrats on new building and discussed the failure of the St Albans fire levies which provided 50% of their fire budget. There are no changes to the services provided to Liberty Township at this time. He answered several questions.

## **Zoning**

- Woody presented the October zoning report which totaled \$1093.80.
  - 2024-P-027 Carl Culberson \$150.00  
7260 Sadie Thomas Rd.  
Accessory Building
  - 2024-P-028 Carl Culberson \$288.00  
7260 Sadie Thomas Rd.  
Accessory Building
  - 2024-P-029 Nathan Secker \$655.80  
7820 Sadie Thomas Rd.  
Residence
- Woody gave an update on Zoning issues:
  - Kenneth Belczak – Had a meeting with the LCPC and Kenneth's consultant. They plan to submit a major development plan soon. It will be an 11 lot cul-de-sac with lots that meet our zoning acreage requirements. 2 of the 11 lots will not meet frontage requirements and need a variance. Variance for 2 lots has been received.  
6912 Nichols Lane Road.
  - 2023-V-002 Laurie A. Thompson 11/14/23 Looks to be complete. Still have concerns on the existing out buildings possibly being used for residence. I will speak to Laurie about this,  
4328 Hardscrabble Rd.

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- 2024-V-001 Houcks AutoParts 2/12/2024 Some junk cars are still on the property. Looks like we must use the self-help junk car removal for the vehicles on the North side of Sportsman Club Rd. Make decision on Self Help. 3634 Sportsman Club Rd. Woody will work with Zach to have a resolution to address this at the next meeting.
- Heavenbound Aviation No current violations complaints and no new permits at this time.  
8878 Harmony Church
- 9821 Cooper Rd. Working with Josh from the Licking County department of health and Zach from the Licking county prosecutor's office. Appears property owner is claiming Ag exemption and has filed with Troy Warnocks office. Zach wants Woody to first work with the department of health and their violation process. Five or more campers is considered a camp ground and is not permitted. Owner is claiming they are AG farm stays.
- Woody stated that he just got in a variance request from someone in Timber Creek
- Melodie stated that the BZA had a meeting last week and granted a variance to John Pfister on Stone Quarry Road. This Wednesday there is a Conditional Use hearing for the Tans on Sportsman Club Road for an event center.

## **Old Business**

- Miles Estate: Bill stated that he went to Oral Arguments last month and this month learned that the Judge rejected Johnstown's appeal.
- Doug stated that there have been no issues with 7111 Northridge Road, the township's rental property.
- Doug gave an update on the New Administration building. He stated that the gas company is done with the installation of a larger gas meter. We need to have a walk through with the builder.
- Bill stated that we had to have a new well pump installed at the township property. It appears someone, at some time, threw rocks into the well. We may want to consider adding additional camera's that monitor that area in the near future. Another option was mentioned that we could make the pump harder to access.
- Roads
  - Jeff stated that the mowing is done.
  - Jeff and Bill met with Greg Behnke at 7021 Nichols Lane and discussed how to repair the road/prevent more damage. It was decided that the township would first put in a ditch and then adding 411s and asphalt patch.
- Truck: Doug Strait said that he is hopeful that we will get the truck in January of 2025.
- Cemeteries:
  - Ed said that it would cost \$2500 to clean up the trees at the Liberty Church Cemetery. Again, Ed was asked to get formal written estimates for both the

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Liberty Church and Channel Cemeteries even though the trustees already approved his price of \$400 to remove trees at the Channel Cemetery.

- Ed said that Walt Messer is saying that he paid for 6 plots in the Concord cemetery but was never given deeds. Melodie said that she would provide Ed with copies of the deeds that we have.

## **New Business**

- Melodie provided the trustees with a bid by Licking County Landscape to extend the mowing contract for the township properties for 2025. The estimate included a 5% increase which is the max allowed according to the original contract.
- **Doug Strait made a motion to approve the bid from Licking County Landscape for \$12,600 for 2025 per contract extension. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

## **Correspondence & Financials**

- Melodie read the Credit Card Charges totaling \$2,458.15
- Melodie read Correspondence
- Melodie read the payments totaling \$21,721.40
- Melodie read the receipts totaling \$26,110.68
- The recording was paused at 7:21 pm while the trustees signed the credit card summary, bank reconciliation, minutes, warrants, and resolutions.
- The recording was resumed at 7:30 pm.

## **Closing**

- Mark Harger, 9717 Crouse Willison Road, discussed his meeting with Soil & Water and EPA concerning drain tile. The issue is drainage on the Harger and McKee properties. Woody suggested that Mark contact the Licking County Engineer's Office concerning drain tiles.
- Woody mentioned that the trustees have been invited to a walk-through at the new Northridge facility on November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The next Trustee Meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.
- The trustees discussed the 2025 Organizational meeting. They agreed to meet Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- The trustees have a public hearing for some zoning changes on Monday, November 18, at 7:30 pm. (posted on township door)
- **Doug Strait made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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**Approval**

Approval of the minutes for meeting on November 11, 2024:

Trustee:	_____	Date:	_____
Trustee:	<i>Edward Casen</i>	Date:	<i>12-9-24</i>
Trustee:	<i>Debra Slatt</i>	Date:	<i>12-9-24</i>
Fiscal Officer:	<i>Melodie Bogart</i>	Date:	<i>12/6/24</i>