

Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio

Regular Trustee Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Opening

- Bill Bogantz called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. He stated that the meeting is being recorded and will be a public record.
- Bill led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Melodie Bogantz took roll call with the following answering present: Bill Bogantz & Ed Wasem.
- Bill stated that the minutes from December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting were available for inspection.
- **Ed Wasem made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 9, 2024 meeting. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Bill stated that the minutes from January 6, 2025 Special Organizational Meeting were available for inspection.
- **Ed Wasem made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2025 Organizational Meeting. Bill Bogantz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Resident/Public Input

- none

Zoning

- Since Woody Fox, Zoning Inspector was going to be late, the zoning report was moved to the end of the meeting.

Old Business

- New Administration Building Update - Bill stated that there are a few items still being addressed.
- Roads – Ed state that there are no problems with the roads. Jeff has been pushing snow. Jeff says that our salt supply is good.
- Status of New Truck & Loan – No update.
- Cemeteries – *Ed*
 - Burial – Melodie stated that 2 months ago Janet Hit was buried at Liberty Church Cemetery, new section, Lot 9, Grave 1.
 - Cleanup at Cemeteries – Ed presented the estimate he had from Jim Pound to clean up trees/brush in Liberty Church Cemetery (\$2500) and clean up 2 trees from Channel Cemetery (\$400). The total estimate is \$2900.00
 - **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the estimate of \$2900 for cemetery clean up by Jim Pound. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

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New Business

- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to sign Credit Card Summary, Bank Reconciliation, Minutes, Permits, Reports and Warrants after the regular meetings instead of pausing the meeting. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Melodie presented Resolution 2025-01: Resolution Employing Township’s Attorneys on an Annual Basis for the Year 2025. She stated that the trustees must set an amount/limit to be spent with Brosius, Johnson & Griggs. The trustees agreed the limit should be \$40,000 for 2025.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2025-01: Resolution Employing Township’s Attorneys on an Annual Basis for Year 2025 with the limit being \$40,000. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Melodie presented the Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse Reports for Doug Strait and Jeff Irvin, the township’s CDL drivers. Both results were “Driver Not Prohibited.”
- Melodie stated that it is time to renew our Licking County Ohio Township Association Membership. Some years Jeff Irvin has been included, but not in the past couple year.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to include Jeff Irvin in the Township’s Licking County OTA membership. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Correspondence & Financials

- Melodie read the Credit Card Charges of \$777.71
- Melodie read Correspondence
- Melodie read the Payment Report for Dec 10-31 of \$988.97, and for Jan 1-13 of \$14,441.79 for a total of \$15,430.76.
- Melodie read the Receipt Report for Dec 10-31 of \$23,993.79, and for Jan 1-13 of \$2,175.00, for a total of \$26,168.79.

Zoning

- Monthly Report – Woody presented the December Zoning Report which totaled \$2,250.00
 - 2024-P-033 Mike Triplet \$150.00
5991 Nichols Lane
Accessory Building
 - 2024-P-034 James Dew \$75.00
116 Timber Creek Dr.
Swimming Pool
 - 2024-P-035 Christina Blenk \$225.00
6895 Sportsman Club Rd.

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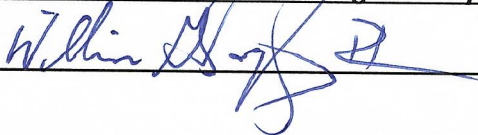
- Accessory Building
- 2024-P-036 Rob Gruenwald \$100.00
111 Liberty Woods Ct.
Driveway Permit
- 2024-LS-005 Roger Smith \$100.00
Nichols Lane
Lot Split
- 2024-VAR-004 Brooks Arbogast \$800.00
6817 Northridge Rd.
Variance
- 2024-VAR-005 Rob Gruenwald \$800.00
111 Liberty Woods Ct.
Variance
- Woody gave an update on Zoning Issues
 - Ken Belczak is moving forward with the LCPC Major Development process which is getting ready to start round 1 review.
 - Woody is keeping an eye on 4328 Hardscrabble Road to make sure no one is living in the sheds on the property.
 - Woody presented the audit he did showing 28 Junk Vehicles on the Houcks Auto Parts property. The trustees asked Woody to send one more letter to the land owner listing the vehicles in violation and see if there is a response before moving to the next step in the self-help process.
 - 9821 Cooper Road: the owner knows he is in violation. He is getting rid of campers to get under 5 so it isn't considered a campground by the Licking County Health Department causing a violation with them. The land owner is still in violation of the township's zoning resolution. The owner wants to file for a variance with the BZA.
 - Woody stated that he heard of 63 acres on Sportsman Club Road being divided into 23 parcels for another development.

Closing

- Next monthly meeting is February 10, 2025 @ 6:30 pm.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- **The Trustees Signed Credit Card Summary, Bank Reconciliation, Minutes, Reports, Warrants, etc.**

Approval

Approval of the minutes for meeting January 13, 2025:

Trustee: 

Date: 2/10/2025

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Trustee:	<u>E. Wasen</u>	Date:	<u>2-10-25</u>
Trustee:	<u>Debra</u>	Date:	<u>2-10-25</u>
Fiscal Officer:	<u>Melinda Beatty</u>	Date:	<u>2/10/2025</u>