

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION – FEBRUARY 8, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jeff Hunker called the meeting to order.

OFFICIALS ATTENDING:

Jeff Hunker, Gregg Moorhead, Melissa Ellerbrock and Gene Cole
Evan Stump came into the meeting at 8:10pm

GUEST ATTENDING:

No guests in attendance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Gregg Moorhead moved to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2022 meeting. Jeff Hunker seconded the motion. Vote: Hunker – yes, Moorhead – yes. Motion carried.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Gene Cole presented the Trustees with his monthly report (see attached).

Gene Cole stated that the Zoning Commission had their organizational meeting and Gary Lieb was nominated as Chairman and Chet Conley as Vice Chairman. It was also discussed that Justin Terry needed to be re-appointed to the Zoning Appeals Board.

Jeff Hunker moved to re-appoint Justin Terry to the Zoning Appeals Board. Gregg Moorhead seconded the motion. Vote: Hunker – yes, Moorhead – yes. Motion carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Brian Young was absent. Brandon Andrews presented the Trustees with his monthly report (see attached).

There was discussion about the turn out gear that was supposed to be ordered last year from Warren Fire. Brandon explained that Warren Fire did not order the gear and asked if the Trustees would be willing to approve the ordering of last year's 5 ½ sets and this year's 5 sets since the supplier did not follow thru with last year's order. Gene Cole said he contacted Atlantic Emergency Solutions and received a quote to order gear from them instead. After brief discussion, the Trustees agreed with going with a different vendor.

Jeff Hunker moved to purchase the original 5 ½ sets that were to have been purchased in 2021 from Atlantic Emergency Solutions. Gregg Moorhead seconded the motion. Vote: Hunker – yes, Moorhead – yes. Motion carried.

Jeff Hunker suggested to table the approval of the additional 5 sets of gear until all Trustees were present to discuss.

Discussion followed regarding radios. Brandon said the radios have been ordered and Liberty Township will be

receiving the new Motorola 8000+ radios for the same price as the 6000. He explained that we are getting a deal to show case these new radios. He said the department feels these radios will have a lot of nice features and will be able to do a lot. The Trustees said they were in favor of trying them out if the fire department was willing to do so.

The Association is looking to have a reverse raffle on 4/29/22 at the Moose Lodge.

Brandon said they are looking at starting an auxiliary group for the fire department.

FDIC coming up in April and Brandon said they would like approval to book four (4) hotel rooms and purchase two day passes for the Command Staff and the truck committee members to attend.

Gregg Moorhead moved to approve the purchase of four (4) hotel rooms and passes for the Command Staff and the members of the truck committee to attend the FDIC conference. Jeff Hunker seconded the motion. Vote: Moorhead – yes, Hunker – yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

No one present to address the Trustees

Written Communications:

The following items were circulated:

OPERS Employer Account Summary

Grassroots Clippings Newsletter

OPERS News

OTARMA Update

Ohio Township News Magazine

OLD BUSINESS:

Gene Cole brought up the subject of replacing mailboxes due to snowplow damage. He said currently the policy is the township will reimburse up to \$50 to replace a mailbox damaged by a snowplow. He asked the Trustees if they thought this should be re-evaluated. Gene explained that some mailboxes are sitting out too far and some mailboxes are brick, which are much more expensive. Gene Cole is going to look at the Resolution and do some more research on this matter.

Discussion was had about the traffic light on CR 140 in front of the building. A truck hit it and broke the bulb. The light is so old and can't be repaired. Gene said this light is no longer used and since it is owned by the township could be removed. The Trustees agreed and Gene is going to follow up on getting that done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff Hunker moved to donate \$5000 to the Benton Ridge Park. Jeff Hunker seconded the motion. Vote: Hunker – yes, Moorhead – yes. Motion carried.

Jeff Hunker suggested that Gene Cole look into Lexipol. Jeff said he had talked to some people about their service while attending the Ohio Township Association winter conference. They do a lot of work with fire and ems departments regarding policies etc. If you sign up with them it sounds like they keep all your policies updated and current. He said it may be a good service to look into. Gene Cole is going to do some looking into their services and report back.

Tim Herbst, National Pavement Analysis, gave a proposal for PCR Rating. It was decided that this would be discussed more when all Trustees are present.

Jeff Hunker had a brief discussion on the One Ohio Opioid Settlement. It has been said that the township may see some funds from this but a lot is unknown at this time. Phil Johnson has been appointed to help the County Commissioners with this.

Evan Stump came into the meeting so the Trustees went back to discuss the proposal from Tim Herbst. The proposal would be the scoring of roads, discussion on different types of pavement repair/work etc. Evan Stump asked if ARPA funds could be used for this. The Trustees said it would be a good idea to talk to Doug Cade, County Engineer, first to get his opinion on if this would be worth it. In the past the County has always done the rating of the roads but we may need to look ahead to a day when the County would not provide that service.

Evan Stump asked about the plans for the money collected from the fire levy. Asked if there was a plan and would like to look at a new fire truck, get quotes etc. Evan also asked what our ISO rating is. Brandon Andrews wasn't sure said he would need to look it up. Evan pointed out that if we could get that ISO number bumped up it would be beneficial in saving the township money.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

Monthly financial reports were distributed to the Trustees.


Gregg Moorhead moved to adopt Resolution #6-2022, Authorizing payment of purchase orders. Evan Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Moorhead – yes, Stump – yes, Hunker – yes. Motion carried.

Gregg Moorhead moved to authorize the Fiscal Officer to prepare warrants to pay the Township bills. Evan Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Moorhead – yes, Stump – yes, Hunker – yes, Motion carried. See attached warrant register for bills that were paid.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Trustees, Chairman, Jeff Hunker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

ATTEST:


Melissa Ellerbrock, Fiscal Officer


Jeff Hunker, Chairman


Evan Stump, Trustee


Gregg Moorhead, Vice Chairman



Fire Department Headquarters:

9975 TR # 89 Findlay, Ohio 45840

Liberty Township Fire February 2022 Trustee Report

Run Report – 32 Runs Medical – 25: Injury Accidents – 3
Fire/CO – 3: Other – 1 (Stand by Allen Twp, Medical)

Old News –

- Banquet/Awards - Very successful night. Service awards up to date. (Herb Stump 49 years, Joe Adams – 43) (30, 20 and 10 year awards presented)
Thank you for allowing us to do this!! Thank you to Lieutenant Morton for all your work!
- Turn out gear situation – Warren Fire didn't order gear. Ok to order last year 5 ½ sets and this year 5 sets? Suggestions?
- Update on Tools - Still expecting delivery soon. Will be setting up training.
- Uniforms for personnel – Met with Superior uniforms. March 3rd Superior will be here to measure for long sleeve. Everyone will get: 1 long sleeve, 1 short sleeve (dark blue), badge, name tag with serving since tag and collar brass.
- Radios - Radios from Sheriff's department on order. 4 Radios we ordered through P&R will be new Motorola 8000+ radio. Same price as 6000. We are getting deal to "show case" new radio's for Motorola.

New News –

- New command staff will be preparing monthly training. Including new tools.
- New Medical Staff created – They will create monthly 30 min training and full 2 hour training on normal Medical training nights. I've requested "extreme" "unusual" situational training. To involved all aspects of fire department.
- Association membership is looking to do Reverse raffle on April 29th at the Moose Lodge.
- FDIC – Requesting permission to book 4 hotel rooms. Will lower number if don't need 4.
 - o For Command Staff and truck committee members. Also, requesting for 2 days passes be paid for Command Staff and truck committee members.

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