

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION – JANUARY 10, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gene Stump called the meeting to order.

OFFICIALS ATTENDING:

Gene Stump, Evan Stump, Jeff Hunker, Melissa Ellerbrock and Gene Cole

GUEST ATTENDING:

See sign in sheet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jeff Hunker moved to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2023 meeting. Evan Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Hunker – yes, E. Stump – yes, G. Stump – yes. Motion carried.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

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

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Morton presented the Trustees with his monthly report (see attached).

Jeff Hunker moved to approve four (4) firefighters to attend the Northern Ohio Arson Seminar in Ashland, Ohio with hotel accommodations. Evan Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Hunker – yes, E. Stump – yes, G. Stump – yes. Motion carried.

Evan Stump moved to send four (4) firefighters to take the Scott SCBA Field level maintenance class. Jeff Hunker seconded the motion. Vote: E. Stump – yes, Hunker – yes, G. Stump – yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

Emma Garmatter and Emily Tomlinson were present and said they learned about the State Township Scholarship and part of that was to attend a township trustee's meeting, so they were just observing.

Doug Cade, Hancock County Engineer, was present to address the trustees regarding the Safe Routes to School Travel Plans program at the Liberty Benton School. He explained that the 7th grade class at Liberty Benton took this program and ran with it. He has worked with them to develop a plan and hold meetings. This would be 100% funded. The finalized plan has sidewalks in front of the schools, a crosswalk to Dold Subdivision and

eventually along CR 88 to Western Meadows Subdivision and the Palms Subdivision with flashing beacon crosswalks. He said the Liberty Benton Superintendent has endorsed the plan along with himself and now asking for the trustees to endorse so they can proceed to apply for the grant. Mr. Cade says a Resolution is required for anything on a township road and the grant closed on March 31st. Once endorsed they can get to ODOT. Jeff Hunker asked who be responsible for maintenance of the sidewalks. Mr.Cade said anything on County Roads would be the County and anything on Township Roads would be the Township responsibility. There was brief discussion regarding how this would affect the bussing. Bussing would still be there, as any students under 6th grade can not walk.

Gene Stump made a motion in support of the Safe Route to School Travel Plan presented by the County Engineer. Evan Stump seconded the motion. Vote: G. Stump – yes, E. Stump – yes, Hunker – yes. Motion carried.

Written Communications:

The following items were circulated:

No items circulated this month

OLD BUSINESS:

Jeff Hunker moved to sign up for annual OTA webinar subscription. Evan Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Hunker – yes, E. Stump – yes, G. Stump – yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gene Cole noted that the MORE Grant through OTARMA has been raised to \$1000 so he will apply for it and it could be used for the AED for the Fire Department.

Gene Cole informed the trustees the ODOT Mileage Certification came and is the same as last year (54.443)

Gene Stump moved to approve reimbursement for the Trustees and newly elected Fiscal Officer to attend the OTA Winter Conference. Jeff Hunker seconded the motion. Vote: G. Stump – yes, Hunker – yes, E. Stump – yes. Motion carried.

Gene Stump asked who was responsible for updating the township's website. Gene Cole said that Keith Breneman hosts the site and Gene Cole gives him the updates. Gene Stump said that he felt the website needed updated and Gene Cole agreed and said he would work on that. Gene Stump also said he wanted to get access to the security camera app and logins, passwords etc. Also wants to receive the emails from the township website as well.

Jeff Hunker moved to approve the Annual Appropriations Resolution #1-2024. Evan Stump seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jeff Hunker – yes, Evan Stump – yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

No financial business this month.

ADJOURNMENT:

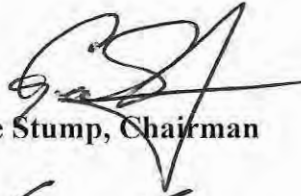
With no further business before the Trustees, Jeff Hunker moved to adjourn. Evan Stump seconded the motion.
Vote: Hunker – yes, E. Stump – yes, G. Stump – yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Melissa Ellerbrock, Fiscal Officer

Jeff Hunker, Trustee



Gene Stump, Chairman



Evan Stump, Vice Chairman

Liberty Township Fire Department Report for January 2024

Fire calls for December 2023

Medicals – 24

Accidents – 1

Weather Watch – 0

Total calls to Date 2023 - 335

Fire Calls – 0

Gas leak/ CO – 0

Mutual Aid – 0

Old News –

Trustee Stump and Chief Andrews are looking and will be applying for some grants for some new equipment for the new truck and for our current trucks. Chief Andrews collected some ideas for the firefighters on some tools they would like to have.

I had a request brought up to me to retire Herb Stumps unit number 584 and it to only be offered to family members that may join the department in the future.

State fire marshal's office has a new program that they are using. Kind of works like the ESO program that we are using currently. Will be checking into maybe using the program instead of ESO.

515 is back from repair shop and back in service.

Fire Department has been doing training down at LB's old school.

New News-

New Turn out gear was ordered to fill the grant that we received. 5 Firefighters were measured.

Chief applied for equipment grant through state of Ohio. Applied for \$146,498.02.

Chief would like to get 4 firefighters approved to go to the Northern Ohio Arson Seminar in Ashland Ohio for two days and 2 hotel rooms for two nights. Class cost is \$125.00 per person + hotel room.

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Chief would like to get pre-approval for 2 firefighters to take Scott SCBA Field level Maintenance Class. Class is held at Atlantic Emergency Solutions center in Findlay Ohio. Cost for class is \$100.00 per person.

Liberty Township - Gene Cole

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TO	12/31/2023

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