

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes for a meeting held on
August 7, 2008

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1.) Chairman Ivan Ety called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at 816 W. Market St., Baltimore, Ohio, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the military.

Roll call: Mr. Ivan Ety – here
Mr. Tim Linkhorn – here
Ms. Nancy Montell – here
Mr. Tom Spring – present
Mr. David C. Keller – absent
Ms. Ruth Crutcher – absent
Mr. Jim Snider – present

2.) Mr. Linkhorn moved to approve the minutes, as corrected, of the July 21, 2008 regular meeting. Ms. Montell seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mr. Linkhorn – yea
Ms. Montell – yea
Mr. Ety – yea

3. Comments from the floor

Mr. Joe Machado, 3084 Bickel Church Road, presented a spreadsheet providing his preliminary ranking estimate of each criteria for the Bickel Church Snyder Church Road improvements project, based on criteria provided by Ohio Public Works Commission District 17 at the grant workshop in July. He noted that the per capita income in Liberty Township is above Fairfield County average.

4. Chairman Ety gave the Fiscal Officer Report.

A. The report is attached.

B. Ms. Montell offered a motion to approve Resolution 8-43-08, for the purpose of appraisals:

Be it resolved by the township trustees that we are making the following in-fund transfer in the General Fund:

1. From 1000-120-323 (Repairs and Maintenance)
into 1000-120-319 (Other Professional and Tech Services)
the sum of \$1,500.00.

Mr. Linkhorn seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ms. Montell – yea.
Mr. Linkhorn – yea.
Mr. Ety – no.

C. Ms. Montell offered a motion to adopt Resolution 75-2008 to approve a then and now purchase order for asphalt in the amount of \$1,455.84.

Mr. Linkhorn seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ms. Montell – yea

Mr. Linkhorn – yea

Mr. Ety – yea

The amount is for Shelly Materials of Columbus, Account 2011-330-420-0000.

D. Mr. Ety read the receipts and Fund Cash Balances. The total of all funds is \$483,652.92. Mr. Ety read the bills. Ms. Montell offered a motion to pay bills totaling \$176,325.17.

Mr. Linkhorn seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Montell – yea
 Linkhorn – yea
 Ety – yea

5. Road Department. Mr. Snider gave the Road Department report on behalf of Mr. Keller. The department has completed tarring and chipping of township roads for 2008 in Liberty Township. Now the staff is working in Greenfield Township on tar and chip under the reciprocal agreement.

6. Township Administration.

A. The report is attached.

B. Mr. Spring reported that the fence at Refugee Cemetery on Ohio 158 has been moved to the survey pins. Trustees reviewed correspondence from the owner of the adjacent property requesting that the township pay one-half the cost of installing the fence. The attorney agreed to provide the cost figure. Mr. Linkhorn requested that the installer furnish the exact cost of the fence. Mr. Ety requested the cost for just the fence around the cemetery.

C. Mr. Spring reported that the Fairfield County Health Department inquired about a plugged drainage pipe associated with a nuisance abatement program at 13325 Heimberger Road. Trustees expressed their support to Environmentalist Diana Uther to abate the nuisance. Mr. Spring will notify Ms. Uther.

D. Mr. Spring received a quote from Premier Lawn Care and Landscaping of Amanda for mowing to abate nuisances, including tall grass and noxious weeds. Quote attached. Mr. Linkhorn offered a motion to accept the quotation from Premier to mow tall grass and noxious weeds ordered abated by the trustees. Ms. Montell seconded the motion.

Roll call. Mr. Linkhorn – yea
 Ms. Montell – yea
 Mr. Ety – yea

Mr. Spring will contact Todd Waidelich at Premier and the Fairfield County Sheriff about implementation.

E. Mr. Spring provided written information to the Board concerning several topics that can benefit Liberty Township. Information included the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program and community improvement corporations.

7. Agency Reports.

A. Health Department. Mr. Ety reported that a special meeting of the Fairfield County Health District Advisory Board will be held Tuesday night in the county commissioners hearing room to discuss fees for aerator systems.

B. Fairfield County Township Association. Ms. Montell reported Liberty Township will host the quarterly meeting on Sept. 6 at the Basil Joint Fire District station on Washington Street, beginning at 6 p.m. Mr. Linkhorn is accepting reservations from association members. Notices were e-mailed earlier in the day.

C. Fire Board. Ms. Montell reported that the second Thursday meeting of the trustees conflicts with the fire board meeting. Ms. Montell proposed that the second meeting of the month begin with business, including payment of bills and payroll, at 7:30 p.m., and a work session with a limited agenda to discuss predetermined topics in-depth at 8 p.m. This could eliminate the need for special meetings. Meetings should end by 9:30 p.m. Trustees discussed how work sessions might be structured.

D. Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Spring reported on the August 5 meeting. Members reviewed a presentation by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission on the Fairfield County Active Transportation and Open Space Plan, a process for planning and implementing bicycle and pedestrian paths, parks, recreation, greenways and other open space in Fairfield County. A conceptual map of the county includes the old Ohio and Erie Canal. Mr. David Stone of the township land use steering committee attended the initial meeting. Mr. Spring has been appointed to the steering committee. The planning commission also approved an early retirement buyout program for the commission. Brooks Davis, director, is eligible for the program and is planning to retire. The Planning Commission does not anticipate hiring another planner because of the decreased activity resulting from the downturn in the economy.

8. Old Business

Health Insurance. Mr. Ety noted that Mr. Spring has found another health insurance broker that produced savings for Liberty Township in Delaware County. Mr. Spring said that if the trustees are going to compare brokers, then the process should be opened up to multiple brokers to try to achieve the best savings and benefits for the township. He suggested that the township attend a seminar to learn more about what HR Butler can offer. Mr. Linkhorn requested that Mark Hollinger come to the next meeting and make a presentation. Mr. Linkhorn wants brokers to address prescription coverage and deductibles.

9. New Business.

The Board signed the contract for asphalt emulsion presented by the Fairfield County Engineer.

10. Correspondence

Correspondence was viewed. Jennifer Valentine of the Health Department shared information with the township on abatement activities with respect to properties at 4181 Blacklick Eastern Road, 11735 Stoudertown Road and 11995 Lancaster Kirkersville Rd. The department will check on the property at 867 Blacklick Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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