

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 18, 2008**

The audio recording, resolutions passed, and any attachments constitutes an accurate record of the Liberty Township Trustee Proceedings at the above dated meeting as determined by the Fiscal Officer. The following summary is provided as an overview of the meeting and a road map to the audio record. Copies of this record are available by request at the Township Government Office, 10104 Brewster Lane, Suite 125, Powell, Ohio.

PROCEEDINGS SUMMARY:

The Trustees of Liberty Township met in regular session Monday, August 18, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at the Liberty Township Complex. All Board Members were present; see attached sign-in sheets for others in attendance. Chairperson Curtis Sybert called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment

John Schuette, 5192 Seldom Seen Road, said he was the only resident that fought against the CEDA agreement; he was disappointed when he found out Ms. Guzzo met with people in Powell and worked on a big box initiative, and also disappointed when the Trustees hired legal counsel to fight Target. He said what Ms. Guzzo did with the initiative did not cost the Township money, but when attorneys are hired to fight this that costs a lot of money. He noted that several residents including himself has asked how much the Township has spent on legal fees and still have not gotten a straight answer. Mr. Schuette said after Powell received the petition Council Member Don Grubbs addressed this Board and commented that if Powell were to pass it then Liberty Township should pass the same restrictions. Mr. Schuette advised the petition was only for land in Powell, but with this initiative no developer would want to annex into Powell with the restrictions in place. He said this may work in the Township's favor without costing the Township a lot of money.

Sherry Dujack said she is part of the committee that was involved in the initiative. She has been in the area for three years and is disheartened by the back and forth bantering that is going in the Township; she thought they were all on the same side and trying to accomplish the same thing. It was problems they had at City Council which lead them to work on this initiative. Ms. Guzzo was very helpful in answering their questions.

Joanne Harvey, resident Liberty Township, said the articles in the newspapers are very confusing to her. She said there is clearly a difference between Liberty Township and Powell; she voted for her Liberty Township representatives and she said they should represent us. She did not know all of the details, but felt that as elected officials they have to be careful what they say, and know that anything they said can be construed the wrong way.

RESOLUTION 08-0818-01 Authorize the Fire Dept. Equipment as Surplus

Mr. Sybert moved to approve Resolution 08-0818-01 as presented and Ms. Guzzo seconded the motion and the roll call vote: Ms. Guzzo – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, Mr. Sybert – yes. The motion passed with a 3-yes and 0-no vote.

RESOLUTION 08-0818-02: Authorize Auction of 1988 Sutphen Fire Engine

Mr. Sybert moved to approve Resolution 08-0818-02 as presented. Ms. Guzzo seconded the motion and the roll call vote: Ms. Guzzo – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, Mr. Sybert – yes. The motion passed with a 3-yes and 0-no vote.

RESOLUTION 08-0818-03: Floyd Brown Agreement - Staking Sawmill Bike Path

Ms. Guzzo said per discussions with the Township Attorney she suggested amending the bid to allow the contractors to submit an alternate bid of a six (6) foot path as well. Mr. Sybert noted that it is going to be staked at eight (8) feet wide; it was agreed the Board wanted an eight (8) foot path.

Ms. Guzzo moved to approve Resolution 08-0818-03 as presented and Mr. Sybert seconded the motion and the roll call vote: Ms. Guzzo – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, Mr. Sybert – yes. The motion passed with a 3-yes and 0-no vote.

RESOLUTION 08-0818-04: Havener Park Grant Application for Park Trails

Ms. Guzzo moved to approve Resolution 08-0818-04 as presented. Mr. Mann seconded the motion and the roll call vote: Ms. Guzzo – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, Mr. Sybert – yes. The motion passed with a 3-yes and 0-no vote.

RESOLUTION 08-0818-05: Disaster Alert System – Failed - lack of motion

This was a resolution encouraging the Delaware County Commissioners to place a levy on the ballot for the emergency alert system.

MOTION: Accept Official Bond for Zoning Inspector Holly Foust

Mr. Sybert moved to approve the bond and Ms. Guzzo seconded the motion and the roll call vote: Ms. Guzzo – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, Mr. Sybert – yes. The motion passed with a 3-yes and 0-no vote.

MOTION: Pay Bills

Mr. Sybert moved to approve the payment of bills and Ms. Guzzo seconded the motion and the roll call vote: Ms. Guzzo – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, with the exception of Brown Publishing which he recuses himself, Mr. Sybert – yes. The motion passed with a 3-yes and 0-no vote.

Board Secretary/Clerk Job Description

Mr. Anderson presented the Board with the Board Secretary/Clerk job description and pay range for their review and approval. Ms. Guzzo noted the pay range was approved at \$15.00 per hour in the hiring Resolution. Ms. Guzzo inquired as to the title of Board Secretary/Clerk. Mr. Mann felt that because the job description states it is under the supervision of the Fiscal Officer, there is a separation of power because they

should not have control over the person responsible for producing the minutes and the reason why it is assigned to the Fiscal Officers jurisdiction.

Ms. Guzzo moved to approve the Board Secretary/Clerk job description as presented and Mr. Mann seconded the motion and the roll call vote: Ms. Guzzo – yes, Mr. Mann – yes, Mr. Sybert – yes. The motion passed with a 3-yes and 0-no vote.

Drainage Ditch Update

Mr. Anderson said they discussed drainage ditch issues at the last meeting, but there were many other complaints of standing water in ditches as well. Mr. Anderson would like the Board to consider a global policy on this issue and recommended that they discuss this further with the Road Department in a work/strategic planning session.

Bed Tax Document for review

Mr. Anderson presented a sample Bed Tax Resolution which was passed by Orange Township. The Board agreed they would like Mr. Anderson to go forward with a similar Resolution for Liberty Township; Ms. Guzzo recommended that their version when complete be reviewed by the Prosecutors Office.

Barbara Threlfall Retirement Reception

The Board agreed to have a retirement reception prior to a Trustees Meeting on either September 2nd or 15th at 7:00 p.m. depending on her availability.

Work/Strategic Planning Session Planned


A strategic planning session would be planned in September to discuss issues such as drainage, the proposed administrative building addition, capital improvements, budget discussions, etc.

Bunty Station Road Update

Mr. Anderson said work has begun on this project and the Road Department is pleased with the work and progress so far. There have been some minor issues which they are working through and talking to the residents.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business Chairperson Sybert adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.


Mark S. Gerber, Fiscal Officer