

Liberty Township, Porter County
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2020
6:00 PM

Present were board members Terry Dunn, Jackie Sterling and Tim Cole. Also, in attendance were Matt Keiser, Township Trustee, Michele Bollinger, Township Clerk, and Michael Wineland, LTVFD.

Meeting Minutes:

Michele read the minutes from the October 12, 2020 meeting. Jackie made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Fire Department Report:

Michael reported that they ended their fiscal year with 901 calls. Last month's call volume was normal with approximately 65-75 calls. With the COVID spike in the County, they have incorporated protocols that call for a less "hands on" approach for medic calls. He reported that they are doing fine with PPE.

Trustee's Report:

New Fire Station – Matt received the AutoCad drawings from DLZ, and he was able to put together generic site plans for both locations that are being considered. For the site near 75W, the department would need approximately 8 acres to accommodate the building, parking lot, detention pond, septic and well field. For the site near the hospital, the department would need approximately 3.5 acres since the utilities are already present. Matt is currently working with the property owners to determine a purchase price. Matt did say that appraisals would need to be completed which would determine the final price that the Township could pay for the property.

Matt shared that the Township's insurance was renewed for 2021. There had been a slight increase in cost—less than 1%.

Matt reported that the Township should be receiving December disbursements from the County sometime in the next week.

Matt pointed out that he had included the 2021 meeting schedule in the board members' packets.

Matt reported that Liberty Township had 10 children whose names had been submitted for the Toys for Tots event that would take place on December 19, 2020.

New Business:

Certification of Nepotism – Board members along with the Trustee signed the form, and the signed forms will be kept on file at the Township.

2021 Fire Contract- Matt shared that the contract had been signed by the Fire Department and was ready for the board's approval. He reported that the contract included a 2.5% increase over last year. Terry made the motion to approve the contract; Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment:

None

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry; Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Terry Dunn

Terry Dunn, Township Board President

ATTEST:

Jacquelyn M. Sterling

Jacquelyn M. Sterling, Township Board

Matt Keiser

Matt Keiser, Township Trustee

Timothy Cole

Timothy Cole, Township Board