

Liberty Township, Porter County
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2019
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; Nick Wineland, Matt Wineland, Shannan Duncan, LTVFD

Meeting Minutes:

Michele read the minutes from the October 14th meeting. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Fire Department Report:

Nick reported that they ended the year with between 850-900 calls. He also reported that they are in desperate need of volunteers. They only have 15 volunteers currently. Tim asked if Nick had an idea why there was a lack of applicants. Nick and Matt responded that the state's requirements for the academy is probably the biggest factor along with other factors such as the time requirements for maintenance and administration duties at the station. Terry asked if the signs that the fire department have sprinkled throughout the township has generated any interest; Nick responded with a no. Discussion ensued with Shannan regarding the MAC program and how it works.

Trustee Report:

Matt reported that an email had been sent that afternoon by DLZ who was trying to coordinate a meeting with the core team regarding the new fire station. Matt went on to distribute a tentative meeting calendar for 2020. He also reported that our budget had been approved with the exception of the \$1000 that had been budgeted for the rainy day fund. This was rejected because money cannot be budgeted for this fund rather excess funds are moved to this fund after the year's end. Matt went on to report that he had attended the Coffee with the Clerks which is hosted by the Porter County Auditor. He also reported that we had received our tax disbursement from the County.

New Business:


Certification of Nepotism Policy- The board members and the trustee signed the certification form that is required. It will be kept on file in the trustee's office.

2020 Contract with Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department- The 2020 contract was presented to the board. Tim made the motion to approve; Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment:

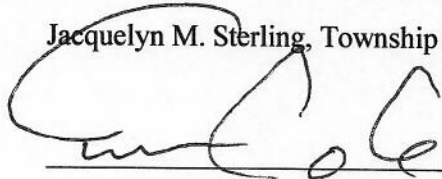
Tim gave an update on Valparaiso's proposed purchase of the Damon Run Conservancy. There was also talk regarding the landfill on Old 49.

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



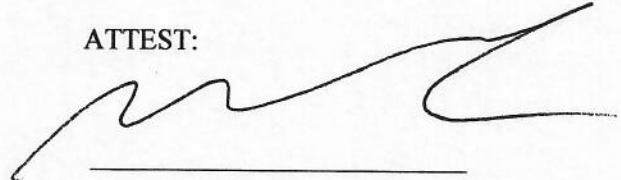
Terry Dunn, Township Board President

Jacquelyn M. Sterling, Township Board



Timothy Cole, Township Board

ATTEST:



Matt Keiser, Township Trustee