Liberty Township, Porter County Meeting Minutes January 7, 2020 5:00 PM

Present were board members Terry Dunn and Tim Cole. Also in attendance were Matt Keiser, Township Trustee; Michele Bollinger, Township Clerk

Jackie Sterling was absent due to medical reasons.

Reorganization of Board:

Tim nominated himself for President. Terry nominated herself for President. Both motions failed to receive a second. Therefore, the reorganization of the board was tabled until the next meeting when the full board was present.

Meeting Minutes:

Michele read the minutes from the December 9th meeting. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Fire Department Report:

Matt brought up the issue that the fire department is facing a lack of volunteers and that he has been in discussion with representatives from the fire department to discuss a potential solution. Matt shared with the board that the township could work with the fire department to hire an individual(s) to work at the fire department during the peak hours since the majority of the calls are EMS calls. The board agreed that this was something to explore. Tim asked if the Township would supply the funds. Matt said that this would probably be the case, but that the fire contract would be modified to reflect these costs.

Matt also reported that there had been another meeting with DLZ to discuss the future fire station. Renderings had been given to the committee and a couple of potential sites from the list had been eliminated.

Trustee Report:

Matt needed approval from the board to move \$500 from the 0101 Township category 3 "Other Services and Charges" to category 1 "Personnel Services." Motion was made by Tim; Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

New Business:

Resolution 2020-01- Transfer to Rainy Day- Excess money would be moved to Rainy Day Fund. Motion was made by Tim. Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Resolution 2020-02- System of Internal Accounting Control and Designation of Oversight Committee. The oversight committee would be made up of the Township Board President. Motion was made by Tim. Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Public Comment:

Tim shared that his Aunt is upset that a modification of a billboard at the intersection of Route 6 and Calumet is now casting more light which she can see from her window.

Tim updated that there was not much to report regarding Valparaiso's proposed purchase of the Damon Run Conservancy.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim; Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Terry Dunn, Township Board President

Jacquelyn M. Sterling, Township Board

Timothy Cole, Township Board

ATTEST:

Matt Keiser, Township Trustee