

Liberty Township, Porter County
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2019
6:00 PM

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

Meeting Minutes: Tim made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Fire Department Report:

Nick Wineland reported that there were 65 calls in the month of February. Of those, 50% were medical calls. There was 1 chimney fire in Jackson Township.

Nick informed the board about the State of Indiana's no burn law. In Porter County, residents are not allowed to burn unless it is an agricultural burn, and the fire department should be notified. Recreational burns are allowed. (ie: campfires). Illegal burns are to be reported to the fire department as well as IDEM.

Nick reported that both his brother Matt had left for a 6 month work assignment. Nick would also be leaving in the near future for his 6 month work assignment.

Trustee Report:

Matt reported that HB 1236 had been defeated; therefore, the Township Board would remain in effect.

Matt reviewed the financial report that had been distributed in the packets.

Jackie asked about office hours and Matt explained the current schedule. He went on to clarify that we are not required by law to establish office hours due to our size, but he believes it is necessary to provide consistency to the residents. Michele went on to explain that additional hours are spent outside of the posted hours to conduct interviews with applicants.

Matt provided an update regarding the fire station study. RQAW was creating a questionnaire that would be distributed to the fire department.

Matt reported that he had received a call regarding a damaged tree on CR 50 by the Liberty Rec fields. Matt contacted Porter County Highway Department, and they removed the tree within 2 days. The stump was not removed and could pose an issue.

Matt reported that he had also inquired about the tree on North Calumet that Tim had previously asked about at the last meeting. According to Porter County Highway, the contractor

should be removing the tree as part of their contract. Other entities cannot remove it at this time.

New Business:

Re-Establish Cumulative Fire Fund (Resolution 2019-06)- Matt presented a resolution to re-establish the cum fire fund to the \$0.0333 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. Discussion ensued.

The public hearing was opened at 6:28 PM. No one spoke for or against the resolution. The public hearing was closed at 6:29 PM.

Tim made the motion to approve the resolution; Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Old Business:

Unidentified Remains- Matt informed the board the Edmonds and Evans performed the burial of the unidentified remain. Documentation was received from the funeral home and is being filed at the Trustee's office. The funeral home is requesting verbiage for the marker. The verbiage will be as follows: *Discovered in Liberty Township; Unknown but not forgotten.*

Public Comment:

None.

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

Terry Dunn, Township Board President

ATTEST:

Jacquelyn M. Sterling, Township Board

Matt Keiser, Township Trustee

Timothy Cole, Township Board