

**Liberty Township, Porter County**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 9, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**

Present were board members Terry Dunn, Bryce Gawronski and Jackie Sterling. Also in attendance were Matt Keiser, Township Trustee and Michele Bollinger, Clerk. Also in attendance was Aaron Steinhilber, LTVFD.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Michele read the minutes from the September 18, 2023, meeting. Terry made a motion to accept the minutes; Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**Fire Department Report:**

Aaron presented the report from the fire department. There were 76 calls in September, 776 total calls through October 1<sup>st</sup>, (15 structure fires, 5 vehicle fires, 16 brush fires, 45 vehicle accidents, 369 EMS assists, 215 disregards, and 111 other calls).

The Department has gained a new member since our last meeting in September and the LTVFD currently has 17 active members.

Aaron presented an invoice for \$70,129.50 for the SCV equipment that Liberty Township Board had voted to pay at the September meeting. The funds will be paid from the Cumulative Fire Fund after we receive our tax draw in December.

Terry asked Aaron about the public notice that the Fire Department had published establishing a schedule of charges. Aaron assured the Township Board that the fire department only intends to charge for insurable items (vehicle fires, structure fires, nuisance calls) The Fire Department has to generate the paperwork to be submitted to the Third-Party Biller so that they can bill for the Fire Department's services.

### **Trustee's Report:**

Matt shared that we have received correspondence from the Marine Corp Reserve that they will be requesting names of children for the Toys for Tots program. Matt will post the information online so that interested families can contact the Trustee's office.

Matt also received correspondence from the Porter County Aging and Community Services that the next energy assistance program will open on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be referring clients who need additional assistance with their NIPSCO bill to this organization.

Matt updated the Board on the status of Kimball Cemetery. The current owners continue to maintain their cemetery and are still actively interring. If things change and it is brought back to our attention, Matt will keep the board informed.

### **New Business:**

**Resolution 2023-02- The 2024 Budget-** Matt reminded the Board Members that the public hearing for the budget was held at the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting; and the board needs to act on the resolution. Terry made a motion to pass the budget and tax rate as presented; Bryce seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **Public Comment:**

None

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

Terry Dunn

Terry Dunn, Township, Board President

Jacquelyn M. Sterling

Jacquelyn M. Sterling, Township Board  
Trustee

Bryce Gawronski

Bryce Gawronski, Township Board

ATTEST:

Matt Keiser

Matt Keiser, Township