

Liberty Township, Porter County
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 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.

Meeting Minutes:

Michele read the minutes from the March 20, 2020 meeting. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Fire Department Report: None

Trustee's Report:

Matt reported that we need to identify more potential locations for the fire station since a couple of the most desirable spots are no longer viable options. He went on to say that he has been in contact with the owner's son of Clark's Landscape to see about acquiring property along Meridian. The son needed to present the idea to his mother, but we have not heard back from him. Matt stated that he would reach out to them again.

Our insurance company did a review of our coverage to make sure that we had adequate liability coverage. The result of the survey is that we are adequately covered at this time.

Matt reported that our office hours have been extended since March due to the COVID pandemic. He went on to say that we have not seen a large increase in applications at this time. He believes that we will see an uptick once the moratoriums on utility shut offs and evictions are in full swing.

Matt reported that on August 18, 2020, the ITA was doing a webinar on the CARES Act and how to recoup costs due to COVID expenses. Matt was planning to participate in the webinar.

The ITA will be conducting their yearly conference remotely this year. We plan to participate.

New Business:

Preliminary 2021 Budget- Matt briefly outlined the proposed 2021 budget and explained that the only significant difference is the Cumulative Fire which budgets \$750K toward the new fire station. Matt went on to explain that this does not raise taxes but simply is including money that is currently available to be used.

Resolution 2020-06 Resolution to Approve Capital Improvement Plan- Matt briefly outlined the resolution to the board. The public hearing was opened at 6:22 PM. Audience member Sandy Johnson shared that she had not heard anything negative about building a new fire station from members of Woodville. No one spoke against the plan. The public hearing was

closed at 6:25 PM. Motion to pass the resolution was made by Tim and was seconded by Terry. The motion passed 3-0.

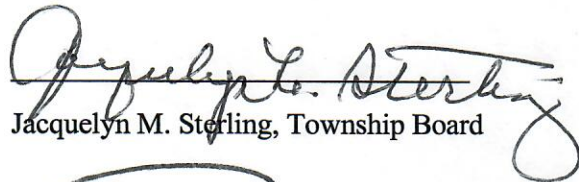
Public Comment:

Sandy Johnson informed that the Woodville Foundation name has been changed to Woodville Alliance. She went on to give an update as to what they are doing as a group. Becky Mateja Lombardini introduced herself as candidate for County Commissioner.

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



Terry Dunn, Township Board President

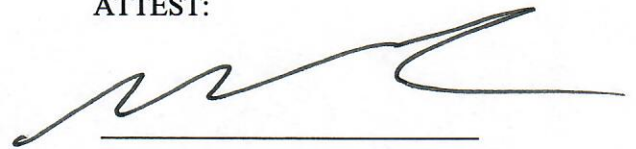


Jacquelyn M. Sterling, Township Board



Timothy Cole, Township Board

ATTEST:



Matt Keiser, Township Trustee