

Liberty Township, Porter County
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020
5:00 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 and Michael Wineland represented the LTVFD.

Reorganization of Board:

Jackie nominated Terry for President. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Jackie nominated Time Cole to serve as Vice President. Terry seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Terry nominate Jackie to be the secretary. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting Minutes:

Michele read the minutes from the January 7th meeting. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Fire Department Report:

The LTVFD answered approximately 70 calls in January—most of which were EMS calls. Michael reported that the department is working to put together a steering committee to discuss staffing for the department. They are still actively searching for volunteers and are trying to establish a presence in the high school. Nick left a marketing piece with the Trustee to pass out to potential applicants. Matt Wineland reported that they are currently putting together a grant application for FEMA to request new breathing apparatus.

Trustee Report:

Matt reported that he has not been able to reach out to property owners regarding land for a new fire station due to preparing the annual financial report. He went on to report that he had set up an account with TrustINDiana and had moved \$1M from the bank account to this fund. He went on to report that the returns were much better than the money sitting in our Chase Bank savings account. Interest accumulates daily, and we can move the money at any time.

New Business:

2020 Assistance Guidelines- The 2020 Guidelines remained the same as the 2019 Guidelines. Motion was made by Tim. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

2019 Annual Financial Report- Matt reviewed it briefly. Motion was made by Tim. Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.


Resolution 2020-03- Re-Establishment of the Cumulative Firefighting Building and Equipment Fund- Matt reminded the board that our attempt to re-establish the fund in 2019 was denied

by the State due to a scribe's error in the public notice that had been prepared by our consultant; therefore, we are attempting to do it again in 2020. The public hearing was opened at 6:19. No one spoke against the resolution; no one spoke in favor of the resolution. The public hearing closed at 6:20. Motion was made by Jackie. Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment:

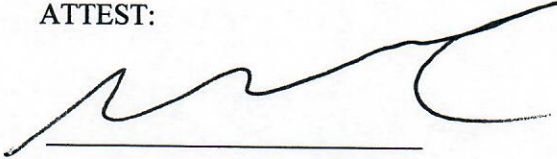
Jackie thanked the board for their patience over the last 6 months as she had dealt with health issues. Everyone agreed that they were happy that she is doing so much better.

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



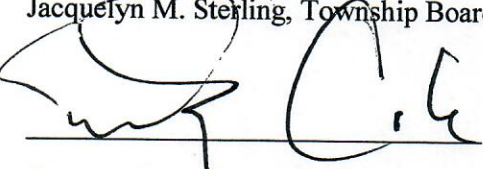
Terry Dunn, Township Board President

ATTEST:



Matt Keiser, Township Trustee

Jacquelyn M. Sterling, Township Board



Timothy Cole, Township Board