

Liberty Township, Porter County
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2019
6:00 PM

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

Meeting Minutes: Michele read the minutes from the March 11th meeting. Jackie made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Fire Department Report:

Due to conflicting schedules, there was not a representative from the Fire Department present. Matt reported that we had received the contractual requirements from the fire department that were due. Items received were added to the Fire Department's file.

Trustee Report:

Matt reported that we did receive the May tax disbursement from the County.

Matt also reported that a Workfare Program has been implemented for those who receive township assistance. Matt had spoken with Dawn Ruge from the food pantry as well as Porter County Parks Department. One of the recent assistance recipients was a painter so they painted the dugouts and concession stand at Liberty Rec.

Matt reported that the Dillingham Cemetery is being maintained on a regular basis, and it is being mowed every 2 weeks. Tim asked about Gossett Cemetery. Matt reported that he is having difficulty finding it and legal access is an issue. Discussion ensued.

New Business:

Variance Thresholds applicable to Liberty Township (Resolution 2019-07)- Michele explained the need to establish variance thresholds for the Township and how it was a 2 part process. The first part of the process was that the Trustee would establish a directive. The Trustee established the variance threshold would be \$500 for cash and \$2000 for non-cash items. The purpose of the resolution was to uphold the Trustee's directive.

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

Old Business:

Feasibility Study on Fire Station- Matt discussed the study and the deficiencies that were identified with the current station. The outcome of the study recommended a new fire station. Discussion ensued. The next component of the study is to focus on site planning exercises.

Discussion also ensued regarding Jackson Township and their financial contribution to the Fire Department.

Public Comment:

A member of the audience commented that things needs to be things worked out between the Fire Department and Jackson Township.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim; Jackie 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