Liberty Township, Porter County Meeting Minutes October 14, 2019 6:00 PM

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

Jackie Sterling was unable to attend due to medical reasons.

Meeting Minutes:

Michele read the minutes from the September 30th meeting. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Fire Department Report:

Nick reported that the much needed maintenance for the tanker truck would probably be put on hold until next year. He also reported that the department was exploring the idea of purchasing a new squad truck sometime in the future. Nick also reported that the new radios have been put into service using the new countywide system.

Trustee Report:

Matt reported that a second meeting had been held with DLZ and the team regarding the planning of the fire station. Matt added that he had sent an email to the group as a follow up presenting the idea of adding additional square footage to the proposed fire station to house the Township Trustee's office.

Matt reported that he had included information in the board members' packets regarding the ITA PowerPoint presentations from the conference. Matt asked the board members to put marks next to any of the presentations that they would like to see, and he would download them.

New Business:

Resolution 2019-09 Compensation for 2020- Matt explained that the resolution would go into effect on January 1, 2020. Tim made a motion to approve the resolution; Terry seconded it. Motion passed 2-0.

2020 Budget Approval- Matt explained that we had held the public hearing at the previous meeting, and now it was time for the formal adoption of the budget. Terry made a motion to adopt the budget; Tim seconded it. Motion passed 2-0.

Old Business:

None

Public Comment:

Discussion ensued regarding Valparaiso's proposed purchase of the Damon Run Conservancy. Meeting attendee Mrs. Johnson gave an update regarding the informational meeting that she had attended. Tim had also attended the meeting and added his insight as well. He also shared the history of Damon Run with the board.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim; Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Terry Dunn, Township Board President

Jacquelyn M. Sterling, Township Board

Timothy Cole, Township Board

ATTEST:

Matt Keiser, Township Trustee