

**Liberty Township, Porter County**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 26, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, President Dunn asked the audience to join her in a moment of silence for Board Member Tim Cole who had passed away on September 22, 2022.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Michele read the minutes from the June 13, 2022, meeting. Jackie made a motion to accept the minutes; Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

**Fire Department Report:**

None

**Trustee's Report:**

Matt reported that that the LTVFD had sent over a potential grant opportunity for Matt to review to see if it would be one that the Township is eligible to pursue. Matt was going to review the document over the next week.

Matt shared that he had met with the director of Family Promise which is an organization that helps to find shelter for homeless families. This is another resource that the Township can use when dealing with residents who need shelter.

Matt also reported that we have seen a significant increase over the past two weeks in those seeking assistance especially for help with NIPSCO.

He also shared that he is in discussion with the Porter County Park Board about acquiring the house located at Brookdale Park to be used as the new Township office.

Matt reported that both he and Michele had attended the annual ITA conference the week before in Indianapolis.

**New Business:**

Public Hearing for the proposed 2023 Budget- Matt briefly explained that the budget was increased by a total of five percent. Terry opened the public hearing for the proposed 2023 budget at 6:13 PM. No one spoke either in favor or against it. The public hearing was closed at 6:15 PM.

Resolution 2022-03- Compensation for Township Officers & Employees- Matt asked if there were any questions regarding the resolution, and there were none. Jackie made a motion to adopt the resolution; Terry seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

**Old Business:**

None

**Public Comment:**

Both Phil Gralik, candidate for Duneland School Board and Becky Mateja Lombardini, candidate for Porter County Council were in attendance and introduced themselves during public comment.

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

