

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA
February 3, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had regular meeting on February 3, 2025 at the Town's Street garage building located at 827 N. Market Street.

Town Council President Keith Bias called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Dereck Tipton, Derrek Jenkins, Jerry Kahl and Ross Keasling.

Also in attendance was Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer and Todd Dickenson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tipton made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2025. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-3. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief Todd Dickenson informed the Council that Officer Jackson has completed his certification to instruct trainings on tasers and STOPS. Officer Jackson and Officer Young will be taking a free two-day course for field sobriety training. Officer Moffett will be taking a course to be a DT instructor. Mr. Bias asked Chief Dickenson if the department each had PBT's in their cars to which Chief Dickeson confirmed that each car had one. Officer Young is currently working on a grant. The Council asked Chief Dickenson to have Officer Young attend a meeting so they can ask what type of grant he is working on. Chief Dickenson confirmed to Mr. Tipton that the tasers had been received that day. Mr. Kahl when department activity reports would be made available? After a short discussion on whether the reports were necessary or not, it was decided that Chief Dickenson would a quarterly report for the Council.

MISC. BUSINESS

Mr. Bias discussed the First Street bus/student issues with Joe Elleman, the school's transportation director and how to resolve the bus/student near misses. A lengthy conversation occurred regarding the different routes the buses take to leave the school grounds. Mr. Bias stated that he would have further discussions with Mr. Elleman as to ideas to alleviate the congestion on First Street during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Ms. Shepler reviewed the INDOT Agreement the Town has received to repair the waterline for Gary Finch located at 679 E ST RD 44 due to the fact that pot holing and 811 was not performed for the project. In the fall, Milestone Contractors breeched Mr. Finch's waterline while installing a culvert can under 44 East. Bill Plant, Utilities and Railroad Manager for INDOT, has been in discussions with Utilities Superintendent Matt Reuss to have the Town fix the waterline and the State would reimburse the costs so that the State would not have to bid it out and the Town is already set up as a vendor with the State. Mr. Tipton made a motion to approve the agreement with INDOT. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Bias discussed Town email addresses for the Council and the employees. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

Mr. Bias inquired about the leak that has occurred on Brownsville Avenue. Ms. Shepler informed Mr. Bias and the Council that Mr. Reuss told her and the staff that morning that it is not a leak. The street is crumbling. Mr. Bias asked Ms. Shepler to inform Mr. Reuss to get the hole patched as quickly as possible.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Kahl and supported by Mr. Keasling the meeting was adjourned.

Keith Bias
Keith Bias, President

ATTEST: Melissa Shepler
Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer