

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

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

Town Council Vice President Dereck Tipton called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also in attendance was Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer, Matt Reuss, Todd Dickenson and Jim Franklin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2024. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

**ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-5. Mr. Kahl supported the motion.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Utilities Superintendent Matt Reuss did not have anything to report at this time.

Police Chief Todd Dickenson passed out quotes for various police pursuit vehicles concentrating on the Chevy Tahoes and Dodge Durangos. Chief Dickenson reviewed the different quotes from Kelley Chevy, Bachmann Group and John Jones PPV. After discussion amongst the members of the Council and Chief Dickenson, Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2025 Dodge Durango from John Jones PPV for the amount of \$ 44,999.50. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed. Chief Dickenson informed the Council that Officer Moffett is enrolled in the Defensive Training Instructors Course. He will be at the course the week of March 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and then again for a week in May.

Fire Chief Jim Franklin passed out the monthly fire run report and reviewed the numbers with the Council members. Mr. Kahl asked Chief Franklin if the medic truck is in service yet? Chief Franklin informed the Council that the truck was put in service on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**MISC. BUSINESS**

Mr. Kahl reported that he met with the School's Superintendent, Mr. Edge earlier in the day regarding the First Street gate possibility. Mr. Kahl stated that he did not have much more information in regards to the situation. Mr. Kahl got the idea that the school was expecting the Town to pay for the new gates. The school would take care of maintenance and having the crossing guard open and close the gates. The question was asked who takes care of the gate if it gets hit by a car? After a short discussion it was decided to have Superintendent Edge attend the next meeting to further discuss the situation.

Ms. Shepler reviewed the 2024 AFR numbers with the Council that was included in their Council packets. She also gave a brief synopsis of the SB1 bill that is in consideration during this legislative session and how the bill could impact the Town's future funding from property taxes. Ms. Shepler, from the preliminary numbers, the first two years the Town can weather with diminished funding, however, the third year could possibly have the Town moving expenses to different funds such as to the Public Safety LIT or EDIT.

**ADJOURN**

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

*Dereck Tipton*  
Dereck Tipton, Vice President

ATTEST: *Melissa Shepler*  
Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer