

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA
February 2, 2026**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had a regular meeting on February 2, 2026 at the Town Administration building located at 101 Brownsville Avenue.

Mr. Jerry Kahl called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Derrek Jenkins, Jeff Lang, Dereck Tipton and Ross Keasling

Also in attendance was Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer; Matt Reuss, Todd Dickenson, Jim Franklin, Courtney Hill and Kennedy Jenkins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2026. Mr. Lang supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Fire Chief Jim Franklin reported that in the month of January the department had 21 runs. During the snowstorm this past weekend, EMS requested the Fire Department be called whenever they were called out to help get to scenes. The department did respond to three mutual aid structure fires during the snowstorm.

Police Chief Todd Dickenson reported that he had nothing to report at this time.

Utilities Superintendent Matt Reuss informed the Council that there is a water main break near the new BMV building. The department has to call in assistance to access the main as it is 12' below the ground and the Town does not have ability to go that deep. Mr. Keasling asked Mr. Reuss how was it possible to know that there is a break when it is located deep in the ground? Mr. Reuss responded that the snow in the area of the break is gone.

MISC. BUSINESS

Courtney Hill appeared before the Council to request a four way stop at Columbia and Sycamore Streets. Ms. Hill passed out packets to the Council with pictures. After a discussion between Council members, Matt Reuss, Todd Dickenson and Ms. Hill, it was decided that the issue will be tabled until the next meeting so that members of the Council can drive through the area to review sight lines, etc.

Kennedy Jenkins appeared before the Council a second time to request stop signs be installed on High Street where Fosdick Street t's into High Street. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Tipton stated that if the Town installs signs at Columbia and Sycamore Streets as well as Fosdick and High Streets, then the Town should go ahead and install signs at Columbia Street where it t's into High and where Sycamore Street t's into Layman. Ms. Shepler stated once the Council decides on what streets will get stop signs, she will have to write an ordinance to add the stops to the Code of Ordinances. A decision will be tabled until the next meeting.

The Town received two bids for the Police car. Mason Tipton, who turned in his bid on January 16, 2026, bid \$ 600.00. Trevor Hoog, who turned in his bid on February 2, 2026, bid \$ 2,000.00. Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Trevor Hoog's bid of \$ 2,000.00 for the police car. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed. Mr. Tipton abstained from the vote as Mason Tipton is his son.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve December's bank reconciliations. Mr. Lang supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

As the APV register was being reviewed by members, Mr. Keasling asked Mr. Reuss if he was aware of speed tables? Mr. Keasling was aware of the Town of Greendale installing them to deal with speed. Mr. Keasling said he would get Mr. Reuss his contact with Greendale to have him discuss the speed tables with their street department supervisor.

Mr. Keasling also acknowledged the hard work of the utility employees and the fire department for their work during the snowstorm.

ADJOURN

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

Jerry Kahl
Jerry Kahl, President

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

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of Liberty Council meeting. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/@LibertyIndiana> or visit the Town of Liberty website, libertyin.gov for the meeting as well. The meetings will appear on the website for as long as the website can support the video.