

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA
June 1, 2026**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana held a regular meeting on June 1, 2026 at the Town Administration building located at 101 Brownsville Avenue.

Mr. Jerry Kahl called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Ross Keasling, Dereck Tipton and Jeff Lang

Also in attendance was Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer; Todd Dickenson and Matt Reuss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tipton made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2026. Mr. Lang supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief Todd Dickenson reported that the Dodge Durango was having issues starting. It was taken to the repair shop and it was diagnosed with a faulty full pump. The pump is under warranty as Dodge is having issues with the full pumps in the Durangos.

Utilities Superintendent Matt Reuss informed the Council that painting season has begun. Mr. Reuss also informed that he had been contacted by Comcast to inform the Town that due to financials, it will not be installing fiber optic in the near future. Due to current issues with Frontier's crews installing fiber optic, the Council decided that it would re-address Comcast's request to install fiber optic. Mr. Reuss stated that he has learned a lot in the last couple of weeks regarding the installation crews. Mr. Reuss and Ms. Shepler have received guidance on how to address the construction issues in ordinance. They will be working on it and hopefully will have it in place before Comcast decides to commence construction.

MISC. BUSINESS

Ms. Shepler informed the Council that Jim Payne has resigned as crossing guard. Mr. Payne was stationed at the intersection of US 44, US 27 and Vine Street. One of the contributing factors of Mr. Payne resigning was the number of near misses he has been involved in due to excessive speeds and lack of attention. Ms. Shepler has reached out to Brock Powell, the Town's INDOT representative, for suggestions on how to manage this problem. The State is projected to re-construct that intersection in two years. Mr. Powell sent Ms. Shepler ideas for speed signs as drivers approach the school zone area. Mr. Powell also stated that the Town would be responsible for installing and maintenance of the signs. After a brief discussion, it was decided that once the Town receives its property tax disbursements, it would see if the Town could afford the installation. The signs costs between \$ 3,400-\$ 4,600 each.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

ADJOURN

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