

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA  
May 5, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had regular meeting on May 5, 2025 at the Town's Street garage building located at 827 N. Market Street.

Mr. Keasling made a motion for Mr. Jenkins to serve as acting President of the Council since Mr. Bias and Mr. Tipton were not present for the meeting. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Jenkins called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were: Jerry Kahl and Ross Keasling.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve the minutes of the additional appropriation hearing and regular meeting of April 21, 2025. Mr. Keasling supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

**ORDINANCES**

Ms. Shepler requested that the Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2024-15 be moved to second hearing as she wants to review one of the numbers listed for the projects to make sure it is correct.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Chief Dickenson informed the Council that the light bars, etc. have been ordered for the new police pursuit vehicle. The department is waiting on the parts to come in and to be installed then it will go into service.

**MISC. BUSINESS**

Ms. Shepler informed the Council that the Town Attorney, Jim Williams reviewed the request from Kehila Coffee to add a bench seat and a pergola type awning to be built over the sidewalk at her establishment. Mr. Williams stated that as long as the bench and the pergola structure did not interfere with handicap accessibility requirements, it would be fine to add the structure. Mr. Williams suggested that Ms. Finch get with her insurance company and check on insurance coverage for the structure.

Ms. Shepler informed the Council that Mr. Williams advised that the interlocal agreement or memorandum of understanding regarding gates being installed on First Street should be the responsibility of the school's attorney. Mr. Williams stated that if the school wants the gates, then the school needs to take some initiative to be a part of the process. In his opinion, it sounds like the Town has done most of the "legwork" and the school has not done enough. Mr. Kahl stated that he informed the superintendent of Mr. Williams' legal opinion and has not heard back from Superintendent Edge. The Town will wait until the Town receives the legal paperwork from the school's attorney.

The Poole Group did not show up to explain or answer questions regarding their request to shut down Market Street for four months.

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

Ms. Shepler reviewed the SB1 net levies chart she had received from Baker Tilly.

Ms. Shepler stated that the Town closed on the REMC building the previous Monday. She informed the Council that she has been busy meeting with communications, security and other contractors to get the Town's needs established in order to transition to the new building.

**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