

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA
July 21, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had regular meeting on July 21, 2025 at the Town Administration building located at 101 Brownsville Avenue.

Mr. Tipton called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2025. Mr. Keasling supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Todd Dickenson reviewed the costs of purchasing 800MHz radios due to the County Dispatchers moving to the 800MHz service as the primary service for dispatching the county deputies. Funding the radios was discussed. After a brief discussion, Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the purchase of six radios by doing an additional appropriation. Mr. Keasling supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

MISC. BUSINESS

Ms. Shepler presented Great Plains Communications (GPC) offering of 300 Mbps or 500 Mbps internet service for the new Town Administration Building. Great Plains' fiber optic equipment is already in place as it was provider of internet service to the previous tenant. The town does not have to pay for any installation costs. Ms. Shepler had contacted Spectrum to inquire as to when it would be possible for them to service the building. Ms. Shepler could not get an ETA from Spectrum. The GPC agreement would be for two years. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve Great Plains Communications' offering of the 500 Mbps service without the tv offering. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Liberty resident, Kennady Jenkins requested the addition of stop signs at the three way stop where Fosdick and High Streets intersect. Currently, there is a sign on Fosdick Street for those turning east or west onto High Street. Ms. Jenkins presented the Council with pictures of the intersection as well as another intersection that does have a three way stop. She relayed her concerns of the fact that there are no sidewalks on Fosdick Street and none on the south side of High Street from Spring Street to Fosdick Street. What little sidewalk there is, is in front of her property on the south side of High Street. Mr. Reuss stated that he would have to check easements for the properties around the area of concern. The Council decided to table the decision until the next meeting to give Mr. Reuss time to research the area.

Ms. Shepler included an excerpt from the employee handbook in regards to emergency closings. She reviewed the current policy with the Council. She had received concerns from the employees as to how the policy is currently penalizes them if the Town closes the building due to circumstances beyond their control. Ms. Shepler had included a copy of the changes the Town Attorney would make in regards to the policy so that it does not penalize the employees. Mr. Williams had advised Ms. Shepler that although these instances do not happen regularly, it would be beneficial to the Town to not have the employees use their paid time off if the Town has to shut down. Employees could see it as a perk. Mr. Kahl asked what other communities have in place? Ms. Shepler stated that Mr. Williams is legal counsel for several municipalities and is confident that he is aware of what other units do. Ms. Shepler stated that she would do a listserv to check to see what other communities do.

Ms. Keasling made a motion to not approve the 4-H Association's request for an adjustment on their utility bill due to the fair. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve May's bank reconciliations. Mr. Keasling supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce motion passed.

As the APV Register and Payroll Allowance Dockets were being signed by the members, Mr. Kahl inquired as to if the Town had heard anything further from Mr. Schulte? Ms. Shepler stated that she has not heard anything from Mr. Schulte since giving him the documents he requested per his public records request.

Also, discussion occurred regarding several dead trees that the Council considered dangerous. Mr. Reuss stated that he would look at the trees that were discussed and get with the office on the procedure on notifying the residents of the condition of the tree and the Council's concern.

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

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.