

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA
June 2, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had regular meeting on June 2, 2025 at the Town Administration building located at 101 Brownsville Avenue.

Mr. Bias 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 and Todd Dickeson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2025. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Utilities Superintendent Matt Reuss informed the Council that he had nothing report until the bid opening for the paving project.

Police Chief Todd Dickenson informed the Council that Safety Systems was experiencing back orders on several items needed to outfit the new police pursuit vehicle. Chief Dickenson stated that he would be in contact with Safety Systems every other week to check on the progress on getting the parts.

MISC. BUSINESS

Mr. Bias asked Mr. Reuss if he had reviewed the bids for paving that was taken under advisement at the May 19th, 2025 meeting. Mr. Reuss stated he had reviewed the bids and has asked questions of the bidders on a couple of items. With that being, Mr. Reuss recommended that Dave O'Mara be awarded the project at \$ 104,130.00. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve Dave O'Mara be awarded the paving bid. Mr. Keasling supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

The Town Council unanimously approved the July 4th and Harvest Fest street closure requests from the Union Development Corporation.

Ms. Shepler reminded the Council that Budget Season starts next month. With the changes coming due to the passage of SB1, she stated that she wanted to members to start thinking about salaries for next year. Ms. Shepler stated that she felt confident in the budget process even though it could be impacted by the new legislation. The Town has never budgeted up to the dollar amount that the Town could budget. Mr. Bias stated that he would like the evaluations of employees to be a part of the salary conversation. Ms. Shepler stated that she believes that the cost-of-living adjustment for 2025 is 2.4%.

Mr. Bias thanked Ms. Shepler for the work she has done for the new building. Ms. Shepler also commended the utility employees as they have helped her when the weather has not permitted them to work outside.

ADJOURN

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

Ross Keasling

Ross Keasling, Acting President

Melissa Shepler

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer