

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA  
November 3, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had a regular meeting on November 3, 2025 at the Town Administration building located at 101 Brownsville Avenue.

Mr. Tipton called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were: Jerry Kahl, Jeff Lang, Derrek Jenkins and Ross Keasling

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the second budget hearing and the regular meeting of October 20, 2025. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

**ORDINANCES**

Ordinance 2025-5 The 2026 Salary Ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-17. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Fire Chief Jim Franklin passed out the department activity report for the month. The Fire Department's reporting goes from October 31<sup>st</sup>-November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Department was down 34 runs from last year.

Police Chief Todd Dickenson informed the Council that three applicants stood out that had applied for the soon to be vacant position. He gave a synopsis of the applicants. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to have the baseline salary for this position to be \$ 52,000.00. This salary could be adjusted depending on the applicants work experience and training. It was discussed that Officer Brown would receive an increase in his 2026 pay once he completes the Academy for Tier 2 and possibly giving an increase in pay to Officer Moffett as he will become the department's second in command.

Utilities Superintendent Matt Reuss notified the Council that the paving project is done and went well despite some complaints. Mr. Reuss had talked to Joe Elleman of the Union County College Corner Joint School District to have the buses avoid First Street for a week in order to allow the asphalt to settle without the buses on it. Mr. Elleman agreed. Mr. Reuss also informed the Council that leaf pick up was still process and would be until December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MISC. BUSINESS**

Mr. Tom Poole of the Poole Group apologized for not attending the first meeting in October as he was out of Town. The construction fence is scheduled to be picked up on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The project was held up for three weeks due to the architect having to clarify issues with the storm sewer. Rather than close the whole street for the rest of the project once the fence is down, they may have to do daily closures to deal with O'Mara paving and doing concrete work. Mr. Jenkins asked Mr. Reuss if the street will have to be repaired once the project is completed? Mr. Reuss stated that he has already discussed adding a layer of asphalt with O'Mara due to damage caused by the construction.

The Union County Public Library request for street closure was tabled as Mr. Tipton will clarify the request with Julie Joliff, the Director.

**ADJOURN**

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

*Dereck Tipton*  
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Dereck Tipton, Vice President

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

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