

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA  
October 20, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had a regular meeting on October 20, 2025 at the Town Administration building located at 101 Brownsville Avenue.

Mr. Bias called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were: Jerry Kahl, Dereck Tipton, Derrek Jenkins and Ross Keasling

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the first budget hearing and the regular meeting of October 6, 2025. Mr. Tipton supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

**ORDINANCES**

Mr. Tipton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-3 The 2026 Budget. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed. Mr. Keasling abstained from voting as he is a member of the volunteer fire department.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**MISC. BUSINESS**

Comcast had requested to be on the agenda; however, no one came to represent them at the meeting. Mr. Reuss informed the Council that Comcast is requesting permission to install fiber optic in the Town. Mr. Reuss stated that the service will be fed from Connersville and everything will be bored. Concern was expressed regarding the maintenance of the boxes that will be used for the installation. Members of the Council have seen the boxes that Spectrum has installed in the County and have not been impressed by their condition. Mr. Reuss believes that since the installation was occurring in the County, Spectrum was not held accountable as to where and how the boxes were installed. The Council was adamant that Comcast will provide a contact in the event the Town is not happy with the installation of the boxes. Mr. Keasling made a motion to move forward with Comcast to supply the Town with fiber optic service. Mr. Reuss will be authorized to make small decisions regarding the installation per the Town Council. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Ms. Arlene Thompson was on the agenda to discuss the situation with cats per her last meeting she attended. Ms. Thompson did not appear for the meeting.

Ms. Shepler and Mr. Reuss presented to the Council the possibility of establishing a Stormwater Fund to camera and repair stormwater infrastructure. As of now, the Town has no idea where a lot of the storm drains flow to. Some of the storm drain lines are constructed of flat rock and concrete. The Town would have to establish costs based on the cost to camera to the lines as well as repair any lines that are needed. Those costs would then be divided amongst the Town users. Ms. Shepler said she told Mr. Reuss to use \$ 5,000.00 out of sewer to camera the area around Woodruff's Supermarket as there is an issue in that area. She would track all of the costs, pay it out of sewer, then collect the revenue when the Town is done with the cameras, repairs and the rates are determined. Ms. Shepler

and Mr. Reuss would be receiving assistance from Wessler Engineering and Baker Tilly in regards to establishing and maintaining this fund.

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

Mr. Keasling requested information regarding the Poole Group's vacation of their street closure requests. Tom Poole was supposed to appear before the Council at the first meeting in October if he needed to request extra time for the street closure. Although a lot of materials that were stored on the street have been removed, the construction trailer, portable toilets and miscellaneous items are still present. Mr. Keasling asked Mr. Reuss to get with Mr. Poole to determine when the street will be re-opened. Mr. Kahl has spoken to Julie Jolliff with the Union County Library. The library intends to move back into the building mid-December.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Kahl 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.