

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION – MAY 13, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Evan Stump called the meeting to order.

OFFICIALS ATTENDING:

Evan Stump, Gene Stump, Shawn McFarland and Gene Cole. Ken Clark was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Evan Stump moved to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2026 Special Meeting as presented and corrected. Gene Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried.

Gene Stump moved to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting. Evan Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried.

GUEST ATTENDING:

There were no guests present.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Gene Cole presented the Trustees with his monthly report (see attached).

Evan Stump asked if Gene Stump had gotten ahold of Justin Kahle regarding Data Center updates. Gene Stump said that he has gotten nothing back from Justin yet.

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Morton emailed his report to the Trustees prior to the meeting for discussion at this meeting. Battalion Chief Brandon Andrews was present in Chief Morton's absence to answer any questions.

Evan Stump asked Battalion Chief Andrews about the request for turnout gear and costs based on the quotes provided. After discussion, Gene Stump made a motion to approve the purchase of the upgraded gear from Globe and other items for a cost up to \$38,500 to be paid from the Fire Department budget. Evan Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried.

Chief Morton's other request for the Trustees was to approve payout of final run check for Firefighter Jack Mongeau. Jack was a very active firefighter during his time on the department and moved back to Rhode Island. Evan Stump made a motion to authorize payment to Jack Mongeau for his final run check in the amount of \$270. Gene Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried.

Evan Stump reached out to United Diagnostic Services regarding their ultrasound scan for cardiovascular and cancer detection. For \$360 per person, they will come to our building and set up their mobile exam station with results in 8 days. After discussion, Evan Stump made a motion to enter into contract with UDS for ultrasound screenings for cancer and cardiovascular health at a total cost of \$8,500 for up to 23 members (current and past) to be paid from the Township's General Fund. Gene Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

None

Written Communications:

Mr. McFarland stated that he received a letter from the Findlay Hancock County Public Library about their Bookmobile and the schedule that it will be running this summer.

OLD BUSINESS:

EMS Chief McFarland handed out drafted EMS policies and procedures and a few new Fire Department SOP's as they relate to the Division of EMS for review as approved by legal counsel Justin Kahle. These will be tabled until the next meeting and Mr. McFarland will email them to each Trustee individually for their review.

Evan Stump stated that he met with a few people after April's Enterprise Zone Special Meeting. One topic of discussion was the speed limit at Siferd Acres which will be addressed soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gene Cole brought up 1600 Forest Park curb issues. He said that the construction of the pool did not help the curb situation.

Gene Stump asked Gene Cole if the township has a contract with Fire Safety Services. Mr. Cole said that he would check and let the Trustees know.

Gene Stump asked Shawn McFarland if any policies needed developed based on the Auditor's recommendation from the audit. Mr. McFarland said that he will let the Trustees know at the next meeting.

Mr. Cole said that Tony Kocheiser is stepping down from the Zoning Commission. Jim Holley is willing to move up and vacate his position from Zoning Appeals. Gene Stump made a motion to approve Jim Holley as a member of the Zoning Commission. Evan Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump - yes. Motion carried.

Trustees asked Gene Cole to talk to people to see if they are interested in joining the Zoning Appeals Board.

Hannah Brown will be stepping down as Fiscal Officer Assistant after the July meeting as her family is growing and she will spend more time at home. Shawn McFarland will be meeting with Shawn Martien who has expressed interest in the position.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

Mr. McFarland passed around the financial reports to the Trustees.

Evan Stump made a motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to prepare warrants and pay bills. Gene Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump - yes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REVISIT:

Deputy Chief Gene Stump said that Chief Morton put in command staff unit numbers and their pay is as

follows:

Deputy Fire Chief – NO PAY

Battalion Chiefs (former Assistant Chiefs) – same pay as when their title was Assistant Chief

EMS Chief – NO PAY

Fire Captains – same pay as prior

Fire Lieutenants – same pay as prior

EMS Captain - \$750 (same as Fire Captains)

Gene Stump made a motion to approve the pay rates recommended. Evan Stump seconded the motion.

Vote: Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Trustees, Evan Stump moved to adjourn. Gene Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

ATTEST:

ABSENT

Shawn McFarland, Fiscal Officer

Kenneth Clark, Chairman

Evan Stump, Vice Chairman

Gene Stump, Trustee