

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION – JUNE 3, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ken Clark called the meeting to order.

OFFICIALS ATTENDING:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Evan Stump moved to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Gene Stump seconded the motion. Vote: Ken Clark – yes; Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried.

GUEST ATTENDING:

Jarrold Uhrig introduced himself and stated that he was concerned about a manhole cover and sewer line near his property. Concrete/asphalt is broken up around the cover. He wanted to know what the city could do to rectify it. The city referred him back to the township. Property address is 1801 Lakeland Dr. As the manhole cover says “sanitary sewer”, Gene Cole told Jarrod to contact Dave Honse. Evan told Mr. Uhrig that the township would also reach out to the City of Findlay on his behalf.

ZONING INSPECTOR’S REPORT:

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

Mr. Cole stated that there were a few mowing complaints regarding mowing not done quickly enough. Additionally, there were a few complaints about junk cars on 408 and 420 California Avenue that have been addressed.

Mr. Cole spoke to Justin Kahle at the Prosecutor’s Office regarding data centers. The only place we have that data centers could currently go into would be light industrial and Justin recommends we look at those on a case-by-case basis because we can set stipulations. Washington Township is preparing to address data centers in their zoning. Liberty Township does not have a lot of property in light industrial. Mr. Evan Stump agreed. The concern is if there is a farmer who owns a lot of land with no one to pass it down to in immediate family, etc., they may be more apt to take a payout to sell to a data center developer.

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Morton emailed his report to the Trustees prior to the meeting for discussion at this meeting.

Mr. Evan Stump asked the Chief what the Class A coats for the Chief’s would be used for.

Mr. Clark brought up the ODNr subject in the Chief’s report. Chief Morton said that during a field fire, there were several farmers who issued complaints about the smoke.

Chief Morton said that the wireless microphones will not connect with the console radios.

Chief Morton turned things over to EMS Chief McFarland for the EMS Chief’s Report, noting that EMS Chief McFarland sent his report prior to the meeting and asked the Trustees if they had any questions, which the Trustees did not.

Mr. Cole informed the Trustees that the air conditioning in the squad was not working. Mr. Cole is speaking to Jeremy at Atlantic to repair it prior to the state inspector's visit on Tuesday.

Mr. Clark praised Battalion Chief Starcher for his work on the Fire Department's Facebook page.

Mr. Evan Stump informed the board that UDS information has been sent out. They will be at the Fire Station on August 3 and 4 from 7am-3:30pm. Mr. McFarland will send letters out to current and past members chosen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

None

Written Communications:

Mr. Gene Stump gave an update regarding Archer and an update from Stephen King. He sent a graph and info about the savings that the township residents have been receiving.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Cole said the speed sign is now up in Forest Park. He also advised that the speed limit on CR 140 between 94 and 99 will be reduced.

Mr. Evan Stump asked about the speed limit study on Sandusky St. because of the sidewalk being installed from LB to Oakwoods. Mr. Cole said that there are still discussions going on.

Mr. Gene Stump informed the board that the FCC license came in for two channels, and those licenses should be posted.

Mr. Cole gave an update from Peterman & Associates for the building quotes. After some discussion, Mr. Gene Stump recommended getting some additional quotes from Clouse Construction, Charles Construction, and other contractors. He also would like to meet with Bruce Otley from Liberty Benton Schools to discuss school land since we now have EMS.

Mr. Evan Stump had a meeting with the website developer. He would like pictures of roads, buildings, trucks, etc. He would also like to make sure that the zoning maps are updated and the meeting minutes need to be digital to be posted on the new website. Mr. McFarland will make sure that the digital meeting minutes will be sent to Mr. Cole monthly. Additionally, Mr. Evan Stump will need the domain login information. All township email addressed will need to be .gov emails and we will need a motion to approve.

Mr. Evan Stump made a motion to approve 7 township employees to have .gov emails at a cost of \$60 annually per email address. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. Vote: Ken Clark – yes; Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried.

Chief Morton asked Mr. Cole for an update on the fire station bay floors. Mr. Cole said that he would contact Hovest.

Trustees then reviewed several of the proposed Fire Department and EMS SOP's. Mr. Gene Stump said

that the Fire Department SOP's should be approved as soon as possible and the proposed EMS SOP's can wait another month or so. As the Resolution to approve all was sent to the Trustees in advance of the Trustees meeting for review, a new Resolution would need to be written with these changes. A recess for Fiscal Officer to write up a new Resolution was taken.

A motion to come out of recess was made by Mr. Evan Stump and seconded by Mr. Gene Stump. Vote: Ken Clark – yes; Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Clark to approve and adopt Resolution 6-2026 Establishing Updated Guidelines of Authority Regarding the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Evan Stump seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ken Clark – yes; Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Cole advised that there are two flooding issues at Westmoor Apartments and catch basin issues.

Mr. Stump said that there are issues on California Avenue with weeds on the street and he recommended Mr. Cole locate someone with a license to spray.

Mr. Cole received a call from a resident on Township Rd. 136 concerning when roads get mowed and having the township clean up the grass clippings on the road.

Mr. Clark advised the Trustees that he is unable to attend the scheduled meeting on July 8. After discussion, the meeting was moved to July 15th at 6pm. Notification will be posted on the township website by Gene Cole.

EMS Chief McFarland asked the Trustees if they had any concerns about the EMS SOP's that were submitted to them in advance for approval at the next Trustees meeting. Trustees indicated that there should be no issues, but Mr. Evan Stump said that the Trustees would review again.

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: Ken Clark – yes, 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: Ken Clark – yes, Evan Stump - yes, Gene Stump – yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

ATTEST:

Shawn McFarland, Fiscal Officer

Kenneth Clark, Chairman

Evan Stump, Vice Chairman

Gene Stump, Trustee

Liberty Township - Gene Cole

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