

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM, 118 E. FRONT ST, SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
MAY 23rd 2017
6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 23rd 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Present were President Randy Cokl, Councilman Les Hoffman, Councilman Bill Boggs, Waste Water Operator/Supervisor Kent Slater, Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. by President Randy Cokl and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business – President Cokl asked if anyone knew of anyone that might be interested in being a Park Board member, there was no reply.

New Business – Mr. Sroufe was present to talk with the Council about his property line with the alley located at 206 S East St. to possibility vacate alley. He has been in contact with the Whitley County Building and Planning Commission and wanted to discuss his options with the current Council. There was discussion and Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer suggested the Council look into things and also talk with Nathan in Columbia City before decided anything. Councilman Boggs agreed to give Nathan a call and get back with Mr Sroufe and then revisit as old business at another Council meeting.

Jorell Tucker was present to talk with Council about tearing out his sidewalk that does not connect with any other neighboring sidewalk and that there are no curbs located there. There was discussion between Council and Attorney Hockemeyer. Decision was made because this is a unique situation that they will allow Mr. Tucker to remove sidewalk that is in bad condition with the stipulation that sidewalk could be put in at a later date with connecting sidewalk to neighbors to the east and west. Motion was made by Councilman Boggs, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Mr. Tucker also asked if he could place on dumpster on the street if he marked it well with tape or cones. Councilman Boggs was not in favor of the dumpster sitting on the road because of traffic and possible damage to the street. Motion was made by President Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Councilman Boggs voted nay. Vote 2-1.

Park Board – Judy Earnhart told the Council that John Dunn was willing to be on the Park Board. There was discussion that John Dunn, Aubrey Smith and Judy Earnhart are all from the Republican Party and that they can not find anyone interested in running from any other political party therefore a motion was made to nominate John Dunn by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0 with the finding that they can not find anyone from a different political party that is interested to run for the park board. Park Board received grant money from Whitley County Community Foundation for \$11,000.00. Park Board President stated that they will be resurfacing the tennis court and when they grind down the surface they will use that to fill in other areas in need. She also stated that the triathlon will be held on June 24th after the Little League program. Sometime in July a soccer league will be starting and wanting to ask to move the burn pile in Hagen Park. There was some discussion but will be brought up again at a later meeting.

Department Heads

Town Marshal-Marshall VanDevender mention that Jeff Beer would like to get permission to close Whitko Drive on June 24th 2017 for a triathlon. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0 to close Whitko Drive by 8:00 AM and reopen when all events are finished.

Waste Water Operator – Mr. Slater stated that the security camera for the back of town building on the employee cars has been installed and the camera for uptown at the three-way intersection will be installed next week. Kent ask if any Council members had any questions after looking over the Preliminary Engineering Plan he gave them, there were no questions. Mr. Slater told the Council that we had good news with the ADA Projects. The town was to do 20% and state 80% but the town only has to pay 10% and state will pay 90% so we saved quite a bit of money. Because the 2 projects have been added together Mr. Slater had new contract to be signed by council.

Town Attorney –

Clerk-Treasurer – Clerk Howard asked the Council to ratify their vote from the work session on May 9th 2017 to approve the sewage adjustment for Joe Grant in the amount of \$430.62 for the reason the it was voted on at a work session and not a regular meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Clerk asked for approval of the yearly monetary gift given to Steve Reiff for letting the town use his property all year long in the amount of \$250.00. Councilman Boggs stated that this is a huge help to the town. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Discussion of the contract with Advanced Disposal coming due in December of this year which could automatically renew but council wants to put it up for bids. Attorney Hockemeyer will start the bid specs for this.

Approval of the May 9th 2017 Work Session Meeting Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of the May 9th 2017 Regular Session Meeting Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of April 2017 Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation was presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of Prepaid APV'S totaling \$ 85,196.94 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of the APV'S totaling \$ 142,244.64 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of Payroll for week ending May 8th 2017 totaling \$ 7,885.09 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of Payroll for week ending May 15th 2017 totaling \$ 8,764.63 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

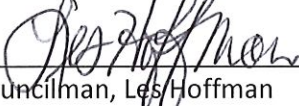
Approval of Payroll for week ending May 22nd 2017 totaling \$ 7,755.97 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Public Input – No Input

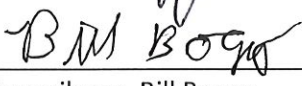
Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:47 PM was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.



President, Randy Cokl

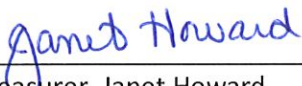


Councilman, Les Hoffman



Councilman, Bill Boggs

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Howard