

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM 118 E FRONT STREET, SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787  
MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 2017  
6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Board Room. Present were President Randy Cokl, Councilman Les Hoffman, Town Marshal Mikel Van Devender, Waste Water Operator Kent Slater, Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard. Councilman Boggs was present via video skype and will be considered an electronic vote and will not count, all votes will be considered 2-0 votes for those that were present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Randy Cokl and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business-Joe Medley adjustment was discussed and motion to approve adjustment of \$3523.02 and any late fees during that period was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President C okl and carried by a 2-0 vote.

New Business- Clerk-Treasurer asked for approval of Ag Plus annual tax abatement compliance forms because Mr. Scher couldn't be present that night. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote. Pat Subkowski was present to ask for a water leak adjustment for \$47.99, motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by 2-0 vote. Dan Ferrell from Lake Park Estates was present to ask for water leak adjustment for two different locations, one being Lot 75 for an adjustment of \$618.30 and Lot 77 for an adjustment of \$247.07, motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Boggs with a 2-0 vote. Ordinance 03-14-2017-01 to adopting and approving Town of South Whitley Code was tabled until questions are answered about the section pertaining to the town employee manual. Motion to approve Resolution# 03-14-2017-02 Authorizing Submission and Local Match Commitment was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried a 2-0 vote. Teresa Carrano was present to ask the Council to approve closing Mulberry Street from State Street to Main Street during the annual Garage Sale weekend April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl with a 2-0 vote.

Park Board – There was no representative present.

#### Department Heads

Town Marshal-Mikel brought up the two hour parking signs uptown on state street and about enforcing, it was suggested to review the ordinance and bring back up at the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mikel wanted it to be noted that the video recorder did not get turned on for this meeting.

Waste Water Operator/Supervisor-wanted to remind the council to review the Title VI transition plan before the next meeting

Town Attorney- Mr.Hockemeyer stated he attempted again to get a response from the County Attorney about the dispatching for Lutheran EMS and no response back.

Clerk Treasurer-Nothing to report

Approval of the February 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 Regular Session Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote.


Approval of the Prepaid APV'S totaling \$24,014.55 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote.


Approval of the APV'S totaling \$30,149.39 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote.


Approval of Payroll for week ending February 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 for \$7,568.92, payroll for week ending March 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 for \$6,984.36 and payroll for week ending march 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 for \$8,544.07 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote.

Public Input-Karissa Rose wanted to ask Council several questions of their concerns. Wondered why their water smelled like a swimming pool about the same time every month around the 27<sup>th</sup> and how often the water is tested. Mr. Slater said he is with the waste water department but knows the water department does test the water every day. She also has been hearing a lot about OCRA and wanted to know what that was. President Cokl explained it stands for Office of Community Rural Affairs and they help with finding grant money to help towns pay for projects that are needed. We are trying to get a grant for \$50,000.00 to help with the water filtration plant and the quality of the water by cutting down on the sulfur and iron. Karissa asked why the sewage bill was being increased so much and was explained that we are being told by IDEM that we have to fix the waste water problem being built undersized and that the responsibility for paying for this has to come out of the waste water utility even though we may have money in other departments, so therefore we need to raise the sewage rates to help cover that expense. Karissa is going to bring in a sample of her water the next time she notices the smell to have tested.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:46 PM was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote.

  
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Council President Randy Cokl

  
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Councilman Les Hoffman

  
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Councilman Bill Boggs

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Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard