

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT ST SOUTH WHITLEY IN 46787
JULY 12TH 2016 6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12th 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Those present were Council President Bill Boggs, Councilman Les Hoffman, Councilman Randy Cokl, Waste Water Operator/Utility Supervisor Kent Slater, Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard.

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

Approval of the minutes from the June 28th Regular Session Meeting were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of Prepaid APV's totaling \$9,525.04 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of APV's totaling \$54,908.26 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of Payroll for week ending July 4th 2016 and week ending July 11th 2016 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Old Business – A lot of talk from the public about golf carts and ORV's and what other communities have for regulations. Council decided to table again to look into what Columbia City's Ordinance is and decide what they would like to have for South Whitley. Councilman Cokl stated he would check into their ordinance. Phone allowance for full time Utility workers and Police Officers was brought up and Clerk-Treasurer had talked with Jodi Hollenbaugh from Whitley County Sheriff's Department they pay \$30.00 a month and on a quarterly basis. Each employee is required to bring in the front page of their bill each month to receive their allowance. This is for record keeping for disbursements for SBOA. Will check into further information as to how to pay employee's. Motion to approve \$30.00 a month for full time Utility workers and Police officers for phone allowance was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

New Business - John Myers with Whitley County EDC was here to go over the 2017 Budget Review. He usually comes around annually at Budget time to let them know what EDC does and ask if they have any questions. They are asking for \$16,530.00 which is the same as last year and this money comes out of the county Cedit Distribution. South Whitley's contribution is about 4% of the budget. President Boggs asked Mr. Myers about grant money for street signs and John said INDOT or Laurie Shipman would be helpful with that. John said he would mention it to Laurie. Councilman Cokl said the EDC is great for the communities with all their help.

Norfolk Southern Representative Leon Jackson was here to talk about the line street crossing. He is based out of Atlanta but covers the northern area of Indiana, he was asked to come here after the derailment to see if the town would be willing to close down that crossing. He stated that there are a

couple of business's that would like it closed for safety reasons. He said he is for Public Safety compared to Public convenience. They will give incentive to the town and the state will match up 7500.00. Town Attorney Hockemeyer asked if they would consider that if there would have to be major redesigning does Norfolk offer any engineering assistance with traffic redesign or additional incentives for this. Mr. Jackson has different contacts he could get with on different questions if needed. Councilman Hoffman asked if we weren't ready to close the crossing now is it a possibility to close at a later date and Mr. Jackson said he didn't see why not. Councilman Hoffman also stated that the crossings are not user friendly for walkers and golf cart users and maybe this could be considered. Town Marshal VanDevender asked about railroad safety classes that they give to police officers and Mr. Jackson said he had contacts he could give him.

Park Board – Teresa told the council that the lines on the tennis courts are painted and Kent said they installed the new slide that day. The next Park Board meeting will be July 21st at 5:30P.M.

Town Marshal – Mikel wanted to verify with the council that when police officers are at training they will get paid on a regular week pay period of 42 hours instead of hourly because hourly would be much more with the hours they put in. Motion to pay officers on a regular pay period of 42 hours while at training and also to be added to employee manual was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Mikel also stated that the SR 205 speed limit coming into town is 55 and residents were wanting this lowered, he checked into and the town doesn't have much say but INDOT will be doing a speed study and will get back with him.

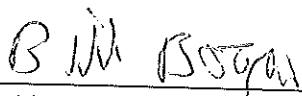
Waste Water Operator – Kent said the sewer separation project at State and Wayne is complete and hopefully will help with the flow. Two more quotes for AC for the water department were received and Bolinger Tin Shop was still the lowest bid which was passed at the last meeting to go with if still the lowest. Kent stated that Town Attorney looked over the ADA right away and they were cleared so now DLZ has to send to INDOT to their specialist to see if they concur with our Attorney. DLZ had asked INDOT to put together the West/East projects and INDOT has some concerns with this because the West project is already funded for 2017 so they are putting a hold on that but there might be possibility of additional funds available the last quarter of 2017, that we could maybe put the two projects together and get done earlier if funds are available. DLZ will be taking care of this.

Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer – Gregg had purchasing ordinance for the council to look over and is required by SBOA, Clerk-Treasurer would like department heads included. Teresa from the Park Board asked to have something in there also for them and Attorney Hockemeyer said he would put that Clerk-Treasurer would be able to do this.

Clerk-Treasurer- Approval of Additional Appropriation Resolution #07-12-2016-01 LOIT Public Safety Fund and MVH Fund which also included Special Distribution Local and Street Fund. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Clerk-Treasurer had paperwork for the council to look over from three IT Services to see if we might want to change IT Service. She also had information about Code Red an alert message service. Mr. Knight stopped in the office one day while in town to present his information on his company. It was mentioned that Whitley County uses Nixle for this service and is well known in this area. Mikel is going to check this out with Janel at Whitley County Dispatch and get more information to compare. Attorney Hockemeyer said it would probably be good to piggyback with the county on this.

Public Input – Ms. Fetchik said she had a neighbor that leaves the trash bins out in the street where they are suppose to park and wondered if the town could do anything about this. Mikel said there should be an access right away and would look into this matter. Cindy Gaff mentioned the property on State Street across from her is a mess and nothing is being done. This is the unsafe property of Joe Kyler and that the current owner had until August 31st to get finished and show that he was doing on going clean up from the April meeting, the council will look into this matter.

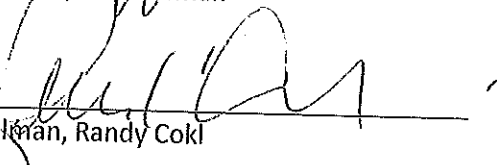
Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0 at 9:07 P.M.



President, Bill Boggs

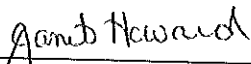


Councilman, Les Hoffman



Councilman, Randy Cokl

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Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Howard