

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT ST SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
June 28th 2016 6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 28th 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 Kent Slater, Water Operator Ron Anderson, Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Attorney Gregory Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard.

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

The minutes from the June 14th 2016 Work Session Meeting were approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

The minutes from the June 14th 2016 Regular Session Meeting were approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

The minutes from the June 21st 2016 Public Meeting were approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

APV'S were presented for approval totaling \$ 15,028.98 were approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of Payroll for Week ending June 20th 2016 and Week ending June 27th 2016 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Old Business – Amending Golf Cart Ordinance was tabled until next meeting. Attorney Hockemeyer apologized for not getting the ordinance done but he wasn't able to get everything finished with short week going to Lawyers Conference in Indianapolis. President Boggs strongly suggested to the public that they do not ride ORV's in town because the ordinance has not been passed yet. Phone allowance was also tabled, Councilman Cokl was not able to get any information yet, so Clerk-Treasurer will make a phone call to Sheriff's Department to see what they do for phone allowance.

New Business – Town Marshal VanDevender presented Officer Blake Burman's employment contract was signed and welcomed to the South Whitley force by the council. Ag Plus representatives Tom Warner, Brent Tracy of Senergy Feeds and Jeff Mize CEO, came to the council to let them know in person their thoughts on Norfolk Railroad closing the line street crossing and that they were in favor of the closing. Jeff Mize stated that they wanted to express the safety issue of going across the road several times a day and usually 30 semi loads go out in a day and 10 to 15 come in. The big factor for the feed department is the product comes in on a semi and then forklifts are going across the road 200 times a week this is a real safety issue to cross and if the street was closed it would make their daily operation a safer place. President Boggs mentioned he would hate to close it down but it's not off the table yet. Just thinking of local traffic and having to go down to Pennsylvania street to 5, it's a bad intersection right at the tracks to try and see to the north over the tracks and turn that way. Bill stated he thinks there will be a lot of wrecks there and Tom Warner stated he is surprised there hasn't been a

lot of wrecks on line street with the high school kids flying down the street. Mr. Warner also stated he thought once the kids figured out instead of jogging thru the neighborhood they could come out of school and straight up 5 that it would probably work out ok. Jeff Mize said they were here to support Norfolk but will also support the council's decision as well. Bill said I know it's an inconvenience to your work. Councilman Cokl asked the Town Marshal what kind of issues there has been since the train wreck and Michael said there hasn't been any yet but he has been watching the intersection and there has been heavy traffic in short amount of time which would increase the possibility of wrecks. Randy mentioned making Pennsylvania street a one way and have signage to travel different direction. Bill said this would not be an overnight decision because there is a lot to consider. Jennifer Dickmeyer came to the board with a Façade Grant application for signage. She had four quotes and wants to go with Indiana Sign Works for the job. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman to accept the application in the amount of \$1132.85 for the Façade Grant and seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote. Jennifer said the paperwork needed to be notarized but Matt was sick and couldn't be here. Attorney Hockemeyer stated that it just has to be notarized and turned in before the check is issued. Council told Jennifer how nice the building improvements looked.

Park Board – Teresa said that the foot bridge across the creek is moving forward and a 3 Unit slide is ordered to replace the slide that had a hole in it and that they would not need to have an equipment specialist assemble it, the total for the slide plus shipping is \$390.00. She is also contacting people to fix the chain link fence by the basketball court. Thursday morning 6 to 8 tennis players and the tennis coach will be painting the lines on the tennis courts with the help of Teresa. Wednesday Teresa is going to power wash the courts. Foot Bridge across the creek is moving forward. President Boggs asked Teresa about checking the mulch on the playground, he said the mulch needs a 5 inch layer all around so if someone falls they don't get hurt and maybe she could move it around and fluff it. Teresa said their next meeting is the 21st of July at 5:30.

Department Heads-

Town Marshal- Marshal VanDevender said the way the tall grass ordinance is handled is when the bill comes in the clerk has to go to the court house and file a lien and once it is paid then she has to go back to the court and release the lien, he wants to ask permission to send a bill to the property owner and give them 60 days to pay to see if we can collect before she has to do all the paperwork and filing. Motion to authorize the Town Marshal to send a bill and if not paid in 60 days then place a lien on property tax was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Mikel brought up that the 800 radios do not work in this area and by October they will probably have to have all radios working so he brought 3 quotes for the cost of getting new radios Motorola Solutions quote is \$27,379.65, J & K Communications, INC is \$14,300.00 and Copsgear is \$16,920.00. Mikel talked with Councilman Cokl about the 3 quotes ahead of time since he is familiar with the situation working for the county and also being an EMT. Full band radios are needed and we have the money thru the Loit Public Safety Budget to do this. Talked about the three quote's and motion was made by Councilman Cokl to go with Motorola Solutions quote in the amount of \$27.379.65 for the purchase of radios for the police and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Marshal VanDevender said with going with this quote when they need updated all that will have to be done is get a new chip for the radios and therefore they will not need to buy new radios ever 5 years. Marshal VanDevender stated that SRO Officer Gilbert passed his physical agility testing and will be going for academy training July 10th thru October. Councilman Cokl asked about the towns fireworks ordinance and if it could be the same as the state laws, the town ordinance is more restricted then the state laws. Council discuss and President Boggs stated he would like the towns to stay the same.

Attorney Hockemeyer informed the council that the state law says the cities and towns can establish their own ordinance which would be over the state law.

Wastewater Operator – Kent Slater brought three quotes for the paving of Buckeye Street and three intersections in town. Brooks quote came in at \$47,523.00, EB Paving came in at \$37,120.00 and NiBlock came in at \$34,248.00, Kent has liked NiBlock in the past and if unanimous vote tonight on their quote it could be adopted tonight. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman to accept quote from NiBlock and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Kent also stated the Long Term Control Plan is ready for Public Hearing on July 12th 2016 at 5:30 P.M. and a copy for the public to look at will be in the clerk's office and also the Public Library. Kent met with DLZ last week to come up with ADA Plan and put together things for the ADA audit. The Sewer Separation project starts tomorrow and will probably take 3 days. Kent said the water treatment exam class will be held in South Whitley this fall and will be good for the town. Utility Operator Amanda Howard will be attending the class.

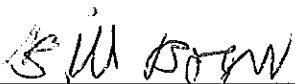
Water Operator – Ron Anderson had a price for the well air conditioner which is needed so it doesn't overheat. Quote from Bolinger Tin Shop came in at \$3503.10 and motion was made by Councilman Hoffman authorizing Ron to get two more quotes and to go ahead with Bolinger Tin Shop if they do not exceed \$3503.00 and seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer – Attorney Hockemeyer suggested that the clerk stay in close contact with Umbaugh & Associates, Steve Carter with the Long Term Plan and how we are going to pay for it with all the projects being discussed.

Clerk-Treasurer – Approval of Ordinance #06-28-2016-01 Ordinance fixing the Salaries of the Town of South Whitley. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Approval of Resolution #06-28-2016-02 Utility Adjustments was presented and motion was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Approval of Resolution #06-28-2016-03 Transfer Money Resolution was presented and motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Approval of April Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation was presented and motion was made by Councilman and seconded by Councilman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Public Input - Nothing

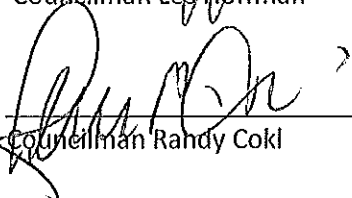
Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:50 P.M. was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.



President Bill Boggs

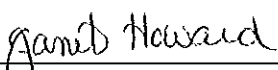


Councilman Les Hoffman



Councilman Randy Cokl

ATTESTED:



Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard