

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM, 118 E. FRONT ST, SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
AUGUST 8TH 2017
6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8th 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 Van Devender, Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard.

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

New Business – James Johnson 328 W Deer Trail was present to ask Council about sewage break for putting in a new yard. Motion was made by to charge the minimum of 2,000 gallons from now thru September and the rest will be credit off of sewage, seconded by Councilman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Phil LaBrash with DLZ was present to update the Council on the sidewalk project on the west side of South State street from Whispering Hills to the Bridge. There are two options to consider, the first option would be in INDOT'S right away. INDOT has a 20 foot right away and you would have to go by all of INDOT rules, getting permits and so on. INDOT says separation between the highway and sidewalk needs to be 4 to 6 feet which to do that you could only provide a 3 foot path and they would also want a curb installed along the roadway which would contribute to a significant amount of cost to the project as well as complicating to a drainage problem. He ran a simple cost estimate between this option and option of putting sidewalk behind INDOT'S right away. Rough estimated cost with INDOT is \$250,000 - \$300,000 and additional cost to bring in dirt and fill in along side of the road where it drops off, water running off resident's yards would be another complication. The second option would be outside of the right away but would have to get property owners to sell or give right away to the town to construct sidewalk on their property. This cost is estimated at \$120,000 without considering the cost of purchasing the right ways. The Council could approach property owners to discuss what it would take to put in sidewalk and could either donate or sell property needed, there would need to be an appraisal and attorney could act as purchasing agent. He suggested they come up with a good reason as to why this would be good for the community and maybe use the media and have a town meeting to have discussion. President Cokl asked about grants for funding a project like this and Mr. LaBrash stated there just isn't much out there for this. Mr. Slater asked Mr. LaBrash if he knew when the ADA sidewalk would be started and he stated that he hasn't heard anything yet but thought it was to start the end of August and would reach out to them to try and find out.

Old Business – None

Park Board – Not present.

Department Heads

Town Marshal-Marshall Van Devender – Marshal Van Devender asked the Council about date and time for Treat or Treat Night. Motion was made by Councilman Boggs to have Treat or Treat on October 31st 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Marshal stated that he has sent out 14 to 15 letters for Weed Ordinance violations and most have been

taken care of except a few and will probably need to get with attorney to talk about. Suggested Council might want to make some changes to the ordinance but Attorney Hockemeyer stated he thinks the ordinance we have would hold up in court with a judge. Marshal stated that school starts Thursday and kids will be out so to remind everyone to be safe.

Waste Water Operator – Mr. Slater ask for approval for the Family of God Church to be able to close down Market street from the alley to Maple street for Fall Festival church service Sunday, September 17th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Motion was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Mr. Slater stated the ADA sidewalk project should be starting soon and that there is a state project going to start under the bridge. The road will not be closed but heavy equipment will be brought in to scour underneath the bridge. The PRE report has been submitted to SRF to look over. Mr. Slater wants to grind stumps out by the hitching post in the park and will rent machine to do so costing around \$175 To \$200 a day. Paving quotes are starting to come in for Sunset, Hillcrest, Cherry Lane, Eel River Manor, and finish west end of Pine street and East Mulberry street, hopefully will have them by the next meeting. Mr. Slater told the Council that back in 2012 the Town received a grant for trees to be planted around the Waste Water plant and we would need to moved and replant these trees somewhere on town property because of the construction that will start next year. There are roughly 2 bushes and 18 trees and will start this process this fall.

Town Attorney – Attorney Hockemeyer stated he sent out revision of Bid Specs for Garbage contract to look over and is asking for approval of Bid Specs and processing. Motion was made to accept Bid Specs and processing by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Councilman Hoffman stated that he asked Nathan Bilger to look over the Abandoned Ordinance to see if he recommended any changes and Attorney Hockemeyer thought that was a good idea.

Clerk-Treasurer – Clerk asked for approval of Ordinance 08-08-2017-01 Adopting a Youth League Fee. Motion was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Clerk asked for approval of Ordinance 08-08-2017-02 Creating the MVH Fund Allocated (200) and Renaming current MVH Fund (201). Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Clerk asked for approval of Transfer Money Resolution 08-08-2017-01 Per SBOA Auditor Direction for 2013 and 2014. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of the July 25th 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 Prepaid APV'S totaling \$30,377.68 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

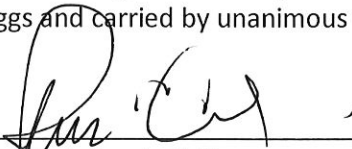
Approval of the APV'S totaling \$16,380.18 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of Payroll for week ending July 31st 2017 totaling \$ 7,842.14 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 August 7th 2017 totaling \$ 7,335.38 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Public Input – Clara Marie Butt asked about abandoned cars on properties in town. There was discussion and Marshal Van Devender will look into. Barb Clark asked about parking on Calhoun street in front of her house, if she could put up a no parking sign or the town would make it no parking. Cars park in front of their house and the bank is on a slope and hard for her husband to mow with cars parked there all the time. There was some discussion and council will check into further.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:32 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