

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM, 118 E FRONT ST. SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

APRIL 18TH 2016 5:30

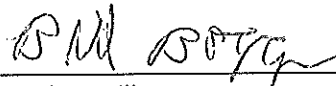
Jim Yeager from Amvet's Post 2919 wanted to know if there would be one person that would be the contact person to talk about the options and then that person could report back to the other council members instead of taking so much time during a meeting to decide about the message board sign. Charles Shoemaker wanted to do something for the community and Mr. Yeager is proposing the message board as part of his contribution to the community. Mr. Yeager wants to get with the trustee from Churubusco to get idea of what the maintenance expense might be and etc. down the road as to what to expect. The council will think about this and maybe talk about a different location. Town Marshall Mikel Van Devender had a paper from IDOT that gave their regulations for being near a state highway. (copy is available). Councilman Boggs asked if the trustee would help pay for cost and Jim said that wasn't what the Town Marshall and him talked about in the past. Also talked about who would pick up the insurance on the sign if damaged. Councilman Cokl asked if Churubusco has anything in writing as to how they developed getting their sign. Council is going to talk more about the town sign ordinances and maybe some changes.

Ron Anderson stated the 1 year inspection for water tower with Dixon Engineering for 1800.00 has to be done before September of this year or all warranties will void. Ron brought up that when Starlight Estates went in the town that they have their own infrastructure but the town is charging them 1 ½ times on the sewage rate but we do not charge River Road houses 1 ½ times on the electric that they use and that doesn't seem right. He is proposing to go back to same rates as everyone in the town pays for Starlight Estates on sewage because Eberly's have their own lift station and everything out there. The council will have to consider everything. Ron was asked about the generators for the two buildings, original plan was to put 1 generator in, if split it up can save around 10,000.00. Figured the cost of heating is about 5,000.00 a month currently. Ron also stated that about 10 years ago David Manns purchased a locator which has never worked right so he called the company that makes them and they came down, they told Ron that it doesn't work right because it's a European locator- European runs on 50 and ours runs on 60 so that is why he has trouble locating wires correctly. Quotes to replace it is \$3850.00 from supplier. It is used if someone calls 811, Ron has to go out and locate everything the town owns.

Ron, Attorney Hockemeyer and one council member needs to get together to talk about Lake Park Estates situation and then have conference call with them.

Councilman Cokl said Lori Shipman will be coming to the May 10th work session and fill them in on the grants.

Motion to adjourn work session at 6:29 PM was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote.



President Bill Boggs

ATTESTED

Janet Howard
Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard

Les Hoffman
Councilman Les Hoffman

Randy Cokl
Councilman Randy Cokl

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT ST SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
April 12th 2016 6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12th 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Board room. Those present were Council President Bill Boggs, Councilman Les Hoffman, Councilman Randy Cokl, 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 6:31PM and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the March 22nd 2016 Regular Session Meeting were approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote.

APV'S were presented for approval totaling \$58,916.46 and APV'S already paid APV's for approval totaling \$164,560.87 were approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote.

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

Motion to appoint Amy VanDevender to Park Board was made by President Bill Boggs and seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote.

New Business – Jeff Shrer with Ag Plus was present to ask for three Tax Abatements, Attorney Greg Hockemeyer looked over and explained the purpose of the abatements and that the President would need to sign off and then Ag Plus would file with the county. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote.

Park Board –Teresa stated the surveys are coming in with good response and the deadline to have them in is Friday, April 15th, the Park Board will be going over them in there April 21st meeting and bring back to town council the next meeting. As a whole what people are saying is that a lot of people would like to get the fall festival back. Judy stated that they would like to work it around the Car Show and Bingo but not take away from them just enhance with a few more activities since there is already an established date for that event. Teresa said that the by laws state that if fire is started in the parks they need to be there to watch them, she said 3 years ago the town started burning grass clippings, etc and there is not suppose to be any burning and no one is watching the fires. Ron stated the town burns daily and the town does not chip brush anymore. Teresa said they prefer no burning unless someone stays with fire and Ron said we can't stand there all day and watch the fire. He stated the town will have to find ground to burn on if that ground is not available to do so. This will be thought about by town council and brought up at the next meeting. Was also stated that Mulberry St by subway will be closed for garage sale weekend.

Old Business – Tabled hearing on unsafe property at 410 S State St. until April 26th meeting, letter came out early and had to wait 10 days for hearing. Employee handbook still needs a few changes and will be

ready to finalize at next meeting. Police holiday needs to be clarified, they currently get paid whether they work or not on their 4 day schedule and Mikel wants to know if it is going to stay the same, it has been extra 8 hours on pay check but not overtime. Council is going to leave it as is. Vacation for police will get paid for 42 hours for week of vacation since that is what they usually work in a week.

The 2nd reading of Ordinance #03-22-2016-01 ordinance amending the Town of South Whitley Code to modify certain Sewer rates and charges having to do with seasonal water use. Motion to approve the final reading was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote.

Department Heads-

Town Marshal-Mikel stated the letter is ready to send back our plan on completion of painting the airplane which is September 30th 2016. Amvets Post 2919 will be painting the airplane and getting with Reiff's on the paint which the town will pay for whatever the cost is. Mikel said he briefly got with Janice Perry on the stray animals. He also said the cameras were installed this week and very pleased with. Mikel went to Dollar General and talked about trash can at the front of the store and they have tried to put one out there before but their corporate office will not allow them to do so, but he also feels the employees at Dollar General are doing a good job with picking up the trash in their lot. Mikel informed the council he was putting on a Reserve policeman, his name is Blake Burman and will not cost the town anything. He also stated that a business man is abusing the town burning, Attorney Hockemeyer suggested they need to have Councilman, Ron, and Park Board to set up policy.

Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer – Attorney Hockemeyer said they inherited a little problem with infrastructure and roads out at Lake Park Estates- needs more discussion on the matter with Ron, Council member and attorney and then set up phone conference with Lake Park Estates person in Utah as to what they were told and additional information to negotiate. Ron will contact Lake Park Estates to set up time.

Class action was thrown at the Town Marshall – Attorney Hockemeyer states he doesn't want to spend much time on because usually aren't looking at several thousand dollars and not sure how we got on the list. Attorney is not aware of the town having a broker to sell bonds so will check into.

Also alley behind Dollar General and old grocery store decision was made to go ahead with and Councilman Boggs will contact Andrew Rosswell with the legal description of additional property for them to sign over.

Clerk-Treasurer – Janet Howard asked for council to approve Resolution #04-12-2016-01 for Additional Appropriation for Cedit and Riverboat Fund that was neglected in last year's budget. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote.

Clerk-Treasurer asked for approval of Resolution #04-12-2016-02 for Transfer of Funds from Park and Recreation Fund that is a taxed base fund and should not have been in this fund from 2011 donations to the Park Donation Fund (Detail Revenue History attached). Motion was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote.

Clerk-Treasurer asked for approval of Resolution #04-12-2016-03 authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of South Whitley, Indiana to Deposit, Invest, and Reinvest Funds in Local Financial Institutions Designated as Depositories. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote.

Clerk ask the council to consider buying a new push mower for town since the mower is 13 years old and on its last leg. The council asked Ron if he would get three quotes and bring back to council. Clerk-Treasurer said that it was found that in 2014 and 2015 the SRO payroll was paid out of General Fund and not out of SRO Fund which should not have happen. SRO Reconciliation paperwork was approved by the auditors and presented to the council to look over and approve to transfer \$38,307.72 back to the general fund from SRO fund to straighten out.

Ron Anderson asked the Council to approve the Dixon Engineering Inspection contract for \$1800.00 that was talked about in the work session early. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote.

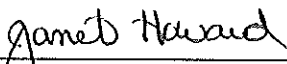
It was brought up that Whitley Manufacturing was willing to pay for two out of five poles if the town would pay for three at the park on the north side of the tracks. The council is willing to pay up to 325.00 for the three poles. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote.

Council talked about the Journeyman Ad, approval of ad for paper with acceptance for modification for job application.

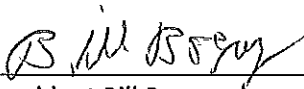
Public Input - Nothing

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10 PM was made by Councilman Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried unanimous vote.

ATTESTED




Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard



President Bill Boggs



Councilman Les Hoffman



Councilman Randy Cokl