

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM, 118 E. FRONT ST, SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
APRIL 11TH 2017
6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, APRIL 11th 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Present were President Randy Cokl, Councilman Les Hoffman, Councilman Bill Boggs, Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard. Absent were Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender and Waste Water Operator Kent Slater.

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

Old Business – Jon Myers from the Whitley County EDC was present to talk to the Council as to the Spring Installment for \$8265.00 and answer any questions. Mr. Myers stated their major role is to have a relationship to work with companies that are already here to expand or have issues with the county government or taxes. Mr. Myers stated that South Whitley is blessed to have four major companies in town, Whitley Manufacturing, Ag Plus, Shindigz and Fox Products. They also look for new companies to come into town to create new jobs and focus on getting people to move to town to help local economy and the school corporation. There was discussion and a motion was made by Councilman Hoffman to approve the EDC Spring Installment, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

New Business – Mr. Brumbaugh did not show to ask for sewage adjustment for water leak. An Ordinance was introduced by President Randy Cokl for IMPA Adopting an Economic Development Rider for incentive for a company to add on to their business or new company to come and give them a rate incentive for credit. Motion to approved Ordinance #04-11-2017-01 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. President Cokl stated that he would like a motion to start litigation against Gove & Associates for the Waste Water Treatment Plant being built to small. The Town initially paid 3.5 million and it will take roughly another 4.5 million to correct the problem that the state is saying the town has to fix. Attorney Hockemeyer has been in contact with a firm in Carmel Indiana, Drewry, Simmons Vornehm. LLC about this. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman to approve litigation with a cap not to exceed \$20,000.00 before moving forward, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Park Board – Ms. Earnhart stated that the new water fountain has been installed and that the basketball court fence would be getting fixed around April 24th 2017 and would cost around 1700.00. Clerk-Treasurer Howard stated to the Council that they would need to make decisions for the Park until the Park Board has enough members to form a quorum. Motion was made by Councilman Boggs to approve fixing the basketball court fence in the Park not to exceed \$1800.00 with proper paperwork to be given to Clerk-Treasurer, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Department Heads

Town Marshal – Absent

Waste Water Operator- Absent. Clerk-Treasurer Howard had LPA Consulting Combined Contract from DLZ for the East/West ADA Side Walk Projects for the Council to sign since INDOT wanted the two contracts to be one and Kent also wanted to let the Council know that they started to install the furnace this week.

Town Attorney - Attorney Hockemeyer mentioned he was working with a committee on Vacant and Abandoned Building Ordinance and hoping to have a proposal in a month or so.

Clerk-Treasurer – Nothing tonight

Approval of the March 28th 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 the February 2017 Depository Statement was 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 \$36,488.22 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

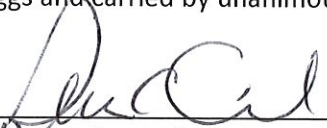
Approval of the APV'S totaling \$15,427.40 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of Payroll for week ending April 3rd 2017 totaling \$7636.77 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

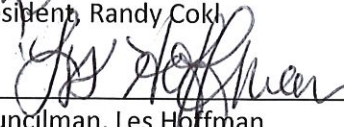
Approval of Payroll for week ending April 10th 2017 totaling \$7365.72 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Public Input – None. President Cokl mentioned that Monday, April 17th 2017 at 1:00 PM there would be a meeting at the Whitley County Commissioner's Board Room and the Town of South Whitley will be on the agenda about getting Lutheran EMS in town and also about the dispatching of the EMS. He invited as many residents and businesses to come to the meeting to show support.

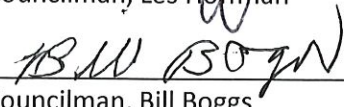
Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:24 PM was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.



President, Randy Cokl



Councilman, Les Hoffman



Councilman, Bill Boggs

ATTEST:


Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Howard