

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM, 118 E. FRONT ST, SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787  
JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> 2017  
6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 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 VanDevender, 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 – Wayde Draper 302 Carroll Rd/SR 205 and corner of Calhoun Street was present to ask Council to override an Ordinance for parking on Calhoun Street that states no parking except for Sundays or Holidays. He is hosting a graduation party on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Motion was made by Councilman Boggs to allow parking on Calhoun Street on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. President Cokl mentioned that on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 1:00 PM there is a Whitley County Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Columbia City, Indiana and he will have a Power Point presentation for the Commissioners on a plan for the Lutheran EMS in South Whitley that Commissioner Western suggested.

Old Business – First reading of Amending Ordinance #06-27-2017-01 to Enlarge The Park & Recreation Board With A School Board Representative was discussed and a motion to approve on first reading was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Park Board – Not present. Councilman Hoffman stated that they were pleased with the turn out for the triathlon last Saturday and that Mikel has been working on the Park Board website. The Park Board would like to have a town email address and Mikel said it would be \$1.99 a month. Motion to approve the Park Board to have a town email address that would be paid out of the Park Appropriation was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

#### Department Heads

Town Marshal-Marshall VanDevender – Marshal VanDevender ask the Council to approve the 2017/2018 SRO Contract. Motion to approve the contract was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Marshal stated that the new SRO vehicle is in the process of being put together and the old SRO car has been brought back and setting behind the town hall. Marshal VanDevender asked the Council if they wanted to keep the old car for a town vehicle to use to drive to different things like conferences, training, etc. Council thought that would be a good idea instead of paying for mileage, it would be more cost effective to fill car up with gas to use. Mikel will take care of getting the title transfered to Town. Mowing fees were discussed and the current ordinance states that town can charge cost of mowing so will not amend ordinance but will use a calculation that the Marshal and Mr. Slater has prepared. To cover cost would be 70.00 an hour for employee mowing and maintenance cost and \$30.00 to cover cost for clerical such as liens, postage and etc. This reflects the cost endured by town for mowing properties due to violation of an ordinance and not a fee. Motion to fine that \$100.00 is a reasonable cost assessment if a lien has to go on for violation was made by Councilman Boggs, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Waste Water Operator –Mr. Slater met with INDOT and Phend & Brown for preconstruction meeting and the ADA sidewalk project will start August 8<sup>th</sup> 2017, they have until October 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 to finish. He also has talked with DLZ and they will have information soon with their meeting after walking the south side of the bridge for sidewalks. The Public Hearing will be on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 5:30 PM for the Waste Water Plant design. Donohue will be at the plant on July 25<sup>th</sup> to walk through the plant and if any Council member wants to join they can to better understand what is going on. They will be here around 10:00 AM.

Town Attorney – Attorney stated he did follow up on garbage collection contract and most will just transfer, will just need to plug in some different dates. He has also prepared papers for Redevelopment Commission for the Council to look over and mentioned that he has not heard anything on the litigation that is pending.

Clerk-Treasurer – Clerk reported that on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 representative from IPEP/IOSHA training came and met with Utility workers, Sgt. LeWallen, and Clerk-Treasurer. Training was discussed and information material handed out. It was decided to have training on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 12:30, this training will be on Confined Space Entry safety and Bloodborne Pathogens safety. Mrs. Howard mentioned that Pat Brandenburg from SBOA and Retha Hicks Consultant will be here at 7:30 AM on July 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 to go over findings from 2013/2014 Audit corrections. Clerk also mentioned that Councilmen Hoffman and Cokl will be attending the AIM Fall Conference in Evansville, Indiana and all arrangements have been made.

Approval of June 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 Work 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 June 13<sup>th</sup> 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 June 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 Public Hearing 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 \$31,873.87 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

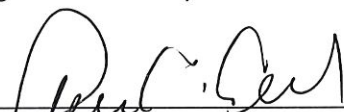
Approval of the APV'S totaling \$88,298.28 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of Payroll for week ending June 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 totaling \$ 9,103.32 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

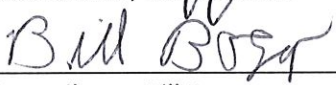
Approval of Payroll for week ending June 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 totaling \$ 7,668.29 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

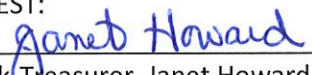
Public Input – Ana Simmons was present to ask about getting 20 mile per hour speed signs and no thru truck signs back up by her house on main street. She stated that years ago when they paved that street they took down signs and did not put them back up. Mikel stated he would need to look into and check the ordinance before anything can be done. If there is not an ordinance the Council could adopt an ordinance if they wish. Anna was also there to be considered for appointment to the Park Board. Councilman Boggs stated that he also had someone interested and was planning on going to the next Park Board meeting to decide whether or not she would consider being appointed. Since there are two people interested Council decided to table until July 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting. There was discussion on the vacate of alley on East street and Council does not want to do this for the reason that there is a water line in the easement. There was a motion to approve Gary Sroufe to get a permit to extend the roof of the garage made by Councilman Boggs, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Clerk-Treasurer will prepare a letter for Mr. Sroufe to take with him to get a permit to do so. President Cokl stated the Council needs to think about who might want to be appointed from the Council to be on the Sewer District Commission. Attorney Hockemeyer stated that last week he attended a conference held by AIM for Indiana Association of Lawyers and they are starting to talk about pushing towards regionalizing sewer districts and other utilities.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:17 PM was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

  
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Councilman, Les Hoffman

  
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Councilman, Bill Boggs

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Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Howard