

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM 118 E FRONT STREET, SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
JANUARY 24TH 2017
6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10th 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Board Room. Present were President Randy Cokl, Councilman Les Hoffman, Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Waste Water Operator Kent Slater, Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard. Absent was Councilman Bill Boggs.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by President Randy Cokl and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business-Tall Grass Ordinance-Mikel stated there is a standing policy right now and wants to change to cost of 40.00 an hour for labor and \$30.00 more for wear and tear on equipment. There was discussion and decided that Town Marshal and Attorney will work together to get a draft ready for the next meeting or so.

Employee Manual- Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl to approve the change to delete the paragraph on HSA since the Town has changed the type of insurance and carried a vote 2-0.

New Business-Water Leak Adjustment on Sewage for Sharon Lee for house on Front Street. Motion to approve adjustment for \$106.45 was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl with a 2-0 vote. Approval of introducing Ordinance # 01-24-2017-01 to increase sewage rates on the first reading. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl with a 2-0 vote. There will be a public hearing on February 14th 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Park Board – There was no representative present.

Department Heads

Town Marshal-Whitko School Corp has a grant from Homeland Security to purchase car for the SRO Officer. They want the town to invoice them for the car to purchase so the car can be registered to the Town. The lowest quote came in at \$33,294.13. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl with a 2-0 vote to approve. Mikel would like a price cap on the purchase of the TV for the council room, there was discussion and decided the cap would be \$500.00. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl with a 2-0 vote. Mikel wanted to remind the council that Blake Burman will graduate on February 16th and will be on duty November 18th.

Waste Water Operator/Supervisor- Monument for the sign is completed. There was discussion on the light pole near the sign being moved to the west because it is in the way of the sign. Kent received a call that Sherry Murdock wanted to donate 5 benches for the downtown area and would like approval from the council. They delegated Kent to get more information as to what kind of benches and location as to where they would be placed. Kent stated that the 1972 Ford tractor that is used for moving road salt needs to be replaced because there are a lot of problems with it. It does not have any brakes, will not start now and has been a safety issue. He has quote from More Farm Store and can purchase Kubota skid loader for 35,380.00 or rent for 800.00 with option to buy. Has a quote from Bobcat out of Ft

Wayne and has talked with Kerlins. Motion to rent the skid loader for 800.00 a month was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl with a 2-0 vote.

Town Attorney-Attorney Hockemeyer stated he sent letter to county attorney to address the EMS dispatching.

Clerk Treasurer-Clerk stated that we received the 1782 notice for the 2017 Budget and everything was approved for except \$20 which is very good. The 100R has been completed for the end of the year and W-2s are completed. Working on the 1099's and will be completed before the January 31st deadline.

Approval of the January 10th 2017 Work Session Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl with a 2-0 vote.

Approval of the January 10th 2017 Regular Session Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl with a 2-0 vote.

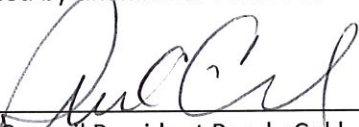
Approval of the Prepaid APV'S totaling \$18,223.51 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl with a 2-0 vote.

Approval of the APV'S totaling \$152,957.01 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl with a 2-0 vote.


Approval of Payroll for week ending January 16th 2017 for \$9126.17 and week ending January 23rd 2017 for \$8064.37 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by President Cokl with a 2-0 vote.

Public Input-Water leak adjustment for 418 S Water was discussed and will get the figures for approval at the February 14th 2017 meeting. President Cokl will be attending an IMPA meeting March 23rd and going to talk with them about looking into the towns electric rates. President Cokl stated they will be talking with someone from Churubusco who has experience with writing grants about looking into grants for the Town of South Whitley.

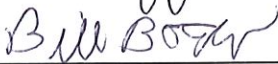
Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30PM was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by President Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 2-0.



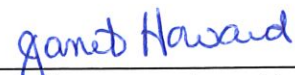
Council President Randy Cokl



Councilman Les Hoffman



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ATTEST: 

Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard