

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT STREET
SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
AUGUST 8TH 2017 at 5:30 PM

The work session was called to order at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, August 8th 2017. Those present were Council President Randy Cokl, Councilman Bill Boggs, Councilman Les Hoffman, Waste Water Operator/Supervisor Kent Slater, Town Marshal Mikel Van Devender and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard.

John Myers introduced Terry James who is working on a building on State Street and will be renting for a Chiropractic Practice and Marshal Arts. Mr. Myers also stated that a company is interested in the Dwyer building or putting up a warehouse in the Industrial Park. There would only be roughly six jobs at first and maybe up to 10 or 12 jobs. He talked with Lori Shipman and she said there is a USDA program available for rural development and the Town already is qualified for this because of a project years ago. With this program the Town would be able to borrow at zero percentage rent and reloan to someone who wants to build a building. The Town could add up to 1% interest to cover the cost of billing, etc. He has not talked to company about this but wanted the Council be aware of this program if they might be interested. He also asked the Council if they had done anything more on setting up the Redevelopment Commission or TIF District. Councilman Cokl stated that they are still working on this. Mr. Slater asked Mr. Myers if there has been anything done with the Sewer District yet? Mr. Myers said he will check into and see if he can find a contact person for Councilman Boggs to talk with.

Marshal Van Devender asked Council to think about Treat or Treat night and to set a time for consideration to be decided in the regular session meeting.

Kent Slater asked President Cokl if he had a Fall Festival schedule made up yet. There is a preliminary one but changes are made on a daily basis as things come in. Fall Festival will be September 15th-17th with a King/Queen Cutie Contest on Thursday, September 14th, they will be crowned at the Whitko Football game on Friday, September 15th. There will be a pep rally at 5:30 PM before the football game and also will be selling tickets for the Duck Race that will be held on Sunday, Saturday, September 16th there will be a 5K run/walk at 9:00, mud volleyball, canoe float, 3 on 3 basketball, Kiddie Tractor pull will be at 9:30 AM followed by the Big Wheel Race, Donut Race, Kiddie Parade will be at 1:30 PM followed by Big Parade and Bed Race. There will be Lip Sinc Contest at 4:00 PM, Fox Products sponsoring Heartland Vocal Group in the Gazebo at 5:30 PM, Bingo from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, the Band Coda will be playing, Beer Tent from 7:00 PM to Midnight. On Going Events are Corn Pit sponsored by AG Plus, Dunk Tank, and Bounce House. Sunday is the Car Show from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM, Community Worship at 10:00 A.M. Gospel Choir at 11:00 AM, Mighty Duck Race at 12:00 PM, Hot Dog Eating Contest at 1:00 PM and Great Egg Toss, Tug of War at 4:00 PM. There will also be a slide show of past festivals at the Gazebo after dark Sunday night.


There was discussion about needing to move trees near the wastewater plant before construction next year and Kent mentioned he would like to start this fall. Because of a grant the town received years ago they must be replanted on town property.

Discussion was brought up again about an electric rate study being done by IMPA, thinking the cost will be between \$10,000 - \$12,000.

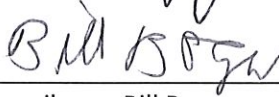
Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:20 P.M. was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

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Council President, Randy Cokl



Councilman, Les Hoffman



Councilman, Bill Boggs

ATTEST: 

Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Howard