

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM 118 E FRONT STREET, SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
NOVEMBER 22nd 2016
6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Board Room. Those present were Council President Bill Boggs, Councilman Les Hoffman, Councilman Randy Cokl, Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Waste Water Operator Kent Slater, Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Boggs and followed by Cub Scout Troop 3085 giving the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business-Lutheran representatives were present to propose their contract to the council for 911 service/24 hour ambulance with a 10 year contract with no charge to the town. Councilman Cokl stated few reasons why the town was looking for different coverage. One reason was that Parkview is covering a large area of service with limited ambulances and leave the communities with no coverage, also dispatch has been taken over by Parkview, meaning when you call 911 it goes to the county then the county dispatch has to call Parkview dispatch with all the information to then be dispatched out for service which could add a delay of 5 to 7 minutes before dispatched out. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0 to sign contract will Lutheran for EMS service with modification and that the Trustee sign agreement for housing the ambulance. Lutheran service will start April 1st 2017.

Old Business-

Park Board – Had their meeting with the volunteers and a lot of good information was gathered and they are interested in helping when activities get started. It was stated that Amy VanDevender has resigned from the Park Board and Teresa's term will be up December 31st 2016. 4 members have to be appointed by Town Council and 1 from the Library Board.

Department Heads

Town Marshal- Mikel said that Blake is doing well at the academy. Chuck's first day back will be Dec. 1st and AJ's last day is November 25th 2016. Mikel brought up the wording in the Employee Manual for personal time is stated a day is 8 hours which is not true for the police department because they work a 12 hour day. He would like to take out the wording of 8 hours so the Deputy's can get a normal day pay when they take personal time, the council agreed to this and will rewrite the personal time for approval at the next meeting. Also the fuel pump went out in the Taurus so it is currently in the shop getting a new one put in. Mikel met with the Superintendent of Whitko Schools about the SRO program and he is pleased with how things are going and with Matt.

Kent Slater-All the Christmas decorations are up in the downtown area and will have the park done before the Home for the Holiday event on December 4th. Mr. Slater stated that DLZ said the ADA ramp project with the three intersections will need a little extra work. A short catch basin will need to go in ditch at one of the intersections and at Main and west Broad will have to do some resurfacing to get water to run away from sidewalk. This is scheduled for next year. Also decision needs to be made on LTCP, they want us to push Phase B two years sooner and need Carter Umbaugh to back us up with

financial cost. President Boggs said he would contact Steve Carter next week and said he knows Steve has been real busy. Kent stated that DLZ would also look into the sidewalk on the south side of the bridge to Whispering Hills.

Town Attorney-Mr. Hockemeyer stated he has sent paperwork to attorney in Indianapolis to go over but there is a 5 year period with not much documentation and sent Kent and Janet email to look into finding more paperwork but that this would be like looking for a needle in a haystack.

Clerk Treasurer- Approval of Ordinance Fixing the Salaries for the Town of South Whitley-Ordinance #11-22-2016-01 Amending Ordinance #10-13-2015-01 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Approval of September 2016 Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation with Fund Report was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Water Adjustment for resident was approved by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Electric department wanted approval from Council to buy cell phone for Electric Department to take home after hours so the response time on outages would be faster. Council agreed that this would be a good idea and also calls to dispatch would go down if our town employee was called directly.

Approval of the November 9th 2016 Regular Session Meeting were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of the Prepaid APV'S totaling \$27,378.46 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of the APV'S totaling \$205,005.50 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of Payroll for week ending November 14th 2016 for \$9,846.54 and week ending November 21st 2016 for \$8,003.76 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Public Input-Cub Scout Troop 3085 ask the Council why did they choose to become a board member, all three Councilman agreed that they wanted to be a part of making South Whitley a better place to live and to try help get South Whitley to grow. It was also asked what is the biggest challenge their facing. They said growth in industry and how to build up the down town like it used to be.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:22 PM was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Council President Bill Boggs



Councilman Les Hoffman



Councilman Randy Cokl

ATTEST: Janet Howard
Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard