

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT ST
SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
MAY 22ND 2018
6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 22ND 2018 in the Town Hall Board Room. Those present were Councilman Bill Boggs, Councilman Les Hoffman, Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard. Council President Cokl and Utility Supervisor Kent Slater were absent.

Call to order at 6:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business- Jim Howard Commander of the South Whitley Amvets Post 2919 was present to apply for Façade Grant. He turned in application for façade, three bids and rest of paperwork needed for Council to review. Lowest bid for front facade was from SpringValley Construction for \$11950.00. After review and discussion motion to approve Façade Grant for 5,000.00 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote. Steve Grisafio was present to represent Tim Lynch for a Façade Grant. Mr. Grisafio stated that Dr. Lynch is going to redo the whole building and 2 of the quotes are for the whole building, his bid is broke down separately one for the whole building and one for the front façade. There was discussion on just getting the façade grant for the front of the building and a motion was made to approve the lowest bid for the front façade totaling \$ 2950.00 with 50% of the grant being approved for \$1475.00 by Councilman Boggs, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a 2-0 vote. Motion to approve Jackson Pay Application # 2 for the Water Filtration Plant totaling \$ 11,250.00 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote. Motion to approve water leak sewage adjustment for Michael Cameron totaling \$237.31 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote. Motion to approve water leak sewage adjustment for Wayde Draper totaling \$ 255.92 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote. Motion to approve sewage adjustment for broken water line under one of Joe Grants apartments totaling \$ 602.16 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by 2-0 vote. Planning Commission asked approval for proposed variances for Carver Subdivision. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried a 2-0 vote.

Old Business-Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 05-22-2018-01 an ordinance concerning the construction of improvements to the sewage works of the Town of South Whitley, the issuance of revenue bonds to provide the cost thereof, the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of said works, the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of said revenue bonds, other matters connected therewith, including the issuance of notes in anticipation of bonds, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote. Motion to suspend rules and approve second reading of Ordinance 05-22-2018-01 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote.

Park Board- No one present from Park Board but Councilman Hoffman reported for Jeff Beer. Park Board wanted Council approval for placing a sign in the Town Park. Councilman Hoffman provided a picture of the sign that was on his cell phone. There was discussion and a motion to approve signage for Town Park was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by 2-0 vote.

Waste Water Operator/Utility Supervisor Kent Slater – Absent

Town Marshal Michael VanDevender – Marshal VanDevender stated that there has been a lot of complaints about grass violations and a couple of abandoned vehicles. He has mailed out 21 grass violation letters and 2 abandoned vehicle letters. Marshal VanDevender asked Council for their approval to attend Police Chief Schooling. This would be for a week and would cover things related to Budget, HR, laws and etc. Council was okay with this and no vote needed. He also told Council he has received a lot of good applications for the SRO position. He is hoping to have this filled by middle of July to give time for SRO schooling to be completed in time for the next school year. When they have the initial interview he would like to have the school principals from all three schools, Scott Geist (current SRO Officer) and one Town Council member to also attend. He ask Councilman Hoffman to represent the Council for the fact that he is a teacher in a different school district, also that the attorney for the school and the town attorney will be involved with the new contract that is decided on.

Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer- Attorney Hockemeyer stated that he will be sending a hardship letter to the SRF in hopes that part of the funds would be reduced with a forgivable loan.

Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard- Clerk Howard asked for approval of Ordinance #05-22-2018-02 Authorizing Insurance Coverage to Satisfy Bonding Requirements for the South Whitley Redevelopment Commission. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote. Motion to approve Meter Deposit Refunds Totaling \$443.49 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote. Motion to approve donation to Steve Reiff in the amount of \$250.00 for letting the town use his property for brush and tree limbs was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote.

Approval of the April 2018 Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation was presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote.

Approval of the April 24th 2018 Regular Session Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 2-0 vote.

Prepaid APV'S totaling \$ 78,142.01 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a vote of 2-0.

APV'S totaling \$ 103,555.25 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a vote of 2-0.

Payroll for Week ending April 30th 2018 totaling \$ 7,621.92 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a vote of 2-0.

Payroll for Week ending May 7th 2018 totaling \$ 10,177.47 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a vote of 2-0.

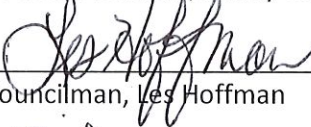
Payroll for Week ending May 14th 2018 totaling \$ 8,326.51 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a vote of 2-0.

Payroll for Week ending May 21st 2018 totaling \$ 7,061.36 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a vote of 2-0.

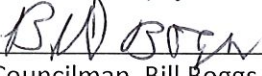
Public Input –Councilman Hoffman wanted to announce that on June 16th 2018 there is an ice cream social at the South Whitley Fire Department from 4 PM to 7 PM, Music and Beer Tent in the Park for a fund raiser for the Fall Festival and Canoe the Blue hosted by Maumee Rentals starting in Columbia City to South Whitley. There are brochures in the lobby of the Town Hall for the Canoe the Blue event. Dave Warner was present to talk with Council about the traffic on Mulberry Street back to the schools and Wayne Street back to the schools. Mr. Warner lives at the corner of Wayne and Line Street and sees a lot of traffic going right thru the stop signs and with little league and school it is dangerous. Mr. Warner stated that other towns have flashing lights near school zones and wondered if the town would have funds for this. Marshal VanDevender said he as looked into the cost and is very expensive but hasn't gotten with the street department to see if he would have any contacts to get a better cost. There was discussion, Council likes the idea and will look into.

Motion to adjourn at 7:17 P.M. was made by Councilman Boggs, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a vote of 2-0.

Vote Abstained, absent from the 05-22- 2018 meeting
Council President, Randy Cokl



Councilman, Les Hoffman



Councilman, Bill Boggs

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Howard