

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT ST
SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
JUNE 26TH 2018
6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 26TH 2018 in the Town Hall Board Room. Those present were President Randy Cokl, Councilman Bill Boggs, Councilman Les Hoffman, Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard. Absent was Kent Slater Utility Supervisor.

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

New Business-Marshal VanDevender introduced Chad Hill as the new SRO for Whitko Community Schools and preformed the swearing in. Council welcomed and congratulated Deputy Hill on his new position. Jeff and Julie Thompson, residents at 503 S Line Street came to the meeting to talk with Council about the tree branches falling on their son's car that was parked on the street in front of their house under a tree. Their insurance company will not accept the claim and wanted to know how they should proceed. Attorney Hockemeyer explained that technically the tree is part of their property and the town has an easement. He suggested that they get a formal letter of refusal and bring into the Clerk and she will submit claim to our insurance to see what the town insurance company says.

Old Business- Phil Labrash from DLZ came to the meeting to see if the Council had looked over the letter of agreement for preparation of Roadway Asset Inventory for the Town of South Whitley that is needed for the Community Crossing Grant money and if they had made a decision. Council said they did look over and a motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 3-0 vote. Mr. Labrash stated that the Community Crossing Grant that he will apply for in August is offered twice a year so if the Town does not get the funding the first time he will apply again for the second round.

Jim Howard from the Amvets Post 2919 came to the meeting with the final invoices for their Façade Application that was approved. Motion to approve permission and payment to reimburse totaling \$5000.00 to the Amvets was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 3-0 vote. Mr. Howard stated on behalf of the Amvets they would like to thank the Council for the Façade Grant money to help with the cost and giving this option to all of the business uptown to help with making our town look nice.

Lori Starkey-Brownstone Building also came to the meeting with the final invoice for their Façade Application. Motion to approve permission and payment to reimburse totaling \$5000.00 for the Brownstone Building was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by a 3-0 vote.

Councilman Boggs was not feeling well and excused himself from the rest of the meeting.

Motion to approve Resolution #06-26-2018-01 Tentative Bid Award to lowest bidder Ottenweller Contracting for the waste water project in the amount of \$3,650,000.00 was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a 2-0 vote.

Motion to approve sewage adjustment for Mark Clark in the amount of \$101.00 was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a 2-0 vote.

Park Board-No Representative

Waste Water Operator/Utility Supervisor Kent Slater – Absent

Town Marshal Michael VanDevender – Marshal VanDevender told Council that Chad Hill the new SRO started work officially as of today and will be going to SRO schooling the week of July 16th. There was discussion about changing the personal time policy for employee to state that if employee resigns or is terminated that they will only receive 50% of their personal time earned and to also look into unpaid time off if they have any personal time earned.

Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer-Attorney Hockemeyer stated to Council that he had received a summary of the status on pending litigation from Attorney in Noblesville and would like to set a date for an Executive Meeting to discuss. The Executive Meeting is set for July 2nd 2018 at 9:00 AM. Attorney Hockemeyer gave Council the revised timetable for the sewer rate change. He explained that we need to introduce this notice at the July 10th meeting and a Public Hearing would be set for the July 24th meeting. Attorney Hockemeyer had prepared a hardship letter on behalf of the Town but will not hear back about the forgivable loan decision from SRF until close to the Public Hearing therefore we have to proceed. Attorney Hockemeyer had prepared an Ordinance amending the Town of South Whitley Code to pre-authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to issue checks or warrants for certain claims. State Board of Accounts asked to have this in place at their last audit. Motion to approve Ordinance #06-26-2018-02 on the first reading was made by President Cokl and seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by 2-0 vote. Second reading will be at the July 10th 2018 Meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard- Clerk Howard presented Ordinance 06-26-2018-01 an Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of the Town of South Whitley Amending Ordinance #10-24-2017-01. With the hiring of the new SRO the hourly rate would be different. Attorney Hockemeyer mentioned to Council they might want to consider in next year's salary ordinance to have the Marshal position be exempt and based on salary instead of being an hourly rate. They will take under consideration and will be more discussion at a later time. There was discussion about looking into the ordinance #93-2-1 to regulate and control disposal of solid waste Section 130.01 Depositing wastes on public or private property. Attorney Hockemeyer suggested that Clerk Howard go to Library and look up publication of the Ordinance in the Tribune to get a copy so that it could then be ratified and sent to American Publishing to be codify.

Approval of the June 12th 2018 Work Session Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a 2-0 vote.

Approval of the June 12th 2018 Regular Session Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a 2-0 vote.

Approval of the June 18th 2018 Special Meeting Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a 2-0 vote.

Prepaid APV'S totaling \$ 28,395.12 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a vote of 2-0.

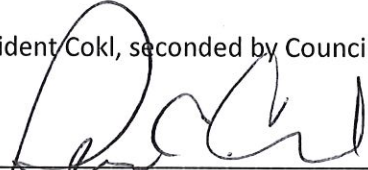
APV'S totaling \$ 165,041.27 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a vote of 2-0.

Payroll for Week ending June 18th 2018 totaling \$ 8,362.11 were presented, approved and signed.
Motion to approve was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a vote of 2-0.

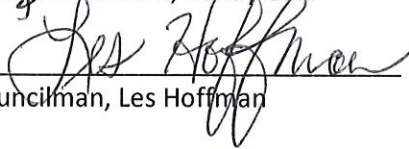
Payroll for Week ending June 25th 2018 totaling \$ 7,460.92 were presented, approved and signed.
Motion to approve was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a vote of 2-0.

Public Input –None

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a vote of 2-0.



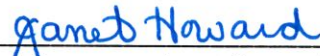
Council President, Randy Cokl



Councilman, Les Hoffman

Abstain Vote, left early
Councilman, Bill Boggs

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Howard