

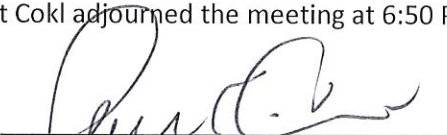
SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
WASTE WATER RATE INCREASE
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT STREET
SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
JULY 24TH 2018 at 6:30 PM

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 PM on July 24th 2018.

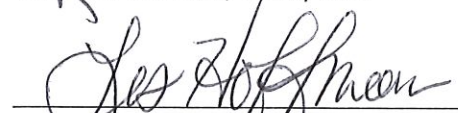
Those present were Council President Randy Cokl, Councilman Les Hoffman, Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard.

President Cokl addressed the Public as to the hearing dialogue for the Sewage Rate Increase, then President Cokl introduced Steve Carter from O.W.Krohn & Associates to give an overview of the changes being made. Mr. Carter gave an explanation of the rate in light of the proposed sewer project. President Cokl opened up discussion to the Public asking them to keep their discussion to 5 minutes. Dixie Renfro from StarLite Estates asked if this is just Phase 1 and if there will be another Phase to pay for. Mr. Carter explained that this is the first phase of two and that the first phase is the larger of the two projects. Ms. Renfro expressed her dislike of the rates increasing because they pay 1.5 times the sewage rate being outside the town limits. President Cokl mentioned that the Council are looking into amending that ordinance from earlier years and will have more discussion on this at the August 14th meeting. He also explained that we are still in litigation over the sewage plant not being engineered properly years ago and Council has sent a hardship letter to SRF stating how this rate increase would affect a lot of resident in South Whitley. The Town has just received word that we will be receiving a forgivable amount of 50% of the original loan amount. Motion to approve Ordinance #07-10-2018-01 amending Ordinance, Chapter 52, Section 52.71 increasing the sewage rates to finance installation of improvements mandated as part of the combined Sewer Overflow Plan approved by the State of Indiana.

President Cokl adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

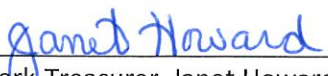


Council President, Randy Cokl



Councilman, Les Hoffman

Vote Abstained, not present at meeting
Councilman, Bill Boggs

ATTEST: 

Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Howard