

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

118 E FRONT STREET

SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

SEPTEMBER 14th, 2021

GENERAL WORKSESSION 5:30 PM

GENERAL WORKSESSION: The South Whitley Town Council met for the general worksession on September 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room. Present were Randy Cokl, President, Les Hoffman, Vice-President, Brock Waterson, Councilman, Mikel Vandevender, Town Marshal, Utilities Supervisor Kent Slater and Pamela Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer.

IMPA representatives Justin Thompson and Phil Lopresto attended the work session to give their "Half Time Report" consisting of service requests and outage restorations January 2021 through August 2021. They will begin vegetation and tree trimming in December 2021, with primary line being all they trim of trees, not secondary lines. This maintenance helps keep power outages down, which we are on a 3 year rotation schedule. They also informed of 33 solar parks now established in Indiana. Solar energy from IMPA is behind the meter and would all be used in South Whitley if we ever decided to develop a park.

Dale Buuck of the Whitley Co EDC attended with an update that they are working on rural broadband service for the county. Fiber optic may be coming here in South Whitley, Surf Net is coming to Columbia City and asked about Churubusco and South Whitley. There has been no movement or interest in the Dollar General Building, Riverside Café or the Town Building.


Council President Cokl suggested looking into a possible Mexican Restaurant to buy Riverside, as they were interested in the town after having a food truck at the Fall Festival. He also mentioned that the Fall Festival had a good attendance Friday and Saturday, but slower on Sunday. He thanked South Whitley Utility workers and the police department for all their help during the festival.

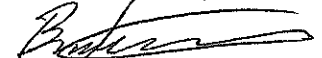
Utility Supervisor Kent Slater said that Artistic Holiday Design have bigger plans for Christmas displays for the town this year.

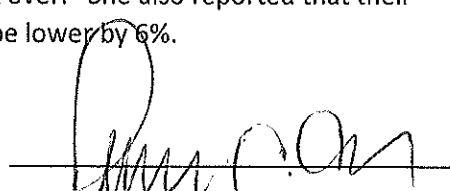
Clerk Hoffman gave copies of the budget for the Council to look over. She also reported that their health insurance premiums for 2022 through Aim Medical will be lower by 6%.

No further discussion, the work session was closed at 5:24 p.m.

ATTEST:


Pamela Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer


BROCK WATERSON, COUNCILMAN


RANDY COKL, PRESIDENT


LES HOFFMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT STREET
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SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 in the Town Hall Board Room at 6:30 p.m. Those present were President Les Hoffman, Vice President Randy Cokl, Councilman Brock Waterson, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer, Town Marshal Mikel Vandevender, Utilities Supervisor Kent Slater and Clerk-Treasurer Pamela Hoffman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS BILLY HULL - TOWN CONCERNS, Bill wanted to make the Board aware of unkept properties in town, unruly shrubs, limbs, lawn mowing and piles of cut wood. Also several couches and appliances along curbs for long periods of time. He also brought up about speeding on Line Street during school hours and includes school buses. Town Marshal Vandevender said notices have been sent out for ordinance violations and he will monitor Line Street traffic.

SW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – SEWAGE ADJ \$491.54 Toilet malfunction at the church, has been fixed. Motion made by Councilman Hoffman to approve adjustment, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

DLZ – 2021 CCMG PROF SVC thru 8/13/21 PAY REQ #3 - \$5,272.50 Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

2020 PROF SVC thru 8/13/21 PAY REQ #9 - \$444.00 Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

STREET CLOSURE APPROVAL FOR BREAST CANCER BIKE RIDE – MULBERRY
Motion made to approve closure of Mulberry from Main to State Street by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS - ONE WAY STREET – S WATER STREET, North to South – No residents attended to discuss.

PUBLIC INPUT TONY STARKEY stated he wasn't interested in the Hold Harmless Agreement and doesn't want to be involved with the liability of the Town Building and the Green Parrot. He would like to deed the Green Parrot over to the town, if they are interested. Jen Krider commented that the Fall Festival went really well.

PARK BOARD – DAVE WARNER – not attend
DEPARTMENT HEADS:

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDEVENDER – Marshal Vandevender had President Randy Cokl swear in his son Micah Cokl as Reserve Officer for the Town of South Whitley. Marshal Vandevender informed the Council that Deputy Marshal Blake Burman as accepted a position with Whitey County Sheriff Department.

UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER – Kent stated that we are waiting for the CCMG grant money from INDOT. E & B Paving will proceed with the project once the money is received.

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER – Councilman Waterson asked about the status with Toby VanHouten’s water line. Marshal Vandevender had asked Scott Wagner from the Whitley Co Health Department to check the situation, but Mr. Wagner has not made contact with Marshal and Mr. VanHouten has not finished the project and has made no contact with the Town. Attorney Hockemeyer was asked about a nuisance ordinance and said he could check after looking at pictures of the property.

CLERK TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN – Clerk Hoffman notified the Council that they received their 1st installment of the ARPA money, \$196,000.00. The Public Hearing for the Budget will be next meeting, September 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 24th, 2021 REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote 3-0.

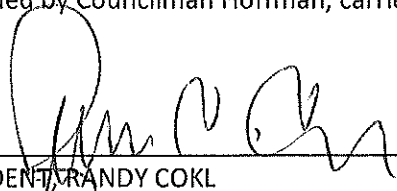
APPROVAL for APV’S TOTALING \$ 205,805.18 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30th, 2021, TOTALING \$8,041.66 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 6th, 2021, TOTALING \$9,369.93 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13th, 2021, TOTALING \$10,163.82 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING at 6:56 p.m., motion to adjourn made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Hoffman, carried by a vote of 3-0.



PRESIDENT, RANDY COKL

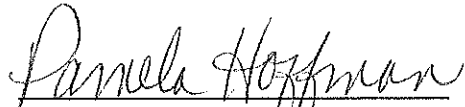
ATTEST:



VICE PRESIDENT, LES HOFFMAN



COUNCILMAN, BROCK WATERSON



CLERK TREASURER PAMELA HOFFMAN

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
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SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 28th, 2021 in the Town Hall Board Room at 6:30 p.m. Those present were President Les Hoffman, Vice President Randy Cokl, Councilman Brock Waterson, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer, Town Marshal Mikel Vandevender, and Clerk-Treasurer Pamela Hoffman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS STRAND ASSOC. – PROF SVC SR 14 UTIL PROJ 7/1/21-8/31/21 \$350.00. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.
PROF SVC SR 14 WTR MAIN 8/1/21-8/31/21 \$7,450.00. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

DONOHUE – PROJ #13868, INV#8 COMPL PLAN PHASE A \$807.50. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

RESOLUTION – TANNER MOYER LOAN with CROSSROADS BANK AUTH FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT RANDY COKL to SIGN PAPERWORK for 204 S STATE ST. Motion to approve by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS – Motion made to approve Trick or Treat Hours for Saturday, October 30th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS - ONE WAY STREET – S WATER STREET, North to South – No residents attended to discuss. Marshal Vandevender has no resident contact, closed this old business.

TONY STARKEY – GREEN PARROT OFFER – Rescheduled for Executive Session on Monday, October 25th at 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

PUBLIC INPUT KAREN JORDAN – Noticed trash receptacles aren't being picked up by residents for 2-3 days, wondered about an ordinance. There is no ordinance for residents picking up trash, suggestion was made by Council to add to utility bills going out first of October to remind residents to pick them up timely. She also said there are a lot of unsightly vines on utility poles, Clerk Hoffman said they had a complaint regarding those and utility workers have sprayed several with chemical to kill the vines.

PARK BOARD – DAVE WARNER – Dave reported that the leftover money from park department budget would be used to fix the south fence to separate from basketball court. Quote for the fence was \$7,000.00. He said he will reapply for a grant through the Whitley County Community Foundation to seal court and finish the fence at the Pickleball Court. Grant money and private funding for poly

furniture for the LeBrun Gateway Park. Suggestion made that Victor Schwartz's daughter is an area employer that makes this furniture. Artistic Holiday will be supplying the town again this year with holiday decorations.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDEVENDER – Cut off for applicants for deputy marshal was today. There are 9+ applicants. October 10th will be the physical agility test. Then candidate interviews and 3 will be picked for the council to select for hire. Marshal asked for permission to close Mulberry St to High School for Homecoming Friday, October 1st from 6:00pm to 7:30 p.m. Motion to approve by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER – absent

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER – nothing to add

CLERK TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN – Clerk Hoffman reported to the Board that the workmen's compensation appeals hearing decision for Amanda Howard's claim has been reversed and the appeals referee ruled in favor of the Town of South Whitley, so the amount we paid to Uplink will have to be paid back by Ms. Howard, in excess of \$6,500.00. The State Road 14 Project will now be covered 100% by INDOT, we were informed, due to some legal issue.

APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 2021 CASH RECONCILEMENT - Motion made to approve by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR SEPTEMBER 14th, 2021 WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR SEPTEMBER 14th, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for APV'S TOTALING \$ 363,293.10 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

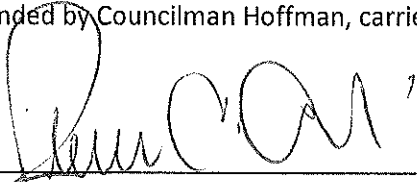
APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 20th, 2021, TOTALING \$9,210.59 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27th, 2021, TOTALING \$9,301.81 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL to CANCEL OCTOBER 12th, 2021 WORKSESSION and GENERAL SESSION MEETING due to Councilman and Clerk-Treasurer being on vacation. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

Council President Cokl asked for input on having a contest in town for Best Halloween and Christmas Decorations and giving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd awards. Consensus was everyone agreed that would be a good idea. He also said Movie Night would be every Friday night in October at LeBrun Gateway Park. Jen Krider also asked about live streaming the council meetings. We'll need to check with Jason Cline to see what it would take to live stream.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING at 7:09 p.m., motion to adjourn made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Hoffman, carried by a vote of 3-0.



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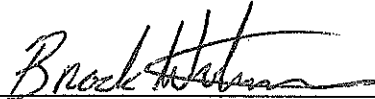
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