

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

118 E FRONT STREET

SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

MARCH 9, 2021

EMPLOYEE WORKSESSION 3:30 PM GENERAL WORKSESSION 5:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council and town employees met for the worksession on March 9, 2021 at 3:30 -4:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room. Present were Randy Cokl, President , Les Hoffman, Vice-President, Brock Waterson Councilman, Mikel Vandevender, Ron Anderson, Alex Sturgess, Jason Keim, Pam Waller, Annmarie Fetters and Pamela Hoffman-Clerk Treasurer.

Employees engaged in a good discussion with council members over several issues pertaining to their jobs. Ron Anderson was asked about IMPA meter information. The last virtual meeting with IMPA was only to discuss an extension of 8 years to our 22 year contract with them. Ron said that they are building new plants to replace some old plants and need an extension for collateral to move forward with their new plants. Council asked Ron to schedule a meeting with IMPA on April 13th at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the meters. They will discuss the contract at the Council meeting this evening at 6:30 p.m. Triad Associates is progressing with the engineering of the water loops, contract has been signed. Mikel stated the USDA Rural Police Car Grant has been submitted for approval and should hear in 10 to 14 days. Freimuth in North Manchester Police Department will be using for repair and tires. Front Street house that had a fire, insurance company is looking to repair the house, cause was electrical (heater).

GENERAL WORKSESSION: The South Whitley Town Council met for the general worksession on March 9, 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 and Pamela Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer. Councilman Waterson asked about the Housing Addition outside of town on Hwy 14. Is the area prepared for utilities? We will need to hold off closer to 6 month period due to owner's illness. The town appraisal could be started for annexation to give us our boundaries. Discussion ensued regarding updating the Board Room, possibly painting the paneling. Marshal Vandevender was asked about moving the police department to the Cleveland Township Fire Department. The concern of using fire department is they need an evidence room, possibly could use their laundry room. He said he is pursuing the matter after Chicken Ordinance or after the election. The advantage would be prime location for getting out for a police run on State St. They would have a garage for vehicle in winter. Access for public to have both fire and police department together, joint training room. He was asked how moral is in the police department and he sad they would be having a squad meeting tomorrow night along with training. Tim Johnson has helped with Rob Lysaght's training. Rob may be going solo by mid April. Marshal Vandevender mentioned that a new contract needs to be reworded and signed by Deputy Lysaght since his training is extended for a longer period. There is a street cop/training that he will be sending Blake Burman and Tim Johnson to attend. George Floyd Act if passes will demilitarize the police, taking away their AR Rifles and vests. If that happens he said he would go to polo and khaki uniform. He also is looking at abandoned vehicles in town and is giving them a warning with 10 days to take care of or towed. Car business is not in a business district, cars parked on streets that aren't

licensed. Licensed car business doesn't look much better at times. Swing Tire tires are causing a traffic problem on Lewis with the tires overflowing into street.

No other discussion needed, meeting was closed, reconvening for the general meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:
Pamela Hoffman

Pamela Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer

Les Hoffman
LES HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT

Randy Cokl
RANDY COKL, VICE-PRESIDENT

Brock Waterston
BROCK WATERSON, COUNCILMAN

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT STREET
SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

MARCH 9, 2021
6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 in the Town Hall Board Room at 6:30 p.m. Those present were President Randy Cokl, Vice President Les Hoffman, 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 – IMPA CONTRACT – IMPA is asking to extend our 22 year contract to 30 years. Their contract is needed for Capital Improvements for adding solar panels to participating municipalities and supplying wholesale energy. Attorney Hockemeyer says this is an amendment to our current contract. Councilman Waterson had concerns about adding additional years to our 22 year contract and would like for some IMPA representatives to come to next meeting to answer questions.

DLZ – PAY REQ #2, CCG ENG PROF SVC THRU 2/12/2021 INV#98771, \$3062.50.

Motion made to approve by Councilman Hoffman, second by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

PAY REQ #8, CCMG PROF SVC THRU 2/12/2021 INV#98772, \$2,190.59.

Motion made to approve by Councilman Hoffman, second by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

MACY AUGUSTUS – STATEMENT RE: CHICKEN ORDINANCE – She presented a favorable support to the Chicken Ordinance, stating municipalities wouldn't be burdened to enforce the ordinance. Having chickens gives the people food autonomy, and food sovereignty or less control of your food by the government. She said is it humbling that people are trying to feed themselves by raising chickens and growing a garden. The noise that a chicken makes is minimal. Tonya Porter attended and voiced her concerns with her property value if chickens are allowed in town. Scott Darley stated that having chickens re: property value would be similar to if you had a neighbor with a car on blocks next door. The Board is readdressing this issue at the April 27th Town Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - 206 and 208 S STATE ST PROPERTY STATUS – no response received from BMJ Entertainment. Attorney Hockemeyer stated he sent a letter to BMJ Entertainment, giving them 2 weeks to respond, to see where they are at with their bid for the two properties. Should have something to report at our next Board Meeting. Councilman Hoffman suggested that we contact the EDC to see if they would be willing to find buyers for the 2 town buildings for sale after Councilman Waterson asked if these would be put back up for bid as one property, if BMJ Entertainment turns down the properties. This will have to be revisited once a response is received from BMJ Entertainment.

PUBLIC INPUT – Karen Jordan from Redevelopment Committee asked about new lines for town limits. A legal description for corporate boundaries is needed of the town. Attorney Hockemeyer suggested having Walker & Associates draw this up for the town. Cost should be under \$10,000.00. Motion made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

PARK BOARD – Dave Warner attended saying that he has applied for grants and donations for the parks in South Whitley. South Basketball fence needs replaced and court sealed and looking at approximately \$30,000.00 for expenses at the parks to be funded by grants and donations. He met with master gardeners regarding park flower beds and the Eagle Scout Project for Hagan Park to develop Frisbee Golf.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDENDER – Deputy Marshal Lysaght is doing great, hoping to release him solo by mid-April. USRDA Police Car Grant was submitted for approval and we should hear something in 10-14 days, then he will order the car. Swing Tire is in the process of cleaning up tires on Lewis Street.

UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER did not attend.

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER – nothing to add, in addition to old business.

CLERK TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN – no information at this time.

APPROVAL FOR JANUARY 2021 DEPOSITORY AND CASH RECONCILEMENT 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 FEBRUARY 23rd, 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 \$171,329.23 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

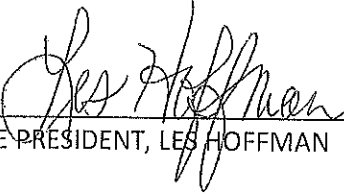
APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING MARCH 1st, 2021 TOTALING \$ 9,049.95 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING MARCH 8th, 2021, TOTALING \$8,516.07 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

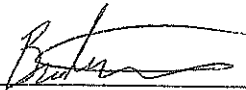
MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING at 7:05 p.m., motion to adjourn made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by a vote of 3-0.



PRESIDENT, RANDY COKL



VICE PRESIDENT, LES HOFFMAN



COUNCILMAN, BROCK WATERSON

ATTEST:



CLERK TREASURER PAMELA HOFFMAN

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
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MARCH 23, 2021
6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 in the Town Hall Board Room at 6:30 p.m. Those present were President Randy Cokl, Vice President Les Hoffman, 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 JENNIFER KRIDER/TERRY EBERLY from SHUTTERBREW asking for a 10 minute parking space in front of their business for customers to use. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to approve a 10 minute parking space, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0. After further discussion, an amendment was made by Councilman Hoffman to make the parking space for 15 minutes, weekdays, Monday thru Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at Shutterbrew, 121 S State Street, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0. Next step will be for Marshal Vandevender to send request to the State to approve.

DONOHUE – INV #13562-20 WASTEWATER ASSET MGMT PLAN, \$520.00. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

DONOHUE – INV #13680-02 ENGINEERING SVCS, ADDITIONAL TASTS, \$10,872.50. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS - IMPA CONTRACT – Dirk Garriott and Justin Thompson attended meeting to represent IMPA and answer questions regarding the amendment to their contract from 22 years to 30 year contract. Councilman Waterson had several concerns with extending the years of the contract and wanted to just leave our contract as is at 22 years. IMPA reps stated the reasoning for the extension to the contract was for financing for projects that take longer time for return on investments. New regulations and mandates are sure to be set in place by new administration. IMPA is a non profit organization and our investment, ownership is as important to the organization as a larger community. 61 communities are in contract, 60 in Indiana and 1 in Ohio. Out of 72 electric municipalities in Indiana, 60 are IMPA owners. Council President Cokl commended their service and helped out with our lack of lineman. The only negative is response time. Attorney Hockemeyer said there were no problems with contract, just for modernizing infrastructure through proper financing. Councilman Hoffman expressed his complete satisfaction with their organization for the Town of South Whitley and made a motion to accept the 30 year contract, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 2-1, with Councilman Waterson voting no.

206 and 208 S STATE ST PROPERTY STATUS – no response received from BMJ Entertainment. Attorney Hockemeyer stated he will send a letter to BMJ Entertainment, giving them a final deadline, with their bid for the two properties.

PUBLIC INPUT – TOBY VANHOUTEN said the area that he needs to have fixed for water and sewer needs to be marked and located, and he is asking if the Town would do that for him. Council President Cokl asked him to check with Kent Slater or Ron Anderson from the town utilities.

JEREMY ENYEART – asked when his property will be fixed at Market/Calhoun Streets so that he can move his box truck so it's out of the way. Clerk-Treasurer Hoffman said she will let the utility workers know.

PARK BOARD – Dave Warner did not attend.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDENDER – Marshal Vandevender has heard nothing yet from the USRDA Police Car Grant, nothing else to address.

UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER did not attend.

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER – nothing to add, in addition to old business.

CLERK TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN – no information at this time.

APPROVAL FOR MARCH 9th WORKSESSION MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote 3-0.

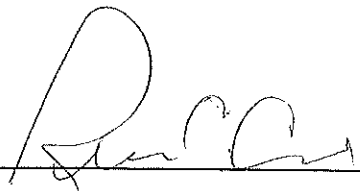
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APPROVAL for APV'S TOTALING \$252,585.87 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING MARCH 15th, 2021 TOTALING \$ 9,869.16 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 MARCH 22nd, 2021, TOTALING \$8,725.44 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 6:54 p.m., motion to adjourn made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by a vote of 3-0.



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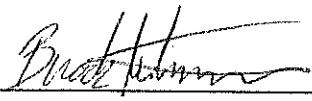
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