

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

118 E FRONT STREET

SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

JUNE 8, 2021

GENERAL WORKSESSION 5:30 PM

GENERAL WORKSESSION: The South Whitley Town Council met for the general worksession on June 8, 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.

Kathryn Merkle and Steve Donohue Office Manager attended the work session along with Ryan Ottenweller of Ottenweller Contracting. The issue between the two companies is the \$70,000.00 Liquidated Damages that Donohue proposed against Ottenweller Contracting for delayed time line of the completion of sewer project. Ryan Ottenweller proposed that instead of applying \$70,000.00 liquidated damages to apply a \$70,000.00 credit against the additional work that they have agreed to complete for the Town of South Whitley Sewer Project. Kathryn will get the RFP to Ottenweller regarding the change order. Both parties agreed to this option, now needs to be approved at General Meeting by the Town Board.

President Cokl brought up a resident informed him of Jason trimming their tree in front of a stop sign. He asked the council about Jason checking with them prior to trimming resident's trees/bushes. Councilman Hoffman said that the Board should not be micro managing Jason, he should have the authority to remove any limbs, etc that are obstructing vision at street intersections or stop signs. Mikel Vandevender said he had instructed Jason he doesn't have to wait for authorization from him to proceed. Teresa Carrano stated that this was her tree in question at 202 N Line Street and that Jason ruined the tree. Clerk-Treasurer Pam Hoffman added that she saw the pictures of the tree prior to Jason trimming and it was definitely obstructing the visibility of the stop sign.

Residents complained about lawn on Calhoun Street that needs mowed. Mikel will check on the length to determine if an ordinance violation needs sent.

President Cokl asked the Board about changing the water/sewage code for the South Whitley Little League from commercial to residential rate. Not sure if we are considered the utility board, so they will ask Attorney Hockemeyer at General Meeting to be sure.

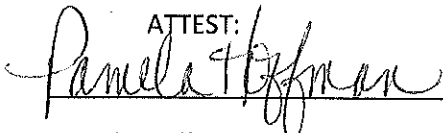
A movie night was brought up by President Cokl to be shown last Friday of each month in the Pocket Park with a company to sponsor and publicize. Suggested Crossroads sponsor since they are sponsors of Pocket Park Stage. A target of June 25th to show the first movie. Check with library to see if they would continue this through the colder months in their auditorium.

Clerk-Treasurer Pam Hoffman brought up that Toby Van Houten hasn't made any progress in digging his waterline and was caught using hydrant to fill jugs of water at Hagan Park, which our utility department turned off the hydrant at Hagan Park.

Dale Buuck of the Whitley Co EDC attended with an update on Riverside Restaurant has 2 potential buyers, one a Butcher Shop. Laser Bolt is trying to increase their business and setting up extra space in Joe Calhoun's buildings on Broad Street. Shindigz looks as if they may be committing to South Whitley with a long term commitment. Dale has been talking with the Controller, not Shep Moyle. Artistic Holiday Design is in need of a new roof, Councilman Waterson said he had a contact from Fort Wayne that could give them a reasonable quote. Councilman Waterson also asked if the owners of the Old Dollar General building were stuck on their asking price of \$249,000.00. Dale said he would check on that and get back with the Council. He has no one at the present interested in the uptown buildings at 206 and 208 S State St that the Town owns.

No further discussion, the worksession was closed at 5:27 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer

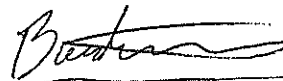
LES HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT



RANDY COKL, VICE PRESIDENT



BROCK WATERSON, COUNCILMAN



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The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 8, 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, Town Marshal Mikel Vandevender, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer, and Clerk-Treasurer Pamela Hoffman.

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

NEW BUSINESS STUMP'S – APPROVAL TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE, FORM CF-1. Motion made to approve compliance by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

STRAND ASSOC – APPROVAL TASK ORDER NO. 21-01 \$7,000.00. Motion made by Council Hoffman to approve, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

SOUTH WHITLEY LIBRARY – VICKI B, librarian, was asked about showing movies on the last Friday in the library auditorium during the cooler months. She will check with the library board at their meeting this week and let us know.

OLD BUSINESS RYAN OTTENWELLER/DONOHUE – LIQUIDATED DAMAGE OPTIONS – Motion made to approve the proposed option of \$70,000.00 credit applied to the additional work at the Sewage Plant, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by a vote of 3-0.

206 and 208 S STATE ST PROPERTY – DALE BUUCK attended worksession and reported no leads to date for the two properties.

TOBY VANHOUTEN WATER LINE – Council asked Attorney Hockemeyer to send a letter to Toby, giving him a deadline of 30 days to complete.

STATE ROAD 14 PROJECT – Nothing to report

PUBLIC INPUT – Dove Stasko asked where she could do some good to improve the quality of living in South Whitley. Park Board and Main Street were given as suggestions to look into. She would like to organize volunteers in projects around town.

PARK BOARD – not attending

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

WASTE WATER/UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER - absent

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDENDER – Marshal Vandevender was asked to close down Mulberry Street during the garage sale weekend. Marshal Vandevender asked for council to approve the SRO Contract that expires 6-30-21, with current Deputy Marshal Compensation. Motion made to approve by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0. He also reported that Robert Lysaght will attend police training from August 30 – December 10. Marshal Vandevender asked if board would approve changing Blake's position to Sargent position and increase \$1.00/hr more than Deputy Marshal position pay after June 15th, amending the salary ordinance. Councilman Waterson made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0. He also stated several lawns were sent week ordinances.

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER – Council asked Attorney Hockemeyer about authorization to change water/sewage rates. He stated that the Town Board is the Utility Board and can make these determinations. Councilman Waterson made motion to change the SW Little Leagues rate from commercial to the cheapest option (residential), second by Councilman Hoffman, carried by vote of 3-0. Attorney Hockemeyer also gave kudos to Deputy Clerk Pam Waller and Council President Randy Cokl for winning the small claims court decision today vs Robyn Tuttle.

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

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

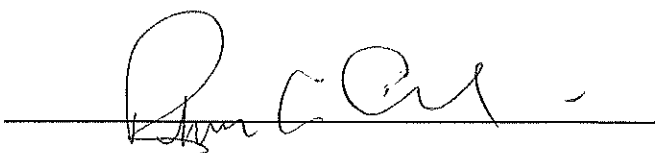
APPROVAL FOR MAY 25th, 2021 REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote 3-0.

APPROVAL for APV'S TOTALING \$106,518.70 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 MAY 31st, 2021 TOTALING \$ 8,512.74 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

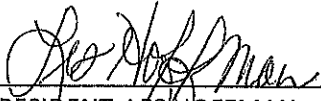
APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING JUNE 7th, 2021, TOTALING \$7,910.12 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING at 7:10 p.m., motion to adjourn made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Hoffman, carried by a vote of 3-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Cokl', is written over a horizontal line.

PRESIDENT, RANDY COKL

ATTEST:



VICE PRESIDENT, LES HOFFMAN



COUNCILMAN, BROCK WATERSON



CLERK TREASURER PAMELA HOFFMAN