

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

118 E FRONT STREET

SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

SEPTEMBER 13th, 2022

GENERAL WORKSESSION 5:30 PM

**GENERAL WORKSESSION:** The South Whitley Town Council met for the general worksession on September 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room. Present were Les Hoffman, President, Brock Waterson, Vice-President, Randy Cokl, Councilman, Utilities Supervisor Kent Slater and Pamela Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer.

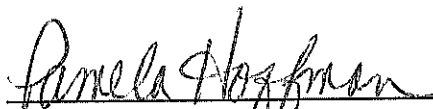
Ardonna Angel from the EDC shared with the Council several prospects of businesses in South Whitley. The old Dollar General building has been purchased by a light manufacturing company with possibly hiring 10 employees. They may be asking for a façade grant. Terry Eberly purchased 111 and 113 S State Street and will be using these buildings as an event center/bar with a 3 way license. It will be a full renovation with an expansion of the photography business and 2 apartments upstairs. They also are interested in a façade grant. Jason Esterline of E Brewing is expanding his pole barn to brew beer and also serve from that location. Jennifer Esterline is renovating the cottage for an ARBNB site. She is also interested in the farm to fork concept for their farm. EDC is promoting the SW Fall Festival.


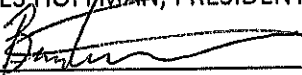
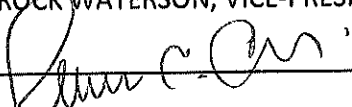
IMPA representatives Mike Adams, Dirk Garriott and Philip Lopresto were at the meeting to discuss the dedicated services supplied for the 1<sup>st</sup> 8 months of the year by IMPA.

Clerk-Treasurer Hoffman asked if Council wanted to open up bids for trash contract, as Waste Management's contract will expire at the end of 2022 and they have already stated that their pricing would be going up due to fuel costs, etc. The council agreed to open up bids and suggested the October 27, 2022 council meeting to have bids in to them. Clerk Hoffman also asked about a Plot Plan at Whispering Hills addition regarding a 1.5' deck at 804 Willow Cove. This portion of the deck will encroach on the Town's utility easement. McClurg Builders had asked for approval to proceed. Councilman Cokl suggested we check with Whitley Co. BZA/Planning Commission before allowing. Council agreed if the County approves they will ok the encroachment on the utility easement.

No further discussion, the work session was closed at 6:20p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Pamela Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer

  
LES HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT  
  
BROCK WATERSON, VICE-PRESIDENT  
  
RANDY COKL, COUNCILMAN

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM  
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SEPTEMBER 13, 2022  
6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in the Town Hall Board Room at 6:35p.m., following the Public Hearing for the Budget at 6:30p.m. Those present were President Les Hoffman, Vice President Brock Waterson, Councilman Randy Cokl, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer, Utilities Supervisor Kent Slater and Clerk-Treasurer Pamela Hoffman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NEW BUSINESS**      **DIXIE GOODRICH – YARD CONCERNS** – Dixie expressed she still has ruts from the fire hydrant to telephone pole along Calhoun Street to 205. Also only crabgrass is growing, not grass. Their equipment sat there for quite awhile. Kent Slater said he would contact Culy Contracting about when they will be back to fix the areas left to repair.

**SHARON CASEY – FLOODING CONCERNS on BUFFALO ST** – Sharon was unable to make the meeting due to car trouble. Clerk-Treasurer Hoffman explained to the Council that she was wanting to know what could be done for the flooding damage she received from the heavy rainfall that we experienced a month or so ago. She lost everything in her basement due to the flooding and Kent Slater explained due to runoff from Ag Plus' parking lot and limited surface area to drain is why the flooding occurred. He stated that hopefully in one of the next street projects, they could incorporate a new storm sewer in that area.

**BRAD THOMSON – WATER CONCERNS** – Brad has water concerns, due to discoloration which seems to happen on a regular basis at 407 Market St. The discoloration is manganese, not rust or iron per Alex Sturgess, water superintendent. Kent Slater and Alex Sturgess suggested to the Council to have Wilcoxson dig up and reroute the line to see if that will correct the problem. Council gave their ok to proceed.

**RICK SEE – SEWAGE ADJ - \$729.66** Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

**ROBERT SUTTON – SEWAGE ADJ - \$184.77** Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

**STREET SWEEPING AGREEMENT – INDOT -** Motion to approve made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

**DLZ – 2021 CCMG STREET IMP INV#100204 PAY REQ#6 \$564.00** Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

2022 CCMG APPLIC INV#100195 \$3,036.00 Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS METERS – IMPA** – Discussion among the Council regarding the meter system and AMI program provided through IMPA. Councilman Cokl pointed out the advantage would be sooner response time for outages and more accurate readings for electric and water accounts. Councilman Waterson was against due to the potential cost to the customer. A motion made by Councilman Cokl to proceed with the AMI meter program agreement for \$3,135.00 per month, including all AMI Meters, Infrastructure and Installation Labor and AMI fee. A second was made by President Hoffman, carried by a vote of 2-1, Councilman Waterson, voting against.

**SOUTH STATE BUILDINGS** – Update, per Councilman Waterson, Brent Reed states he should have a decision by second week of November to see where he is at on purchasing the buildings.

**PUBLIC INPUT** Alex Sturgess wanted to let town residents know that the water recharging filter is helping with the water discoloration along with help from Stouder. He also said the manganese issue with the water is because a valve was shut off and never turned back on. That has been rectified. Jen Krider asked about Trick or Treat Hours, and Council decided to set them for Saturday, October 29, from 5:00 p.m. To 8:00 p.m.

**PARK BOARD** Dave Warner, President informed the Council that the recycled rocks from the library have been placed at the airplane in the park. He also asked council for their approval of purchasing some poly furniture for \$5,000.00, for Gateway Park. Motion to approve made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS:

**UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER** informed Council that Washington Street lift station will start this month.

**TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDEVENDER** – absent from the meeting.

**TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER** – nothing to add.

**CLERK-TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN** – nothing to add.

**APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 23rd, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** - Motion made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson to approve , carried by vote of 3-0.

**APPROVAL FOR JULY 2022 CASH DEPOSITORY STATEMENT AND RECONCILEMENT** Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

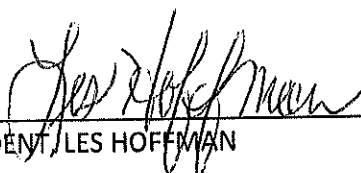
**APPROVAL FOR APV'S TOTALING \$220,583.07** Motion made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson to approve , carried by vote of 3-0.

**APPROVAL FOR PAYROLL WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 TOTALING: \$9,509.32** Motion made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson to approve , carried by vote of 3-0.


APPROVAL FOR PAYROLL WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5th, 2022 TOTALING: \$9,310.23 Motion made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson to approve , carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR PAYROLL WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 TOTALING: \$10,126.00 Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 7:29 p.m. Motion made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson to approve , carried by vote of 3-0.

  
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PRESIDENT, LES HOFFMAN

ATTEST:

  
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VICE PRESIDENT, RANDY COKL

  
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CLERK TREASURER PAMELA HOFFMAN

  
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COUNCILMAN, BROCK WATERSON

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
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SEPTEMBER 27, 2022  
6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 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 – RESOLUTION 09-27-2022-01 WRITE OFF UTILITY DEBT \$26,805.98 Motion made to approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

IMPA – METER CONTRACT (AMI) Attorney Hockemeyer looked over the contracted and verified that the program would be compatible with our computer system. END user agreement disputes would be through Marion County, but didn't think there was anything to stall Council signing the contracts. Motion made by Councilman Cokl to approve contract, seconded by Council President Hoffman, carried by vote of 2-1, Councilman Waterson voting against.

OLD BUSINESS – SOUTH STATE STREET BUILDINGS – Councilman Waterson stated that Brent Reed has until 11-15-22 to decide if he will purchase buildings. Clerk-Treasurer Hoffman stated she had someone inquire about the buildings and had potential interest in purchasing the buildings.

PUBLIC INPUT – Tony Starkey asked if he could meet with the Redevelopment Committee to execute the Town plan by offering his services as a thought partner alongside the Redevelopment Committee. Karen Jordan noticed beavers dwelling in Hagan Park, hadn't seen them before. Andy Bowers wanted to compliment the town water quality, it has improved greatly.

PARK BOARD – DAVE WARNER- Councilman Cokl stated they have 80 teams registered for Fall Festival Pickleball Tournament.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDENDER – Marshal Vandevender asked for Council's permission to begin police grant for new police vehicle next year. Council agreed for him to pursue the grant process. He also informed the Council that Swing Tire was given two weeks to clean-up the cars on his lot and IDEM is working on getting him to clean up the tires piled up at that location.

UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER – Kent informed the Council that Dixie Goodrich's yard was fixed. Brad Thomson's water line was dug up, but didn't help the problem he experienced. Toby VanHouten's water was hooked up today. Councilman Waterson asked if the hole left by E & B Paving on Fosler Ave. could be fixed by the Utilities Department, by filling in with a couple loads of dirt. Motion was made by

Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, to have the hole filled in by a week from this Friday, carried by vote of 3-0.

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER – Attorney Hockemeyer said Deputy Clerk Jenna Reiff, appeared at a small claims hearing that they won.

CLERK TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN – Clerk-Treasurer Hoffman said Waste Management, asked regarding garbage pick-up if on Town Clean-up, they would rather do 1 bulk pick up item per month or the once per year pick up after the Town Garage Sale. Council agreed to keep as is, for one bulk pick-up following the town garage sale weekend.

APPROVAL FOR SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, WORKSESSION MEETING MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for APV'S TOTALING \$236,917.92 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>,2022, TOTALING \$ 10,882.77 were presented to council, approved and signed Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>,2022, TOTALING \$ 8,902.57 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

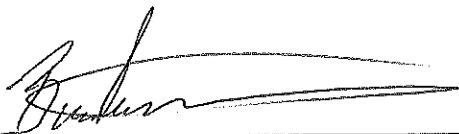
MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING at 7:02p.m., motion to adjourn made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by a vote of 3-0.



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VICE PRESIDENT, RANDY COKL



COUNCILMAN, BROCK WATERSON

ATTEST:



CLERK TREASURER PAMELA HOFFMAN