

October 1, 2020 Minutes

The meeting was opened by Mayor Dan Wright. First thing he asked the council if they had time to look over the minutes. Everyone had, Shelly made a motion to pass the corrected minutes with a second by Danny Stark. All in favor.

Shelly Davers had prepared an Emergency Repair Spending policy. Dan passed them out to the council and asked if anyone had any questions. Danny Stark made a motion to pass this policy with a second by John Post, with all in favor.

Wayne Zamora came to the meeting to discuss the presentation of utilizing the gym playground and the gray storage building for his soccer club. Does anyone have any questions. Wayne had sent copy of the lease from Seymour to Shelly, she made copies to pass out. Some of the language will need to be changed for the Town. Discussion with Dan asking if the council is in agreement to entertain a motion to go forward and have Brad draw up a lease to present at next month's meeting. Danny Stark asked about a time frame. He explained a lot of planning and cleaning out the storage building will need to be done. Mr. Zamora would just like to get the ball rolling, and know it was going to go through. Dan Wright suggested that if everyone could agree in principal that this is the agreement that we are working towards, he asked for a motion to proceed with this proposal and add a committee with Shelly and Dr. Zamora and/or an appointee from his Board and Brad Kage as Legal Counsel – to review the lease, etc. and make recommendations for the next council meeting. Danny Stark made a motion to proceed and have Brad prepare the lease by next month's meeting with a second by Shelly Davers, with all in favor.

Danny Stark brought up the boat in the gray building that Michelle Donahue has paid rent on or claimed for 3 years. Shelly offered to search for an address for these people. Shelly asked since we have returned mail and no contact, can we just do a publication. Dan and Brad suggested we should try certified mail.

Danny reported dance-class has started at the gym again. He rented her 3 rooms at \$100.00 per room per month to Sarah Arnold the same person from last year. Jean asked Danny if he discussed with her the past due to the gym from before COVID 19, when she had all 5 rooms. She fell behind and never caught up. Danny stated that she has been behind on rent about \$150/month for the past 2 years. He has no plans for her catching up the rent. He has not collected any rent, nor does he have a signed lease with her.

Ron told Danny that the contractors would be in to start taking the floor out the week of October 13th at the gym and the basketball goals would be installed October 20th. After the goals are installed the contractors will be back to finish the floor. Danny needs to contact anyone that has asked for rental of the gym floor for the month of October that it will not be available. He will give him updates as he gets them. Danny stated that he has had lots of calls for party scheduling at the gym but had not scheduled anything yet because he wasn't sure of timing for the gym floor.

Shelly asked about the budget. Jean explained they had the previous month to look over and suggest changes. This meeting is when the council should adopt the budget for next year so she can file it with the state. Shelly made a motion to pass the budget as presented and sign so Jean can file it, John gave this motion a second, with all in favor. Also, Shelly was unable to locate the 2020 Salary ordinance. Jean will see if she can locate the document.

Shelly was going through some ordinance and found #33 stating that the property owner is responsible for the sidewalk repair from the property to the curb. She wondered if it would lend leverage to negotiating with the county for sidewalk repairs that are pending. Ron met with JC Commissioners and they sent him to County Council. John Post will attend next Council meeting and ask. Dan said while that is true if we go by this what will it do to the condition of the Town. Discussion with Dan saying he will check with other communities that have this type of ordinance and look into it and possibly need to amend the current ordinance.

Jean was asked to call State Board of Accounts and see if we can put the funds left this year into the Towns maintenance fund.

Shelly next asked the Cares Act. She would like to have a laptop and a printer/scanner to have at her home to help with the quick books, policies etc. and provide segregation of duties with Clerk/Treasurer She would like it compatible to Jean at the office. Dan explained that we have from March 1, 2020 to the end of the year to spend \$9862.00. Shelly also suggested turning in the cost of the glass barrier at the office, masks, cleaning supplies, extra mailings and publications. Discussion. John asked Jean if she had the invoice for the new laptop she purchased. She did not have it with her but the cost was \$1,940.00. John made a motion to allow \$2,500.00 for the laptop and the printer for Shelly this was given a second by Danny Stark.

Ron asked about concerning the cares act about pub works initial payment \$3250.00 and the license fee of \$550.00 a year. He contacted Jerimiah with the county, but he has not heard back yet. Dan would like to use the program the county uses that way anyone could bring it up, WTH with layers, county dominance.

John feels that whoever is the cheapest on the yearly license would be the way to go.

Ron has been receiving calls about the trees hanging over the roadways as well as some places in Indian Hills where we need to clear the right of ways. He showed a picture for a cutter attachment for the John Deere tractor that fits on the bucket and cuts as you drive by. He could also use it on the pollinator garden at the commons. Shelly would like to see pictures of what needs to be done as well as cost. Shelly made a motion to table this until next month with John giving it a second, with all in favor.

Concerning the gym door issue, Harmon Construction gave an estimate of \$4692.50 per door with closures \$5042.00. Kenny Glass gave an estimate of \$4850.00 per door includes closures for 1 door. John asked if they do both doors would they come down on the price. Ron will check with Kenny Glass and report back. Dan would like to see it done right with the improvements we are going to do at the gym. John made a motion to check with Kenny Glass on both doors with the closures included and if they are cheaper, go with them, Shelly gave this a second with all in favor.

Concerning the ramp in the sidewalk on Pike Street, Ron took the information to the county. The two bids are: O'mara \$15,815
Harmon's \$22,200 same work.

John wants to table this until the county decided if we can do away with the ramp and just make it a sidewalk, Shelly gave this motion a second, with all in favor.

Ron discussed the flushers at the county park, they may have to be removed. Permits will be needed to discharge water into the river.

Ron reported by the end of October the rate study on the water should be finished. Dan said we need to address all issues at once and for Ron to be working on a listing of such things as Indiana Finance Association for the meter for the old firehouse, mixers in the tower, flushing hydrants in Indian Hills.

October 12 is the day Ron will take his test for water certification operator.

Ron is concerned that the Town charges a \$50.00 deposit to turn water on in their name. That will not even cover a minimum if the people walk out a leave a bill. He feels like it needs to be raised. Dan suggested talking to SBM about valuating our customer deposits.

Ron reported Lawyers had to come down to repair the lift station at the commons. It has 2 pumps one was at 50% capacity and the other at 10% capacity. The pumps are in good shape but there are 5 wear plates that all need replacing. An overload switch was replaced.

The lift stations on Water Street, Perry Street, and Ripley Street all 3 need to be replaced. At a cost of \$6,000 to \$7,000 to have each one done.

Dan thinks we need to have Ron start on a Sewer rate study now.

Dan is looking at an OCRA grant for next year \$700,000 with a 20% match from the Town.

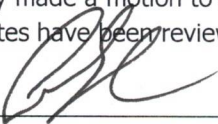
Jean turned over 2 accounts to Brad for collection. Both in Indian Hills. Brad reported on the McDonald property - the cleanup work was not done by the owners, so the APC is looking for someone to do it.

Shelly wanted everyone to know Quickbooks is coming along great!

Dan Wright asked if you have not sent you census, please do.

Eric had a bill from the fire department to the Town on a reimbursement for the excavation and sod work on the drainage ditches that were dug when the building was constructed. John made a motion to pay this out of the LRS or the MVH with a second by Danny Stark.

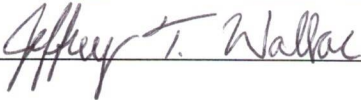
Shelly made a motion to adjourn with a second by Danny Stark. Meeting adjourned The minutes have been reviewed and signed for approval.



_____ John Post, Council



_____ Shelly Davers, Council



_____ Danny Stark, Council

_____ Dan Wright, Mayor

_____ Prepared by: M. Jean Rockey, Clerk Treasurer
