

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 2016

Present were council members Greg Stinson, Erik Wagner, Tim Conroy, Ross LeBleu, Bill Lopez, Attorney Gregg Sobkowski, Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer, Building Commissioner Mike Barry and Park Director Brian Bugajski. Police Chief Jamie Spanier, Fire Chief Louie Craig and were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wagner made a motion to approve the January 12th minutes as written and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

Wagner made a motion to approve the claims and sewer adjustments as presented, LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

None

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Sobkowski explained that the policy regarding erroneous or irregular variances is a new State Board of Accounts requirement for cities and towns to adopt. Sobkowski suggests using a \$100. limit. If a policy is not in place, a town missing even one cent would have to notify State Boards of Accounts of the shortage. Council asked Pomeroy's input and she stated \$100 is a fair number. Sobkowski stated that it should also have a number of occurrences in the month. The council tabled this policy until next meeting to have the policy amended.

Sobkowski also commented on the interlocal agreement regarding signage on the bike trail. He stated that this must be approved by a resolution and he would write one for the next meeting. Council agreed by consensus to table this agreement until the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Liaison Conroy reported that the Chief was at a meeting in Indianapolis and had nothing to report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer congratulated Carl Copollo for 36 years of service. Council all thanked Carl for his dedication.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT

Barry presented 26 new contractors to be approved, Lopez made a motion to approve the 26 new contractors and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy regarding erroneous or Irregular Variances

Attorney Sobkowski suggests using a \$100. limit. The council agreed by consensus to use the \$100 limit and tabled it for next meeting to amend the policy.

Interlocal Agreement for Bicycle Trail – Federal Aid

Attorney Sobkowski said the agreement needs to be in the form of a resolution. The agreement calls for a 10% cost of \$400 for the town's share of signage on the bike trail.

INDOT LPA Contract – Sign Inventory

Stinson explained that this is a \$100,000 grant from INDOT to become street signage compliant. The town's share is 10% - \$10,000. Barry explained that this grant is for design and implementing signs that are no longer compliant. Wagner made a motion to approve the contract and to pay the \$10,000 from CEDIT and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Plan Commission Appointment

Stinson said that the last appointment to the Plan Commission is a presidential appointment. Stinson appointed Cindy Rojas (D) to a two-year term expiring 12/31/2017.

Redevelopment Commission Appointment

Stinson said that the appointments to the Redevelopment Commission are not valid because council members did not sign their ballot to disclose how they voted. Council members did a signed and written ballot for the Redevelopment Commission candidates. Wagner nominated Jeannine Virtue, LeBleu nominated Rob Pomeroy and Lopez nominated Joe Simanski. The vote was as follows: Stinson voted for Virtue and Simanski, Conroy voted for Pomeroy and Virtue, Wagner voted for Virtue and Simanski, LeBleu voted for Pomeroy and Virtue and Lopez voted for Simanski and Virtue. Virtue and Simanski were appointed to the Redevelopment Commission, along with presidential appointments of Erik Wagner, Ross LeBleu and William Lopez.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Stinson announced that the St. Baldrick's fundraiser will be held on April 9th. The Porter team will be sponsoring Phoenix Bridegroom. Stinson set the goal of raising \$7,000.

Dated this _____ day of February, 2016.

Greg Stinson

Erik Wagner

Ross LeBleu

William Lopez

Tim Conroy

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer