

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
June 28, 2016

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Conroy made a motion to approve the June 14, 2016 minutes as written and LeBleu 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, Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Karen Pisowicz of McDashowicz Drive stated she was very upset regarding the paving of her road. She explained that she lives on a one lane dead-end road and the residents on this road were never notified when the paving would be done. The day the road was paved, Pisowicz said saw a Walsh & Kelly sweeper truck sweeping her road. She asked if they were paving that day and a worker replied that he didn't think so but said if they did pave, it would only take about 30 minutes. Pisowicz left and when she came back, the road was blocked and she did not have access to her home. A street flagger finally allowed her access to her home. Pisowicz stated that all residents and business owners should have been given at least a one-day notice. Barry said he would meet again with Walsh & Kelly and tell them that they need to let residents know when they will be closing roads. This will be the third time he has met with Walsh & Kelly about this matter. Stinson said he also wanted to be at the meeting to express his concerns.

Zathoe Sexton of Globe Star asked the council to waive the shelter rental fee for their summer park program. Sexton explained this is a yearly program for Duneland residents and Globe Star individuals. The program dates are July 25th – 29th. Park Director Bugajski said these dates are open. Sexton noted that a caregiver or parent needs to accompany each individual for the program. Conroy made a motion to waive the fee for shelter and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0.

Tyler Spence of Stoke Riders asked the council for an additional parking place for his rental business at Porter beach and also requested permission to place a sign on the town gate advertising his business hours. Stinson said that the beach permits were sold out in March. Stinson said that residents have been asking for permits and it wouldn't be fair if the council gave permission for an additional permit. LeBleu agreed that it would look bad. The council did agree to let him place a 12x18" sign on the town gate providing that it was professional looking.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

Pomeroy stated that Pedal Power has provided their insurance and has paid their peddler's permit fee for the year. Conroy made a motion to approve the peddler's permit for bike rentals and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0. Pomeroy announced that Pedal Power will be opening for rentals on July 15th.

Pomeroy asked the council to pay for Laserfiche software for the town hall and the police station out of CEDIT. She stated the cost would not be over \$8,000 but could be \$7,840. Wagner made a motion to approve not to exceed \$8,000 from CEDIT for Laserfiche software for the town hall and police station and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Spanier reminded people going to the fireworks at the state park to pick up passes if they are going to residents houses at the beach to park.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None, Craig was called out on a call.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Brueckheimer stated that the Kubota's M6 131 tractor has enough horsepower for the mover and has other features that would be helpful year round. The bid from Kubota was to purchase the tractor for \$73,900 and the Land Pride 58" mower for \$16,200 for a total of \$90,100 or a lease for \$1,700 per month for five years with a purchase price of \$7,000 once the lease is up. Brueckheimer said she has enough in her MVD budget for this purchase. Lopez questioned the interest rate for the lease and asked what the interest rate would be to buy. Brueckheimer said she didn't check into buying. Lopez asked to table this until next meeting. Wagner made a motion approving the \$90,100 on the condition that the town attorney review financing for leasing versus buying and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0. Brueckheimer stated that she received three bids for a new single axle snowplow dump truck and they were in the range of \$164,000 to \$175,000. Brueckheimer will review the bids and make her recommendations at next meeting.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Bugajski reminded everyone that the Family 4th Fest starts at 7:00am with a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Chesterton Lions Club and ends at dusk with fireworks. He reminded everyone not to bring their personal fireworks to the event.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Building Commissioner Mike Barry presented five new contractors and LeBleu made a motion to accept the contractors and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0. Barry also announced that the GIS software has been installed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Stinson made the presidential appointment to the Plan Commission of Tara Duffie, an Independent, to replace Cindy Rojas who has moved. Duffie's term expires 12/31/2016.

Stinson also made a presidential appointment to the Board of Zoning of William Sexton, a Republican, to replace Bill Stronks who has moved also. Sexton term expires 12/31/2018.

The Council wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

Conroy made a motion to adjourn and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0.

Dated this _____ day of July, 2016.

Greg Stinson, President

Erik Wagner, Vice President

Ross LeBleu

Tim Conroy

William Lopez

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer