

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 25, 2006**

President Paul Childress called the meeting to order by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Present were Vice President Jennifer Granat, Council members Sandy Boothe, and William Sexton. Also present were Attorney Patrick Lyp, Police Chief James Spanier, Fire Chief Lewis Craig, Building Commissioner Brenda Bruckheimer, Public Works Director Karl Bauer and Parks Superintendent James Miller. Council member Sandra Snyder was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sexton made the motion to approve the June 26, 2006 minutes as written, Grant made the second, Vote 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Boothe made the motion to approve the claims for July 11, 2006 in the amount of \$174,842.34 and July 25, 2006 claims in the amount of \$157,359.93, Granat made the second, Vote 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

CLERK TREASURER

- Pomeroy stated that the DLGF had cut the LR & S Fund as follows: from \$194,272 to \$110,086. The following line items were reduced as follows: #231 Street Materials from \$21,000. to \$20,000 and line item #361 Improvements to Streets from \$173,272 to \$90,086.
- Pomeroy announced that all Beach Parking Permits were sold out.
- Pomeroy asked the Council for approval to advertise the budget with the following changes, Financial Consultant Karl Cender and Pomeroy agreed to increase the General Fund for an Excess Levy in the amount of \$200,000 as a safety valve in case the Town has another shortfall at the end of 2007 due to delinquent taxpayers and or tax refunds due to appeals. Also she added \$34,625 to the MVH Fund for monies that the Town should receive in October from Major Moves, that way in 2007 if the Council agrees to spend this money we would not have to do an additional appropriation. Pomeroy also added a new Fund called Major Moves Construction in the amount of \$621,525 for the above reasons. She would like to have the Public Hearing on August 22 and adopt the Budget on September 12, 2006. Sexton made the motion to advertise the budget as submitted and Boothe made the second. Vote 4-0
- Pomeroy also asked the Council to give the General Fund \$300,000 from Cedit monies to help repay the loan from Redevelopment Commission in the amount of \$500,000. After much discussion it was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pomeroy also asked the Council permission to advertise for part-time help for the Utility Clerk position. This was also tabled until the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Spanier stated that there are less parking tickets being issued since hiring and code enforcement officer. He is still in the hiring process which it will be a couple months away and he will be asked for permission later to hire someone.

The Police Department has no complaints on the new cars. He has not been able to confirm better gas mileage yet, but he is on the mark for his budget at 50% now.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Bauer reported that the guard rail has been installed at Glacier Trail.
- The suspects and standards manual are ready to be adopted at the next town Council meeting.
- Rich Hudson from the Bonar group will be at the first meeting in August to bring the Council up to date on the Porter beach survey.
- Bauer asked the Council to reclassify his summer part-time help to temporary summer help. Childress stated that they can only work a total of 1040 hours. By consensus the Council agreed. Bauer said he is working on his paving list and would like to put it out for bid in August. His first request is to do a total reconstruction of Carlson's corner past the "S" curve on Pearson Road. He would also like to make road improvements to Roskin Road and Bailleytown.

PARK DEPARTMENT

- ✓ Miller has stated that the kids summer program was a huge success. The daily count averaged 35. The program was able to feature special events sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.
- ✓ The Army Corps of Engineers has up to approved dredging work at Dune Meadows Pond. The cost and funding is to be determined. IDEM has been contacted and given a duplicate copy of our application to Army Corp. They are waiting for their response. Dredging will be able to help the Park department to satisfy one objective and creating a fish habitat. Other objectives include removing dead trees from the pond, weed control and installing an aerator.
- ✓ Rentals for the community center, shelters and gazebo have been revised, approved and posted on the website.
- ✓ The Park board is now working on a special rental form to only deal with festivals that will take place in the Park. The Park board feels that our current rental forms do not deal with festivals adequately.
- ✓ Paving plans? And now that the drainage problem is being addressed, I want roads and parking lot to be in the paving plans.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Sandy Boothe made the motion to approve the 15 new contractors. Sexton made the second. Vote 4-0.

Bruckheimer asked the Council if it was possible to take out about 12 feet of sand by the handicapped parking to make this an unloading zone. The Council will take this under advisement.

Childress stated that he received a letter from the National Lakeshore regarding the gate at Porter beach. The Council instructed Bauer to contact them about the problem.

OLD BUSINESS

- Indiana American Water shutoff agreement. Sexton made a motion to authorize Childress to sign the
- Indiana American Water agreement. Boothe made the second. Vote 4-0.

➤ Specs and standard manual postponed to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Hjelm Road name change.** Trevor Kelly, 510 E. Hjelm Road asked the Council to consider changing this road to Catfish Lane. He stated that the other residents on this road are in favor of this change. Childress instructed Attorney Lyp to e-mail the process to do the Clerk Treasurer. The Council by consensus agreed to a public hearing if Kelly would like to proceed.
- **Porter Beach wedding.** Kim Rubens has filled out and assemblage permit for a wedding on August 12 at 7:30 p.m.. The Council agreed by consensus to waive the 30 day notice, the insurance policy and the bond, which is normally required. The vote was 4-0.
- **Stormwater billing plan.** By consensus the Council agreed to have Bauer check and see if Porter County can add this billing to their tax statements and report back at the next meeting.
- **Sewer inspection policy.** Bauer reported that our plumbing inspector was not inspecting from the sewer main to the building. The Council advised the Public Works department to do the out side inspections and the Plumbing Inspector would to be inside inspections. Bauer was instructed by the Council to write a policy stating the above. Sexton made a motion and Granat made the second. Vote 4-0.
- **Sewer agreement with Chesterton.** Bauer stated that Shem of Haas & Assoc., Attorney Dave Hollenbeck and himself met with Chesterton to discuss purchasing capacity. After much discussion Childress advised Attorney Lyp to update the agreement with cost as the basis for purchasing approximately 385,000 gallons a day of capacity.
- **Capital Asset Policy.** Tabled until next meeting.
- **Handgun license rate change. Ordinance 2006-13.** Granat made the motion to number and have 1st reading. Boothe made the second. Vote 4-0. Granat made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, Boothe made the second. Vote 4-0. Granat made a motion to adopt by title only, Boothe made the second. Vote 4-0.
- **Rescinding the Tax Levy Resolution #2006-06.** Sexton made the motion to number and read by title only, Boothe made the second. Vote 4-0.
- **Resignation of Trudi Gallagher from Stormwater Board.** The Council agreed to accept Gallagher's resignation and thanked her for serving. Childress asked for residents to apply for the position.

Granat made the motion to adjourn and Boothe made the second.

Dated this _____ day of August, 2006.

Paul Childress, President

Jennifer Granat, Vice President

Sandy Boothe

William F. Sexton

Sandi Snyder

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer