

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 12, 2022

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, with Council Members, Les McFarland, Terry Clemens, Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger, and Attorney Alex Hoover present in person. The meeting location at 104 E. Park Avenue was opened to the public and livestreamed via YouTube Channel.

PUBLIC HEARING: Member McFarland motioned to open the Public Hearing with Member Clemens offering the second. On a recommendation by the Plan Commission, Slabaugh Metal Fabricating requested to rezone 4 parcels from the current zoning status to LI (Light Industrial). There were no public questions and comments, therefore, Member McFarland motioned to close the Public Hearing with the second by Member Clemens.

MINUTES: Member Clemens made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022, meeting, which was seconded by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Linda Yoder from the Marshall County Crossroads was present to enlighten the Council on Blue Zones. It is a healthy initiative for Marshall County and will take 3 years and 8 months to complete the transformation. Ms. Yoder requested that the Town of Bourbon donate 25% of their ARPA Funds towards this project. Member Clemens had several questions concerning the funding, no action was taken.

Member McFarland introduced Resolution 2022-09 to approve the rezoning of 4 parcels from Slabaugh Metal Fabricating from the current zoning to Light Industrial. Member Clemens motioned to approve the Resolution, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #4510 - 4574 in the amount of \$164,527.26. Member Clemens motioned to approve the claims, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger asked the Council for permission to accept a proposal from Asset Control Solutions in the amount of \$2,250.00 to update our Capital Asset Program. Member Clemens motioned to accept, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Ms. Berger presented a proposal from American Legal Publishing for the recodification of the Town's ordinances at a cost of \$6,750.00. This process has not been done since 2011. Member Clemens motioned to accept, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger advised the Council of the upcoming construction of a storm drain basin on Jefferson Street between Washington and Harris Streets. Construction will begin on July 14th and last approximately a week.

Ms. Berger advised the Council of the resignation of Kaitlin Bailey effective July 28, 2022.

William Martin, Police Chief, presented the monthly report. Chief Martin requested the hiring of Steve Watkins as a paid part-time officer. Member McFarland made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Member Clemens and carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays. Chief Martin also requested permission to add Josh Wagers as a Reserve Officer. Member McFarland made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Clemens and carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry, Supervisor of Public Works, presented his activity report and the report of the Utility Department. Ryan Anderson of JPR Engineering was present to see if the Council wanted to move forward with the next Community Crossings Round. Member Clemens made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays. Mr. Anderson gave an update on our current Community Crossing's pavement schedule. He stated that he has been in contact with E & B Paving and they are making our project a priority in front of several others to complete construction before the start of school.

Chuck Dewitt, Zoning Department was present and advised the Council that he is working on several unsafe properties. He also advised the Council that he issued a stop order on construction of a property due to not obtaining a building permit.

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, was present and stated that they had 4 runs the previous month. Chief Stepp thanked Roger Terry for stepping in and driving the tanker during a recent barn fire. Stepp advised the council that the Firemen would be hosting a firework fundraiser on July 24th at the First Merchant's downtown park at 6:00 p.m. He also stated that they are working on having a gun raffle fundraiser in the near future. Stepp also advised the Council that they recently purchased battery operated extrication equipment partially with fundraiser money and requested that the balance be paid by a donation received in the past to the Town. The Town's portion is \$12,000.00, Member Clemens agreed for the expenditure, Member McFarland seconded the motion and it passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover advised the Council that Petition for Abatements was entered into the court system for the properties at 408 E. Liberty and 201 W. Quad. The initial hearings are set for July 20, 2022. Member McFarland inquired about the properties owned by Karen Holms and asked if a time had been set up to inspect the locations. Mr. Hoover stated that he is trying to coordinate a time with Ms. Holm's attorney.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger asked about an update on the Afolabi hearing that was postponed in April. Mr. Hoover stated that it is still moving forward. She also inquired about two junk

vehicles that has not been removed after being sent certified letters to the property owners. He asked for time to review the ordinance.

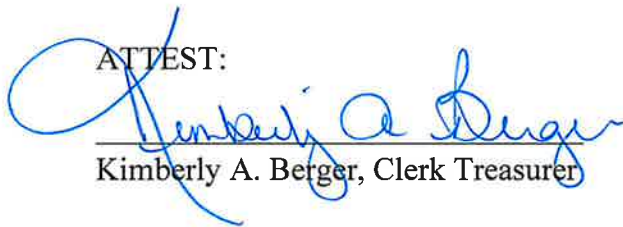
PATRON'S COMMENTS: Frances Berkey was present to ask for a donation of \$220.00 for prize money for the upcoming Summerfest parade. Member McFarland motioned to accept the request, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Lonny Berkey was present to voice his concerns over the assessed value of a property that he recently purchased off of Lincoln Highway/Old U.S. 30. Mr. Berkey also inquired about the process of obtaining a setback variance. Ms. Berger advised him to come into the office to get the paperwork to begin the process


COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: There were no Council comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member McFarland made the motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m., a second was offered by Member Clemens and carried by a vote of 2 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer



Ward Byers, President
Les McFarland, vice President