

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2022

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, with Council Members, Ward Byers, Les McFarland, Terry Clemens, Attorney Alex Hoover, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via YouTube Channel.

MINUTES: Member Clemens made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022, meeting, which was seconded by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstained.

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

NEW BUSINESS: President Byers introduced Gene Cruise of Surf Air. Mr. Cruise thanked the Town of Bourbon for investing in fiber internet for the members of our community. Mr. Cruise stated that so far, 33% of community members have installed the new fiber option for their internet purposes and he also presented a small token to the Town to remember this commitment.

Shannon McLeod of Priority Project Resources joined us by telephone to give an update of the Water Plant project and our options and timeline for pursuing a SRF loan with the OCRA option. The cost of Ms. McLeod to write the proposal would be approximately \$1,000.00 dollars and then we will wait to see if the Town of Bourbon is awarded and the amount of forgivable money through SRF before then pursuing the OCRA grant. Member Clemens motioned that he felt it would be in our best interest to move forward with the proposal, Member McFarland seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Adam Sitka, of Wessler Engineering, voiced his concern of possibly having to wait the additional 5 months on the OCRA process due to the condition of the plant. Member McFarland and Member Clemens stated that they did not feel the condition of the plant would be a concern for an additional timeframe.

President Byers presented an agreement between the Town of Bourbon and Triton School Corporation that would provide a School Resource Officer in the buildings for the protection of our students and staff. Officer Steve Watkins will serve as the Resource Officer. Member McFarland motioned to accept the agreement, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers asked the council to extend the paid sick leave for Chief William Martin by 4 days. The members feel that Chief Martin has been working from home while recovering from recent surgery and this request was approved on a motion from Member McFarland, seconded by Member Clemens and passed unanimously.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #4575 - 4656 in the amount of \$316,618.75. Member McFarland motioned to approve the claims, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented Resolution 2022-11 to reduce the current 2022 budget for budgeting purposes in 2023. Member McFarland motioned to pass Resolution 2022-11, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger informed the Council that the Public Hearing on the 2023 budget will be at the next regular scheduled council meeting on September 13, 2022, and the 2023 Budget adoption will be on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Carl Amsden Police Sargant submitted the monthly report. Amsden advised the Council that the new Reserve Officer's training was progressing well.

Roger Terry, Supervisor of Public Works, presented his activity report and the report of the Utility Department. Terry introduced Ryan Anderson of JPR Engineering to give an update on the current Community Crossing's project.

Chuck Dewitt, Zoning Department stated that he has been working on several properties that has fallen in disarray and also several with tall weeds. Dewitt presented pictures of the property owned by Shells, Inc. showing the progress of the core sand removal. Mr. Dewitt stated that in working with Attorney Hoover, that it was in the town's best interests not to make an amendment to the original agreement.

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, was present and gave an update that his department responded to 12 calls the past month with 7 of those calls being false alarms at CT Polymers. Chief Stepp stated that he had researched Indiana Code 36-8-12-17 that allows for billing for false alarms. Stepp was asked to share that information with Attorney Hoover to investigate the options.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover gave an update on the properties at 408 E. Liberty Street and 201 E. Quad Streets. He stated that they Judge had set a date of August 15, 2022, to inspect the inside of the properties, with a additional hearing taking place a week later. Mr. Hoover also stated that he has been working with Karen Holm's attorney to set a time to inspect the properties prior to the expiration of the signed agreement in September, 2022.

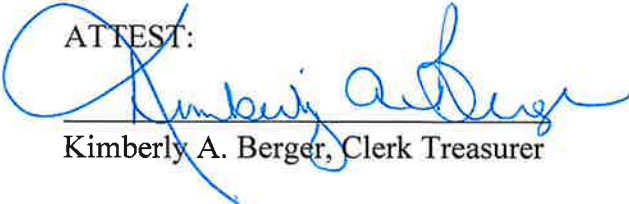
PATRON'S COMMENTS: Mr. Lonny Berkey thanked the Town for the assistance with the upcoming Summerfest weekend.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: President Byers gave a progress report on the Sports Court project and stated that there would be a ribbon cutting on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Byers also praised the Town Employees for coordinating and overseeing the construction projects currently taking place.

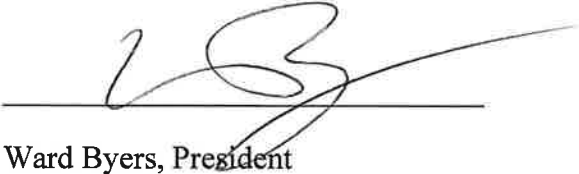
Member McFarland asked Mr. Terry, Public Works Superintendent, if the curbs would be painted before the parade on Saturday, August 13th. Mr. Terry responded that he would try to get that accomplished.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Clemens made the motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m., a second was offered by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer



Ward Byers, President