

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, with Council Members Terry Clemens, Les McFarland, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. President Byers and Attorney Alex Hoover was not present. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

MINUTES: Member Clemens, made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 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: Helen and Heather Johnson representing the Tippecanoe Wythougan Daughters of American Revolution was present to report on the Military/Veteran Banner Program. Banners representing past and present Active Military Members or Veterans of Bourbon can be purchased for \$125.00 to be displayed in the Downtown area. Clerk-Treasurer Berger commented on the importance of preserving the memory of our veterans and to celebrate our active military members. Applications are available online or in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Nick Treber of the Bourbon Public Library was present to ask for a donation to help support the Summer Reading Program. Member McFarland motioned to donate \$300.00, Member Clemens seconded the motion and it passed with 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #5347-5435 in the amount of \$241,235.15. Berger informed the Council of a donation in the amount of \$150.00 for Emergency Services in Memory of Barbara Miller. She also advised the council and patrons that the Utility Department will be flushing hydrants beginning on May 22nd. Ms. Berger expanded on the grant opportunity with assistance from MACOG to apply for electric car charging ports to our town. The grant requires a 20% match and the Town's portion would be approximately \$10,000.00. Member Clemens and McFarland stated they were not interested in pursuing this opportunity.

Chief Martin submitted the Police Department's monthly report. Martin asked for permission to extend the hiring process for a patrolman until May 19th. Member McFarland motioned, Member Clemens offered a second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry, Supervisor of Public Works, presented the activity reports of the departments.

Chuck Dewitt, Zoning Department stated that the Plan Commission met on Monday, May 8th and that there were 3 members in attendance. He stated that the members are continuing to review

the current zoning ordinances and working to amend ordinance to be more in line with the 2030 Envision Comprehensive Plan.

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, presented his monthly report. The report stated that the department had 3 calls in April. Stepp informed the Council that the department had received 24 free air bottles and that they would need to be tested in the near future.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover was not present.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Mr. David (Brian) Clanton was present to ask why his rezoning was not on the agenda. Mr. Dewitt asked the Council to approve Ordinance 2023-08 to rezone the Clanton's property located at 403 E. Center from Zone A-Single Family to B-Multi-family residential. The Plan Commission approved the request after a public hearing on April 10, 2023. Member Clemens motioned to approve, Member McFarland offered the second and the Ordinance passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

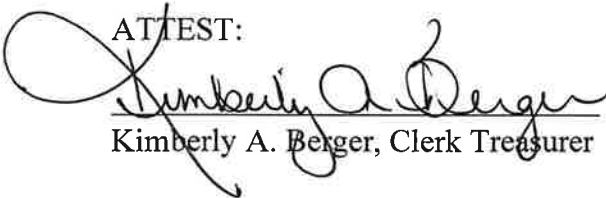
Jerry Bradley, resident of 1005 N. Thayer, questioned whether the utility department had reviewed what he believes was a damaged pipe done during utility work several years ago. Ms. Berger informed him that he was still on the list, but the utility department had several new lines and taps that they had been working on since the previous meeting. Mr. Bradley presented an estimate for basement remodel. Ms. Berger questioned if he had had an insurance claim on his property after a recent heavy rainfall and he did not elaborate. Bradley responded that he felt he should receive some form of compensation.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Clemens offered thanks to the Town of Bourbon Employees for their work. Member McFarland recognized the members of the Senior class that were present and encouraged them to get involved with their community.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Clemens made the motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m., a second was offered by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:


Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

