

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, with Council Members, Ward Byers, Terry Clemens, Les McFarland, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Member McFarland made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023, meeting, Member Clemens seconded and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: Ordinance 2023-11 addressing Solar Panels was tabled until 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: President Byers asked for approval of Pay App #7 for Crosby Construction in the amount of \$199,803.90. Member McFarland motioned to approve Pay App 7, Member Clemens seconded and passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2023-14 was presented to amend the Solicitation Ordinance per the advice of Attorney Hoover. Member Clemens motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-14, Member McFarland seconded the motion, and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers introduced Ordinance 2023-15 that sets the speed limit on Sunset Avenue to 20 mph from 15 mph due to non-compliance with the Indiana Code per Attorney Alex Hoover. Member McFarland motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-15, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2023-16 was presented by President Byers after a discussion at the November meeting concerning renter's utility deposit. The Ordinance moves the deposit to \$150.00 from \$80.00 due to the increase in water rates. Member McFarland motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-16, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers introduced Ordinance 2023-17 which prohibits smoking of any kind in the public parks. Member McFarland motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-17, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Annette Haining, Marshall County Tobacco Education Coordinator thanked the Council for providing a healthy environment in the parks for our citizens. She offered to provide the Town with signage. President Byers stated he felt that the marijuana leaf needed to be omitted from the signs due to it being illegal in the State of Indiana.

President Byers presented Ordinance 2023-13 setting salaries for 2024. Member McFarland questioned if there was a stipulation in the ordinance about certifications for the utility departments. Clerk-Treasurer Berger commented that if the Council is going to put stipulations

on raises going forward, their expectations need to be discussed with the employees that would be affected. President Byers and Berger also stated that the salary ordinance has always addressed a different hourly rate if more than one certification was held. Member Clemens motioned to approve the Ordinance, Member McFarland seconded the motion, and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims 5968-6040 in the amount of \$636,100.80. Member Clemens motioned to approve the claims, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger thanked the Bourbon Fire Department and the Town Employees for all their help and assistance with the Tree Lighting on December 2nd.

Berger also thanked President Byers for all that he had done for the Town and the guidance and work relationship shared during the past 4 years.

Berger presented Utility Accounts for Mario Romero, Brandy Hall and Josh Arnett to be written off. The bills totaled \$1,662.53.

Chief Martin submitted the Police Department's monthly report. Martin advised the council that he was informed just before the meeting that the radio in the Explorer will not transmit calls. He asked to purchase a new radio at a cost of approximately \$2500.00. Member Clemens motioned to approve the Ordinance, Member McFarland seconded the motion, and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry submitted the activity reports for the street and utilities department. Terry also provided thanks to President Byers for his guidance and assistance in snow plowing during his term.

Susie Schaetzle, Zoning/Planning office, provided her report.

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, advised the council that the department had 7 calls. Stepp also thanked President Byers for all his assistance to the department.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover was not present due to a miscommunication about the meeting time.

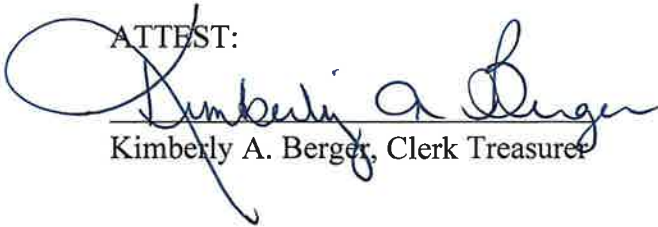
PATRON'S COMMENTS: There were no patron comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Member Clemens asked about the vehicle parked on East Center Street with a flat tire. Chief Martin stated that he would place a 72-hour tag on the vehicle. He also stated about the vehicles that are constantly parked in front of the Mexican restaurant. Clerk-Treasurer stated that she had received complaints and that she had a discussion with Chief Martin and Mrs. Schaetzle about addressing this situation. Berger feels that the 2-

hour parking needs to be put back in place. Clemens also thanked President Byers for his years of service to the Town.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Clemens made the motion to adjourn at 6:22 p.m., a second was offered by President Byers and the motion carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:


Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

