

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 with Council Members, Ward Byers, Philip Hanley, Les McFarland, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person, Attorney Alex Hoover was present by telephone conference. Due to Covid-19 the meeting was closed to the public, but livestreamed via the Town of Bourbon Facebook page

MINUTES: Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 19, 23, 30 and April 6, 2020 meetings, which was seconded by Mr. Hanley and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Berger submitted the docket of claims numbered 2101 through 2182 in the amount of \$226,876.13. Mr. Hanley made a motion to approve the claims as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Due to the Covid-19 virus, the Department heads presented their monthly reports prior to the meeting and were not in attendance,

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover, via telephone, gave an update of the conversation with the Bond Bank if moving forward with the meter loan would affect our bonding capacity. They stated that it would not, however, Mr. Hoover asked if it would be okay to send the application to the Bond Bank for review. Ms. Berger reminded them that we only have until April 30th or the rate that is locked in will no longer be available. Discussion ensued and Mr. McFarland motioned to move forward with the loan because of the rate, Mr. Hanley offered the second, and the motion passed 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Berger asked Mr. Hoover on Bill Keyzers behalf, if he had the opportunity to review the Substandard Vacant Structure ordinance. Mr. Hoover stated that he had not, due to not being in the office. He said that he would be calling Mr. Keyser and discussing the matter further

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. McFarland questioned if we had any response from Surf Air and Hyperwave about their internet equipment that is mounted to the railing on the water tower. President Byers stated that he had spoke to both companies and they had until April 30, 2020 to move their equipment off the railings. If they do not comply, legal action will be taken

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2020-05 was introduced pertaining to the ongoing Public Health Emergency Declaration. Member McFarland moved to accept Resolution 2020-05, Member Hanley seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

CF-1 Tax Abatement forms were presented from Bates Real Estate and Harmony Leasing Corporation for approval. Member McFarland offered the motion for approval, Member Hanley seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 ayes, 0 nays.

President Byers presented 2 quotes for concrete work to be done at the corner of Center and Main Streets. President Byers advised the Council that he has had contact with Indiana Lincoln Highway Association. They are interested in possibly installing signage or a historical marker at that location in the future. The quotes were from Hensley Concrete for \$14,380.00 and the other from D & R Masonry for \$13,200.00. Member McFarland motioned to accept the bid from D & R Masonry of Nappanee for \$13,200.00 with the Town doing the excavation and removal of the rock. Member Hanley seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays. President Byers also stated that he would be working with the utility department about placing a water hydrant in that area for future use.

The estimates were presented to install metal roofing and fascia to the press boxes at Brunk and McBride fields. There was a question on one of the quotations in regard to whether the total price was for material and labor. Mr. Hanley motioned to table the quotes, Mr. McFarland seconded the motion and the vote was 3-0 to table.

President Byers was proud to announce that the Town of Bourbon was awarded \$201,480.56 in Community Crossings money to repave several roads in Town and reseal Center Street. The Town's match for the grant is \$67,160.19.

President Byers also informed the council that we received word this week that Mr. Bill Paolucci of Pagedezigner, whom does our webpage, had passed away. President Byers stated that he had contacted EGOV Solutions and Apheus about presenting us with a quote to be our webpage facilitator.

Laurie Johnson was hired as the Town's building custodian on a motion from Mr. McFarland. Mr. Hanley offered the second and the motion passed 3-0. The rate of pay will be \$10.00 per hour.

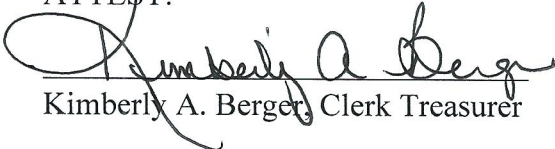
PATRON'S COMMENTS: Jordan Fuller asked a comment through Facebook concerning Food Truck Friday events scheduled for 2020. He was wanting to know the Council's feelings on whether or not to hold the events. It was a unanimous decision to wait a little longer before Food Truck Friday events are postponed or canceled because the first event is not scheduled until June 19, 2020 and they are very popular with our community.

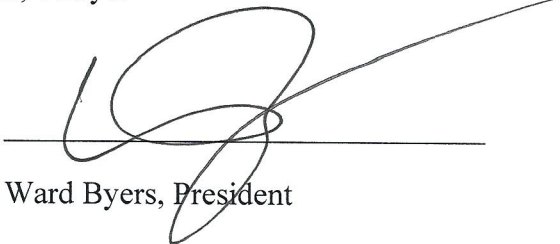
Another Patron voiced their concern about all the dogs running at large and causing disruption when people are out on walks. President Byers advised people to call the Police Department when this occurs so they can find the dog's owners and address the ordinance violation at that moment.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. McFarland voiced his appreciation to the members of the community for their patience during the Covid-19 outbreak. Mr. Hanley, Mr. Byers and Ms. Berger each expressed their gratitude to our residents for all their acts of kindness to one another during the uncertain times that we all are experiencing.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. McFarland made the motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m., a second was offered by Mr. Hanley and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:


Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer


Ward Byers, President