

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 with Council Members, Ward Byers, Philip Hanley, Les McFarland, Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person.

MINUTES: Mr. Hanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Hanley welcomed new member Ward Byers to the Council and proceeded for reorganization of the Council for 2020. Mr. Hanley motioned to nominate Ward Byers for Council President, which was seconded by Mr. McFarland and the votes passed 3-0.

Mr. Byers introduced Mr. Alex Hoover of Walter Law Office. Mr. Hanley moved to appoint Mr. Hoover as the Town's Attorney for 2020, Mr. McFarland seconded the motion and the vote carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Next was the appointments of supervisory roles for 2020. Mr. McFarland motioned to retain the current supervisors, Mr. Hanley offered the second and the motion carried 3-0.

PATRON COMMENTS: Robin Racolta voiced her concerns to the Council over the alley that runs to the west between Harmony Communications buildings off of North Main Street. She advised the Council that there is a scheduled meeting on January 25th with the Harmon family as well as the owners of Bourbon Plumbing and Heating and herself. Ms. Racolta stated that she would like to council to consider not vacating the alley or selling the alley to the Harmon's.

OLD BUSINESS: Member McFarland gave an update of the Stellar process. He stated that the Stellar Core Group will be meeting with the State on February 5, 2020 to discuss project allocation and disbursement of funds. McFarland also stated that the group is in the planning stages to become a 503C organization for future regional planning.

The Warranty Deed for the property at 308 E Center Street was presented for approval. Mr. Hanley motioned to approve the deed with Mr. McFarland offering the second. The motion passed 3-0. Mr. Byers stated that construction on the new homes would start this spring.

NEW BUSINESS: Melanie Mendoza of 910 N Main Street, advised the Council that she is attempting to start a non-profit organization to prevent human trafficking. She asked the Council

if they would approve the use of the streets for a marathon that would be held April 11, 2020 or March 21, 2020. Mr. Hanley motioned to approve the request, Mr. McFarland seconded the motion and the motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Ordinance 2020-01 was introduced by President Byers that would rescind Ordinances 2010-2 & 2013-2 and set the rental rates for the Matchette Center and Bourbon Park pavilion. Discussion ensued about raising the rates before passing the ordinance. Mr. Hanley motioned to table the ordinance until the February meeting to investigate fees, Mr. McFarland seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Next on the agenda was a contract between the Town of Bourbon and Dena Wattenbarger for managing the Matchette Center. Mrs. Wattenbarger questioned the Council on why they felt the need for a contract since one had not been in place since she started handling the center in 2004. Mr. Byers stated that he felt it was to protect the Town and, also, as transparency for the State Board of Accounts. Mrs. Wattenbarger stated her frustrations and said advised the Council that she would not sign it until she could review it further. Mr. Hanley motioned to table the contract for further review, Mr. McFarland seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover stated that he was preparing a interlocal agreement for Bourbon Police enforcement on the grounds of Triton School Corporation. He has been working with the school's attorney Mr. Christopher Pottratz and will be sending a draft agreement soon for review.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Berger submitted the docket of claims numbered 1846 through 1943 in the amount of \$865,157.73. 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. Ms. Berger also presented the end of year financial reports and asked if there were any questions. The end of year appropriation transfers was presented for approval. Mr. Hanley motioned to approve, Mr. McFarland seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Next on the agenda was the approval of Surety Bonds for Clerk-Treasurer Berger, the Deputy Clerks, Chief of Police Martin and Matchette Center Manager Dena Wattenbarger. Discussion ensued and Mr. McFarland motioned to approve all the bonds except Mrs. Wattenbargers, Mr. Hanley seconded the motion and the vote passed 3-0. Nepotism and Conflict of Interest forms were present by Ms. Berger for signatures of the Council members. Ms. Berger asked the Council if they wanted to approve a request from the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation for payment of \$10,000.00. Mr. Hanley voiced his concerns that we have not had representation lately from the MCEDC and stated that he expected that Mr. Chavez attend the monthly meetings for updates. Mr. McFarland stated that he felt that we had to participate. Mr. Byers asked Bill Keyser, the Town's representative on the MCEDC Board, to please relay to Mr. Chavez that we would like monthly updates on his happenings with economic development for the Town of Bourbon. Mr.

McFarland motioned to pay the fee in quarterly installments, Mr. Hanley seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Approval was also granted to pay AIM's yearly dues of \$1,577.00 per a motion by Mr. McFarland, second offered by Mr. Hanley and motion passes 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Berger presented JPR Engineering's proposal of \$9,995.00 to aid in the 2020 Community Crossings Grant. Mr. Hanley asked the opinion of Clerk-Treasurer Berger and she stated that she felt that the problems that had incurred in the past had been resolved and she felt confident that they would do a good job moving forward. Mr. Hanley motioned to approve the proposal, Mr. McFarland seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Chief Bill Martin appeared next before the Council presenting his monthly and yearly activity report. Mr. Martin shared that the Town was awarded an LCC Grant that would pay for 2 upcoming training conferences for the officers. Mr. Martin also praised his fellow officers for outstanding work done recently in several cases and arrests. Chief Martin noted that the reserve officers had covered 62 eight hour shifts in 2019 resulting in a savings of \$13,471.86.

Mr. Roger Terry submitted his report on behalf of the Street Department. He stated that he has been working with JPR on the upcoming Community Crossings Grant and that it will be submitted before the end of January.

Mr. Steve Stacy submitted his monthly report for the Utilities Department. Mr. Stacy asked permission to pursue financing options for the replacement of water meters from Utility Supply at a cost of approximately \$177,125.00. Mr. McFarland motioned to give permission to Ms. Berger to seek financing for the project, a second was offered by Mr. Hanley, and the motion passed 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Stacy also asked approval to replace a 1950 building generator at the Utility/Street department building. He advised the Council that it has been budgeted for 2020. Mr. McFarland motioned for approval, Mr. Hanley seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Bill Keyser gave an update of the Holm's property located on North Washington Street. He stated that the County Building Inspector, Mr. Chuck Dewitt, had recently inspected the home and found rodent infestation and serious structural damage. Mr. Keyser stated that he would be bringing this to the attention of the County's Unsafe Building Committee at the next meeting. He also asked for appointment of Heather Zentz to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council President, Ward Byers made the appointment of Zentz to the Board. Mr. Keyser also informed the Council that the property at 806 N Main had been sold recently and awaiting the deed work to be completed.

Mr. Mike Chapman of the Bourbon Fire Department submitted his monthly report of two medical assists and 1 fire.

PATRON'S COMMENTS:

No comments were offered.

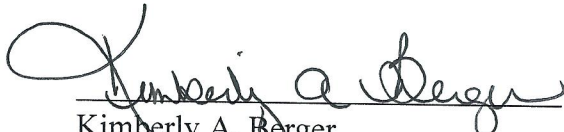
COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. McFarland gave an update on the process of having a Triton High School Senior serve as an Honorary member of the Town Government. He stated that he hoped to have that student in place by the February meeting.

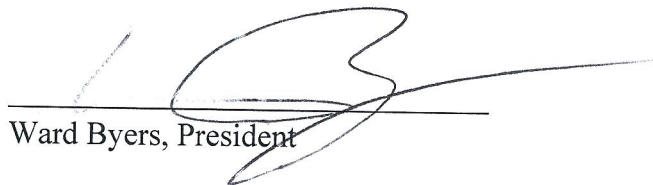
Mr. Byers and the Council Members decided that in 2020 they would be a point of contact for the supervisors. The liaison appointments for 2020 will be as follows: Les McFarland will be for the Utility Departments, P.J. Hanley for the Street/Zoning Departments and Ward Byers for the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Hanley made the motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m., a second was offered by Mr. McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:



Kimberly A. Berger
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bourbon



Ward Byers, President