

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 14, 2020

An Executive Session was held at 6:00 pm prior to the regular scheduled meeting per IC5-14-1.5-6.1.

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

President Byers opened the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with a nomination to appoint Officer Carl Amsden to the position of Sergeant, Member McFarland offered the second, Member Hanley abstained due to a conflict of interest and the motion passed 2-0-1.

MINUTES: Mr. Hanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

### REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Berger submitted the docket of claims numbered 2344 through 2450 in the amount of \$318,258.23. 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.

Berger presented a request from Rick Sarber to participate in the sidewalk program. That request was for an amount of \$270.00, the town's portion. Member Hanley made the motion to approve his request, Member McFarland seconded the motion and it carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Ms. Berger informed the Council that a request was made by John Edminister of Shells corporation to set up a meeting to discuss the agreement of waste removal on their property. Ms. Berger was given the approval to set up the meeting and to forward a copy of the agreement to Town Attorney, Alex Hoover for his review.

Chief Martin appeared next before the Council and offered his monthly report. Chief Martin asked to appoint Cody Rosinski to the Reserve Program. Member Hanley offered the motion, Member McFarland added the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Chief Martin presented a quotation for 4 vests to be able to be placed in each patrol vehicle at a cost of \$300.00 each. Member McFarland motioned to accept the quote, Member Hanley seconded, and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Member Hanley asked that the purchase be paid for by the donation account. President Byers asked what the asterisk by the Reserve Officer's meant. Chief Martin stated that they meant they had completed all the requirements to work the road by themselves.

Roger Terry, Street Department Supervisor, presented quotes to remove unsafe trees in the right-of-way. A & R tree service was awarded the quote. The budget line item is for \$5,000.00 and Mr. Terry was instructed to pick which trees he felt was the most hazardous to have removed. Mr. Terry stated that the splash pad located at the park was up and running. He also requested permission from the Council to burn the brush pile due to the recent heavy storms. President Byers publicly thanked the efforts of the Town Employees for their hard work during the recent storm clean-up.

Steve Stacy, Water/Wastewater Superintendent presented his activity report. Stacy then asked for approval of the contract from Wessler for the Stellar Wastewater project. Member McFarland motioned to approve the contract, Member Hanley offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Stacy gave an update of the meter installation. Necco is supposed to be in Town to start the installation on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and it should take approximately 6 weeks to complete. Mr. Stacy asked guidance from the council on Covid 19 protocol when entering residents' properties to install meters that are located within the home.

Bill Keyser, Zoning Department representative, stated that he had talked to Lib Reichert and the new owners to the west of the proposed Washington Street about vacating that section of Street. Keyser stated that he spoke to Mr. Reichert and he did not want the portion of the property that would be deeded to him, however, the adjoining residents did. President Byers stated that he had talked to Mr. Reichert that morning and he stated that he had not been contacted by a representative of the town concerning this issue.

Mike Chapman, Fire Chief, was not present.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover stated that he nearly had the Easement for the Center Street property completed. He is awaiting the actual legal description and felt he would have it completed by the end of the week. Mr. Hoover gave an update on the Jane Vicker property located on North Main Street and the Plummer property on North Harris Street. He presented ordinances for review concerning nonresidents hooking up to town owned utilities and requiring them to petition the council for approval.

OLD BUSINESS: Job descriptions was presented for approval from New Focus HR. Mr. McFarland motioned to accept, Member Hanley seconded the motion and it passed 3 ayes, 0 nays. President Byers requested that Ms. Berger get those to each supervisor for employee signatures.

NEW BUSINESS: Byers presented the resignation of Mark Mosier from the Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. President Byers then presented Amber Barnes and Susie Schaetzle as new members of the Plan Commission. Member McFarland motion to approve, Member Hanley seconded the motion and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. President Byers appointed Orion Lemler to the Board of Zoning Appeals

President Byers informed the public for the Main Street Committee that they had received an \$800.00 grant from the Marshall County Community Foundation for two benches to be installed downtown. Member Hanley motioned to allow the installation, Member McFarland seconded the motion and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

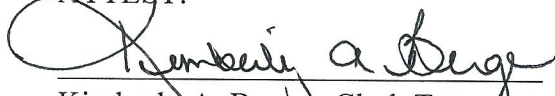
President Byers informed the Council and public that Slabaugh Fabricating is donating 4 stainless steel corn hole boards to be installed in the Town Park.


PATRON'S COMMENTS: Through Facebook, we had a patron inquire about Comcast to the Town. Member McFarland stated that the county is still working on providing internet services to the communities. Another Patron asked about when paving was going to begin. Supervisor Terry stated that no date had been given. Patron Ross Salazar was present to ask that limestone be added to the areas of a proposed street next to his property that has huge holes in it. He also informed the council that the residents to the south of his property is not mowing and maintaining the grass alley. Chief Martin was directed to send notice to the homeowners about noncompliance of mowing the grass.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: President Byers stated that there was interest in a pickle ball court to be installed at the Bourbon Park. Currently, the ideal place is on the far west side of the basketball court. There might be interest in donations to install the court from a community member. Member McFarland motioned to move forward with the Pickle Ball Courts, Member Hanley offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Hanley made the motion to adjourn at 7:47 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

  
Ward Byers, President