

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, with Council Members, Ward Byers, Les McFarland, Attorney Alex Hoover, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. Member Terry Clemens was not in attendance. The meeting was opened to the public.

PUBLIC HEARING: Member McFarland motioned to open the Public Hearing on Harmony Press, Inc. Tax Abatement with President Byers seconding the motion. Being that there were no public questions or comments, Member McFarland motioned to close the Public Hearing, President Byers offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Member McFarland motioned to open the Public Hearing on the vacating of a portion of South Washington Street with President Byers seconding the motion. Being that there were no public questions or comments, Member McFarland motioned to close the Public Hearing, President Byers offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MINUTES: Member McFarland made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8th and 28, 2022, meetings, which was seconded by President Byers and carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: A quotation from Railsback Construction was presented for repairs and updating to the EMS Building in the amount of \$14,825.00. Member McFarland motioned to accept the quote, President Byers offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark Haskins of Haskins Underground Inc. was present to voice his concerns with the present Lift Station project that his company received the bid to construct. He stated that he did not feel that the taxpayers were getting the job they should be due to the engineering of Wessler, Inc.

President Byers asked for the approval of Pay App #3 to Haskins Underground Inc. in the amount of \$248,045.00. Member McFarland motioned to accept the pay App #3, President Byers offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers presented Resolution 2022-05 confirming Harmony Press, Inc. tax abatement request. Member McFarland motioned to pass Resolution 2022-05, President Byers offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays. Harmony Press, Inc. SB-1 PP was presented for signatures with a grant of a 7 year abatement.

## REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #41560-4237 in the amount of \$451,750.91. Member McFarland motioned to approve the claims, President Byers offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented a quotation from Applied Imaging for a new copier in the amount of \$8,086.80. Member McFarland motioned to accept the quote, President Byers offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented a quotation from Harmony Marketing for new banners in the downtown area in the amount of \$2,951.00. Member McFarland motioned to accept the quote, President Byers offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Carl Amsden, Police Sargeant submitted the monthly report. Sargeant Amsden informed the Council that the department received a firearm's grant in the amount of \$1,650.00 to replace funds from handgun permits that was done away with by the State of Indiana. This money will be receipted into the Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund.

Roger Terry, Supervisor of Public Works, presented his activity report and the report of the Utility Department. Terry stated that they started picking up yard waste on March 7<sup>th</sup>. He also advised the Council that spring leaf pick up will begin on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and continue for approximately 2 weeks with weather permitting.

Terry also provided a list of trees that he felt needed to be removed and a list of sidewalks to be replaced in 2022. He asked that the Council review the list and offer any additions or changes to the list.

Steve Walsh, Wastewater Operator in Charge was present to discuss an amendment to the Contract for engineering services provided for the Wastewater Lift Stations grant by Wessler Engineering. Due to delays in construction the additional fee to Wessler's original contract is in the amount of \$15,000.00. Member McFarland motioned to accept the quote, President Byers offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Walsh then presented a proposal from CTL Engineering, Inc. to perform the soil borings for the proposed Water Plant construction in the amount of \$8,043.00. Member McFarland motioned to accept the proposal, President Byers seconded the motion and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Chuck Dewitt, Zoning Department was not in attendance

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, was present and gave an update that his department responded to 9 calls the past month. Stepp also advised that the new radios were up and running.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover introduced a Social Media Resolution addressing the Town of Bourbon's FACEBOOK page. President Byers asked to review the language and would address the Resolution in the April meeting.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: There were not Patron's comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: There were no Council Member Comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Clemens made the motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m., a second was offered by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:

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Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

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Ward Byers, President