

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2014

The regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on October 14, 2014, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room. All Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer were present in person for the meeting. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved without change or correction.

As the first order of business, Member McFarland asked for comments on the passage of the budget for 2015. After a brief discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to approve this budget, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council.

The town attorney then presented a proposed Ordinance to the Council for the creation of a Economic Redevelopment Commission for the town. After a brief discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to pass this Ordinance on first reading, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council. The Clerk-Treasurer will assign an ordinance number for the next meeting.

A discussion was then had on fire department billings and the proposed ordinance to collect back on services rendered in certain situations. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that she had not heard back yet from Trustee Schori. Since the township has to agree to any such policy, Member Wattenbarger agreed to talk to Trustee Schori to see where the township stood.

A discussion was then had concerning problems with downtown parking. Most of the members of the audience were in favor of doing away with the 2-hour parking limit on downtown parking. After further discussion, Member Hanley moved to eliminate and recind all 2-hour parking in the downtown area on Center and Main Streets, which motion was then seconded by Member Wattenbarger and approved on a 2-1 vote with Member McFarland being in opposition.

Member McFarland then reminded the meeting of the Halloween hours for this year.

The Council agreed to donate \$1,000.00 to Heminger House.

Mike Koontz raised another parking issue because the church located near his business is apparently taking up parking spaces on several of his business days. Member Wattenbarger agreed to speak to the minister of the church and see if an accommodation could not be had.

Chief Bill Martin submitted his monthly report and reported also on the status of the reserve force.

Roger Terry submitted his monthly report and requested that he be allowed to keep his part-time employee through the winter to assist with snow removal. The Council approved this request.

Lyn Donathen submitted his monthly report and requested approval of Tim Hartzel as a part-time employee. The Council approved this hiring. Mr. Donathen also asked that the emergency contingency plan he had submitted to the Council be approved. The Council tabled that request so that they have a better opportunity to read this plan in its entirety.

Steve Stacy then submitted his report and reported on the progress being made with the GPS program throughout the town.

Member Wattenbarger then commended the department heads on keeping the Council informed of department affairs as they arose. He said that he appreciated that they were trying to get them information as things occurred.

Member Hanley asked if markers could be installed this winter on all fire hydrants about the town to make them easier to find. Mr. Stacy indicated that the existing markers that the town had were old and not as good as the ones that were currently on the market. The Council asked Mr. Donathan to look into replacing the hydrant markers with a new variety.

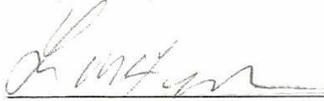
Mr. Keyser then brought to the attention of the Council that the town owned an eight (8) foot strip of property on property otherwise owned by Stacy Reichert. She is requesting the town to convey that strip to her so that her lot is squared off better. The County Council had also owned a small strip of property there and only recently had conveyed their strip to her as well. After discussion, the Council determined that this strip of land was of no value to the town. Member McFarland then moved to abandon such eight (8) foot strip and convey the same over to Ms. Reichert, subject to any utility lines or rights that the town may have running on this property, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

The town attorney then pointed out to the Council that the Nanette Long property on North Harris Street was coming up for tax sale on October 27, 2014. The back taxes due were less than \$2,000.00 and attorney Wagner thought that it would be cheaper to buy the property at tax sale then to file suit against Ms. Long and other lien holders on the property to acquire the property that way for the cost that the town has incurred in having the house once located on this property demolished. After discussion, the council authorized Bill Keyser to attend the tax sale and submit a bill for the town at the same on this property.

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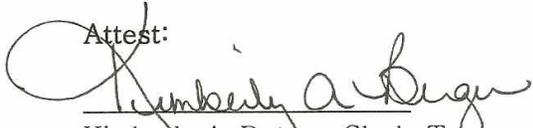
There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, president

Attest:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer