

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2011

A regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on January 11, 2011, beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room with Council Members Larry Wattenbarger, Gary Collins, newly elected Council Member Les McFarland and the Clerk-Treasurer, Kimberly Berger, present in person. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved, which was done without change or correction. The reorganization for year 2011 was next on the agenda. Member Collins made the motion to nominate Les McFarland as Council President, with McFarland seconding the motion. Member Wattenbarger voiced his concerns about the nomination and voted against the motion, but it passed 2-1. The first order of was to amend Ordinance 2.1 which now reads that the Town Council will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. President McFarland asked for a vote to retain Legal Counsel Mark Wagner for 2011 and to retain the current department heads for 2011. McFarland made the motion with Member Wattenbarger seconding it and the motion passed 3-0.

Patrons comments followed with Dena Wattenbarger commenting on the selection of Council President and P.J. Hanley also commented on the Council's ability to work together on what is best for our community.

Next on the agenda was old business. Member Collins revisited an issue that was voted upon and passed by a 2-1 vote in the December, 2010, meeting changing the police vacation days to 5, the same as the other town employees. Member Collins stated that it was not done legally by not amending Ordinance 1986-7, therefore the vote in 2010 was void. Discussion incurred between members with Member Wattenbarger stating that all employees signed the Handbook stating a vacation week was equal to 5 days as stated in the employee Handbook. Member Collins stated that taking away the extra vacation day was considered a pay cut to members of the police force. President McFarland asked several questions concerning this policy. Member Collins made a motion to retain the vacation days as stated in Ordinance 1986-7. President McFarland asked to table to motion until February's meeting so that he can do some more investigation on the matter and Member Wattenbarger seconded it.

Under New Business, Clerk-Treasurer Berger asked the Council in the absence of Police Chief Martin to hire Stallings Consulting, LLC as there technology support vendor for 2011 in the amount of \$4,500.00. Wattenbarger made the motion with McFarland seconding it and passed 3-0. Berger also asked for the Councils permission to hire Tom Harley as a part-time reserve officer for the department. Member Wattenbarger made the motion, McFarland seconded it and Collins opposed the hiring and the motion passed 2-1. Discussion was tabled on a cell phone policy that would pay the employees a stipend so that they would no longer have to carry Town issued phones. Berger and McFarland will look into the matter further. Berger also presented statements to the Council showing cash and investment balances at the beginning of 2011. Conflict of interest statements was presented to each of the Council members to sign and will be forwarded to the state for their files. Berger asked the Council to repeal Ordinance 2008-9 which allowed for 2 hour parking on south side of the street. Being that there no longer is a

business located on the corner of Main and North Streets, Wattenbarger made the motion to suspend the rules, with Collins seconding it to pass on all three readings. Then, Wattenbarger made the motion to remove the 2 hour parking signs on the south side of North Street, Collins seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Berger asked President McFarland to reappoint Herbert Baker to the Marshall County Tourism Board in which he agreed.

President McFarland would like to the minutes from the meetings to be placed on the Town of Bourbon's website starting with the 2011 meetings after they are approved so all patrons can read them. McFarland made the motion with Wattenbarger seconding it. Motion passed 3-0.

Member Wattenbarger brought up an issue with store owners not shoveling their sidewalks. Zoning Officer Bill Keyser will be informed to send letters to the owners asking to clear their walks.

Appearing next before the Council was Van Janovic of Territorial Engineering whom presented the proposal of engineering for the Storm Water grant at a cost of \$165,000.00 McFarland made the motion to accept the proposal with Collins seconding the motion and it passed 3-0. Member Collins did asked to make sure that Street Superintendent be involved with the reconstructing of the roads due to the storm water construction.

Wastewater Superintendent Mike McFarland next appeared before the Council and stated that his department might be dealing with phosphorus limits by the state in the near future. He also made the announcement of receiving the one million dollar storm water grant. He asked the council to reduce the share of the operating labor that was placed in his budget last year to help with covering the costs of the construction of water lines in the town. He wants that line item reduced in the Wastewater budget because of the fencing and pond instrumentation that he wants to complete this year. President McFarland advised him to get precise quotes and that they would address the reduction issue at a future meeting.

Roger Terry, Street Superintendent, next appeared and asked the Councils permission to get quotes on replacing the Twister. Terry was also asked to do some looking into some issues that involve a line-of-sight problem due to trees in the right-of-way and was asked to take pictures and report back to the Council.

Water Superintendent, Mike Shoda, asked the Council's permission to move the water lab to the water plant which would cost approximately \$2,000.00. He stated that about one hour of day would be saved by doing the test at the plant while back flushing was taking place. McFarland made the motion allowing the move, Wattenbarger seconded and it passed 3-0. Shoda also presented a quote for \$13,568.00 from Ortman's to rebuild and video well #1. Collins made the motion, Wattenbarger seconded, and it passed 3-0. He also presented a quote from Liquid Engineering Co. for \$3,040.00 to inspect and clean the inside of the water tower. McFarland made the motion to accept the quote and Collins seconded it and it passed 3-0. Shoda also inquired about having the pins and hoses replaced on the backhoe that would be split between the three departments at a cost not to exceed \$10,956.00. Being that it was considered a safety issue Member Collins made the motion to accept, Wattenbarger seconded and it passed 3-0. Shoda asked permission to send Lynn Donathen and Steve Stacy to class through Alliance to gain their water and wastewater certifications. The cost will be about \$700.00 per department to

cover the cost of the classes. Wattenbarger made the motion to allow these classes, Collins seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Permission was asked to attend a Combined Space Class on February 10, 2011 at Kendalville at a cost of \$85.00 per person. There will be 3 employees attending. Wattenbarger made the motion, McFarland seconded, and it passed 3-0.

Brandon Chapman, Fire Chief, asked to schedule a meeting with the Township to discuss the financials of their department at 6:00 on February 8<sup>th</sup> prior to the next council meeting. He also inquired about the fire truck grant that Clerk-Treasurer Berger was attempting to get and she told them that she would get them copies of the paperwork.

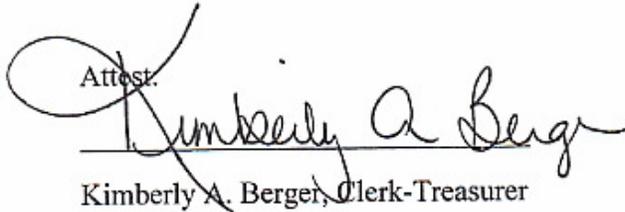
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, President

Attest.



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer