

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2014

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

As the first order of business, Member Hanley moved to reappoint Member McFarland as president of the council, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved.

The Triton School Corporation Superintendent, Donna Burroughs, then appeared before the Council to discuss various matters of mutual interest. She indicated that the issue of local economic development was very important to the school system and explained what changes she had undertaken in school curriculum to assist with that. Specifically, she discussed an initiative called "Project Lead the Way" and asked the Council for their support. The Marshall County Community Foundation is supporting this initiative by offering a match to whatever funds can be raised locally towards implementation of the same. This initiative is an effort to modify school curriculums to make the job force locally more attractive to local and outside business. She also mentioned that the hope would be that enough money could be raised with the foundation match to create an endowment for future projects of a similar nature.

Superintendent Burroughs then discussed the status of the old gym. She said that the historical society had been approached about helping with the gym and what needs to be done by way of its upkeep and possible renovation. They are trying now to get it on the historical preservation list. She said that a not-for profit corporation would be formed to lead fundraising efforts on the gym and its future use. The Council thanked her for her presentation and indicated that they would be willing to support these ideas as they are able.

Member McFarland then moved to retain the same town supervisors as before, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council. Member McFarland also moved to retain Mark E. Wagner and his law firm as the town attorney, which motion was seconded and also unanimously approved.

The town attorney then discussed the progress with the proposed annexation. Mr. Keyser also updated the Council on where that stood.

Mr. Keyser also reported on the status of Harris Street property and that the old Pilot News building had been closed in as requested.

Member Wattenbarger then produced the second appraisal on the property owned by the town, known as the Amish parking lot, which they have proposed to trade with Harmony Press. The Town attorney indicated that he had received evidence of the purchase price for the land that Harmony Press was in the process of purchasing, so it could be traded to the town for this lot. The town attorney recommended that the Council could approve the exchange subject to Harmony Press actually acquiring to the property involved. Member Wattenbarger moved to approve the exchange of these properties with Harmony Press, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved.

Van Jankovic of Territorial Engineering next appeared before the Council and presented a payment request from the contractor on the lift station project. After discussion, Member McFarland moved to approve this payment request in the sum of \$7,125.00, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported to the Council that the new fire department signs have been delivered. The Council discussed with her the good job that all the departments did during the recent snow storm. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that she received many calls from residents of the town complimenting the departments involved and their hard work. Members of the audience also indicated that a good job had been done by all. The Clerk-Treasurer then asked the Council to approve her security bond for the coming year. Member McFarland moved to approve this bond, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved.

Member Wattenbarger then submitted his conflict of interest statement to the Clerk-Treasurer for filing as required. The Clerk-Treasurer also presented the anti-nepotism forms, which each Council member then signed. The Clerk-Treasurer also made her year-end report on financial matters involving transfers and the like. She also gave a report to the Council on the financial status of the Matchett Center. The Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council whether they wanted to continue the contribution they had been making to the Marshall County Economic Development Commission. Member Wattenbarger moved to continue that contribution of \$10,000.00 for another year, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council.

Chief Bill Martin then appeared before the Council and submitted both his December report and his annual report. He indicated that three officers were at the reserve academy. He also reported on the status of the DUI Taskforce and the reimbursement that the town was entitled to receive.

Roger Terry then submitted his December report and was again complimented for the hard work of his department during the recent storm.

Mike Shoda submitted his December report. He reported on the sanitary sewer inspection performed by IDEM and that it went well. He was actually waiting though for the written report of that inspection. Mr. Shoda also submitted a capital improvement request for his department, specifically for lab equipment. After discussion, Member Hanley moved to approve this request, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved. Mr. Shoda also reported to the Council on the status of the GPS units and that his department has not had much time to work on the same.

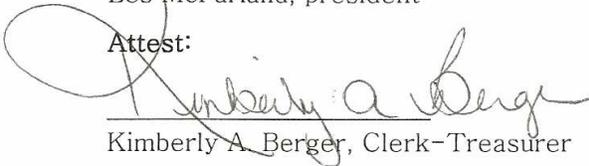
There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, president

Attest:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer