

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 10, 2011

A regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on May 10, 2011, 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 from the prior meeting of the Council were approved, which was done without change or correction. Member McFarland stated that he is donating his time as a Council Member due to the fact that he is on workman's compensation from his regular employment.

Matt Yeiter and Andy Tomoulski appeared before the Council representing Shells, Inc., regarding the water problem between the buildings of this business. Mike McFarland indicated that seven (7) or eight (8) years ago the town tried to open up drains to alleviate this problem, but he now feels that the drains may now be full or even collapsed. He indicated he would try to vacator out these drains and see if they can be cleaned. Mr. McFarland indicated that he has no maps though on where these storm drains might run.

The next matter to come before the Council was a general discussion about the work being done in the alley behind Harmony Press and several other businesses. A long discussion was had concerning whether the entire alley should be repaved, even though the town has no budget for that additional expense. It was acknowledged that Harmony Press has agreed to pay for the cost of the alley work to be done and that the alley will be in better condition after that work is done even though it is only partially repaved. Mr. Harmon indicated that the alley would be used for his business only two times a day for loading and unloading product from his location. Neighboring businesses were encouraged to report any traffic or vision problems that might exist in how the alley might be used going forward. The Council then decided to leave their agreement with Harmony Press in place as decided at their meeting in April.

Member McFarland then presented the emergency agreement with the County Emergency Management Team for further consideration by the Council. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved that this emergency agreement be approved, which motion was then seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council. Member McFarland asked the Clerk Treasurer about any revisions that need to be made in the tap fees of the town. Mike Shoda and Mike McFarland were asked to discuss this among themselves and report to the Council with any changes they think might be appropriate in these fees. The Clerk-Treasurer also reported to the Council on progress with the main lift station contract and that the repairs to be made to the Town Hall roof within the next two weeks. The Council then reviewed quotes that had been received for repairs to the front of the Town Hall. After discussion, member Wattenbarger moved to accept the quote of Hap's Home Repair in the sum of \$465.00, which motion was seconded by member McFarland and unanimously approved.

The Council then discussed Ordinance 2011-07, requiring the prominent display of address number on all residences and businesses in the town. Member McFarland moved to suspend the rules so that this Ordinance could be passed on all three readings, which motion

was then seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. Member McFarland then moved to pass Ordinance 2011-07 on three readings, which motion was again seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

Chief Martin then appeared before the Council and reported on the weapons trade-in and that all police weapons are now registered in the name of the town. He also reported on the clean-up of the upstairs of his office by all officers. Chief Martin also reported that all officers now have personal cell phones and would be receiving a stipend from the town as decided by the Council earlier. Member McFarland then presented 2011-06 to the Council, providing for the cell phone stipend for all police officers. Chief Martin asked Member McFarland what would happen if cell phone rates were increased significantly in the coming years. He was advised that he would have to come back to the Council at that time and ask that this ordinance be modified appropriately. After further discussion, Member McFarland moved that the rules be suspended, so that Ordinance 2011-06, could be passed on all three readings, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. Member McFarland then moved to pass 2011-06 on all three readings, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved.

Bill Keyser then reported on his activities. Member Hanley asked him about the warning letters that had been sent out on yard maintenance about the town. Member Wattenbarger expressed his disappointment on the number of letters that Mr. Keyser had to send out to local home owners requesting that they maintain their lawns. Mr. Keyser also reported to the Council that he had contacted the town attorney about writing a letter to the home owner who has the perennial problems with her dogs barking and bothering her neighbors. The condition of the house on Washington Street was then discussed by the Council. The police department was asked to inspect this house with the consent of the current tenant. Concern was expressed that the tenant and his family were actually living in a tent in the back yard of this property due to the condition of the house. A further report would be made to the Council at its next meeting.

The town attorney then reported to the Council on the discussions that he had with the attorney representing Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Praeger. Their attorney had proposed that the Praegers be allowed to maintain the mobile home located on the property at 208 West Jefferson Street in Bourbon for one more year and that it would then be removed. The Council accepted this proposal and directed the town attorney to prepare an appropriate agreement requiring the removal of the mobile home at the end of the one-year grace period.

Mike Shoda then reported on his department activities.

Jonah Best came before the Council to compliment Roger Terry and the town employees on the tree removal work that had been done at his property.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council to make their appointment to the Library Board to replace an expiring term of an existing member. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to appoint Brandy Greer to serve a four-year term on the Library Board as the town's appointment, which motion was then seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved. The Clerk-Treasurer then recommended the purchase of an additional radio for the fire department with a 10% match by the town, which is included in the department's current budget. After discussion, Member McFarland moved that this radio be purchased, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved. The Clerk-Treasurer also reported on the contract with RP Murphy & Associates regarding the storm drainage grant. The contract terms had apparently been approved by the State in the sum of \$38,000.00. Member Wattenbarger moved to approve this contract, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved. The Clerk-Treasurer also reported to the Council that Keiser Consulting had been approved for the engineering study on the Safe Walk to School grant. They will be submitting a contract for Council approval.

Chief Martin then presented his monthly report for April, along with information on the defibrillator grant they had been seeking. He asked the Council that it approve the town's share of that grant cost in the sum of \$1,047.31, plus the service plan required for the equipment involved. After discussion, Member McFarland moved that this money be spent as requested in furtherance of the AED grant, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved.

Roger Terry then reported on his department's activities, specifically regarding new rims on the basketball standards at the park and when the splash park would open. Member Wattenbarger mentioned that there was a group at school that would be doing maintenance work at the park.

The Council then discussed that the Amish parking lot was being used by employees of nearby businesses rather than providing horse parking as was intended. Mr. Terry was asked to display horse-parking only signs once again in the portion of this parking lot reserved for the Amish.

Mike Shoda appeared before the Council and asked about town employees attending a safety seminar, which was approved.

Mike McFarland then reported on his department activities as well.

Territorial Engineering then appeared to report on the storm drain project they were working on. They showed two options that the Council had in terms of where the storm

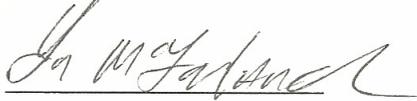
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drainage work would be located. The Council directed Territorial Engineering to bid out the Bourbon Street/Park Avenue option.

Mr. Keyser then asked the Council about repairing the roofs of the dugouts at McBride Field at a cost of materials only in the sum of \$300.00. This request was also approved.

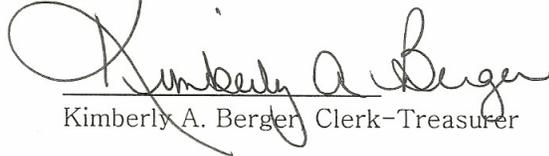
There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, president

Attest



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer