

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2012

Prior to the **regular Council** meeting for the Town of Bourbon, Indiana, the town attorney, Mark E. Wagner, **swore** in Kim Berger as Clerk-Treasurer, Larry Wattenbarger as Council Member at large and P.J. Hanley, also as Council Member at large. All three office holders then signed their **Oath** of Office, which will be filed with the County by the Clerk-Treasurer.

The regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on January 10, 2012, then began at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room with all Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer present in person. Member Hanley moved that Member McFarland continue as Council President, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. Member McFarland moved that Mark E. Wagner, and his law firm, be retained as town attorney, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. Mr. Wagner thanked the council for the reappointment and indicated that his secretary was the daughter of Member Wattenbarger for conflict of interest purposes. Member McFarland then moved that all department heads be retained in their present positions, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved.

The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved, which was done without change or correction. Don Bixby of Territorial Engineering was then present and asked the Council if there were any questions on the outstanding project his company was working on for the town. Member McFarland asked about the generator status and Mr. Bixby reported on that.

The town attorney then reported on the proposed agreements for the little league supervisor and the concession supervisor. He indicated that a job description had been attached to the agreements that he had sent to the Council Members earlier. Upon motion of Member McFarland, the agreements were approved for submission to the parties holding those jobs and their consideration. The town attorney then reported to the Council about the library's food for fines program. He indicated that he was writing an opinion letter on behalf of the town, indicating that he saw no reason why this program could not be instituted. The Council agreed that this program should be supported.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported to the Council on the status of the Center Street Project and the cash flow difficulties with the same. She indicated that Umbaugh & Associates continues to work on a solution for that problem.

Chief Bill Martin then appeared before the Council and reported on the award received by the Marshall County DUI Task Force, shared by all police departments in the county.

Each department is to receive **\$1,500.00**. Chief Martin indicated that he will report back to the Council when this grant is **received** and give suggestions on how it might be utilized. He did indicate that there were **restrictions** on how this money could be spent.

Mr. Shoda reported on the **upcoming auction** of the 1991 town truck and indicated that certain items on the truck **would be removed** and sold separately. The Council then took up the applications it had for the downtown incentive program. After discussion, Member Hanley moved that \$500.00 be paid from this fund to Freedom Oil for the new lights and canopy that they had installed, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. Member Wattenbarger then moved to award \$504.55 to Don' s Party Pack from this fund, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved. Member Hanley then moved that \$2,500.00 be awarded from this fund to Harman Restaurants to apply on all three requests they had made to the town, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported to the Council, on the 2011 transfers that had been made to close her books. All transfers were within department budget, so no separate approval was required of the same. She also reported on investment/cash balances at year-end. The Clerk-Treasurer then indicated to the Council that they now must approve the bond that she is required to obtain to serve as Clerk-Treasurer. After discussion, Member McFarland moved to approve the Clerk-Treasurer' s bond, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. She then presented conflict of interest statements for each Council Member to sign as applicable to them, which were all signed and returned to the Clerk-Treasurer for her to file as required.

The Clerk-Treasurer brought to the attention of the Council that she had received the first statement from **the Marshall County Economic Development Commission** and asking that a quarterly payment **be made** of the amount budgeted annually for such commission. The Council asked her to **pay** only the first quarter's payment of that annual amount.

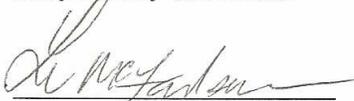
Chief Martin then appeared again before the Council to present his report for December. The Council all expressed their pleasure upon his return after his injuries from an incident while **on duty**. He said he felt much better and was glad to be back.

Chief Martin then asked the Council for permission to purchase three new tasers for the department. He said that the amount for these purchases, totaling approximately \$6,000.00 was included in his budget for the year. After discussion, Member McFarland moved to approve the purchase of these new tasers, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved. Chief Martin then asked that the old tasers owned by the department be donated to the Sheriff's Posse in recognition of the assistance that they had provided to the town last year and otherwise. The Council unanimously approved this donation. Chief Martin then asked the Council for direction on setting up the process for creating a chain of command for his department. He would like to start work on the testing process for appointment either of a Sergeant or Assistant Chief. The Council authorized Chief Martin to start work on the testing process, but asked that the position be called a Sergeant and not Assistant Chief.

Member McFarland then thanked all department heads and town employees who were present for their efforts throughout the year and complimented everyone on their cooperation in doing what was best for the town.

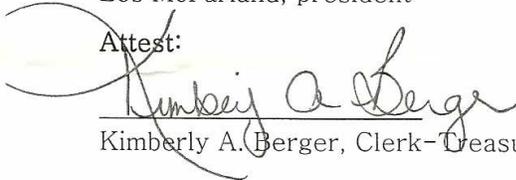
There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, president

Attest:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer