

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 12, 2013

The regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on March 12, 2013, 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 without change or correction.

Heather Baron first appeared before the Council and asked again for a contribution to the Library Summer Reading Program.

A contribution of \$250.00 was approved. Member McFarland then moved to suspend the rules, so that Ordinance 2013-01 could be passed on all three readings, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council. Member McFarland then moved to pass Ordinance 2013-01, which is an ordinance to add violations of the unlicensed solicitation ordinance to the traffic violation ordinance, on all three readings, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved.

The town attorney then presented the Policeman Training Reimbursement Agreement that he had prepared, based on the Plymouth model. The Council approved this form of agreement for use by the police department.

Bill Keyser reported then on the status of the North Harris Street house and that no progress really had been made on the same. He also reported on the condition of the restaurant building in the downtown and the ongoing discussions that were being had regarding the same. He gave estimates of the cost to tear the building down and to repair the front façade of the business. A general discussion then was had on what would be best for the town in terms of this building. The town attorney was authorized to order a title search on the building to see if there are any liens against the same.

Member McFarland reminded the meeting that the annual community day this year would be held on May 11, 2013. Mr. Terry indicated that he was working on having jobs and equipment ready for that day.

The Council then took up consideration of an agreement with the county to provide building inspections. After a discussion, Member McFarland moved that the town should enter into this agreement and that any ordinance of the town, providing for inspection fees, not consistent with the county inspection fees, pursuant to said agreement shall be modified to be the same as the county's fees, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved.

Member Wattenbarger made an opening statement concerning his comments on the Matchett Center at the previous meeting. He apologized to the Council and those in attendance if he offended anyone with his comments. Dena Wattenbarger then read a prepared statement about the Matchett Center. She also presented her proposal for how savings could be made for the center. A general discussion was had on the history of the Matchett Center and what line items or expenses might be reduced or eliminated. Generally, those in attendance complimented the Wattenbargers on how they worked to make the Matchett Center a good place for the community and how hard they work to take care of it. After additional discussion, Member McFarland moved to restore the booking fees for Mrs. Wattenbarger, which had been eliminated at the last meeting and to eliminate the landscaping and pest control expenses for the Matchett Center, while trying to reduce the cost of the maintenance agreement that now exists, all of which will be re-evaluated in six months. Which motion was then seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. A constituent then asked about fundraising as a way to make the Matchett Center less costly to the town. Mrs. Wattenbarger indicated that there is already a website and other promotions being done for the Matchett Center. A discussion was then had on the rates charged on the Matchett Center and how the Clerk-Treasurer was being written up by the State Board of Accounts because there was not a standard fee schedule in place. She said their criticism had to do with fees being waived or reduced before the Council could approve those variances from the standard fee schedule. The Council directed Mrs. Wattenbarger to make sure that she brought such variance requests to the Council, so they could be approved before the Matchett Center was then used for the event involved. She asked the Council then to approve the following adjustments to fees for the Matchett Center, to wit: Evelyn Stichter for piano testing - \$25.00; Home Ec Club for a meeting - \$25.00; Bourbon Alumni Association for a reunion - \$200.00; Marianne Sauer's Daycare Center - \$150.00. The Council approved all of these rates. Bill Keyser then reported to the meeting that he had arranged for a lunch on Thursday May 16, 2013 at the Matchett Center for Business and Industry leaders in Bourbon. A program would be presented from the Marshall County Economic Development Commission, among others.

Chief Martin then submitted his monthly report. He thanked the Council for their patience with him as he recovered from a bicep injury. He also talked about how the reserve program was progressing and the cooperation that he was getting from the school to provide a reserve officer as a part of their program. Chief Martin then asked the Council to schedule an executive session to interview potential candidates for the reserve police force. He also presented estimates for the repairs needed for the damaged 2008 Crown Victoria police car. The repairs totaled to around \$4,000.00 and the Council indicated that they were concerned that the car was not worth enough to warrant these repairs. Member Hanley indicated that he was opposed to purchasing a new police car, but the cost of the repairs to the old car caused him concern.

After further discussion, Member McFarland moved to allow the purchase of a new police car, as budgeted, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

Roger Terry then filed his monthly activity report. He also submitted his estimate for repairs to the green tractor that had been damaged during plowing in the downtown area. Member Hanley asked about getting more quotes for these repairs and the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Mike Shoda then submitted his monthly report and asked the Council why he had to continue filling out these reports. He indicated that his time would be better spent working in the field rather than at a desk filling out these reports, particularly when the Clerk-Treasurer had to get most of the information he needed to do his report. The Council agreed to table his request until the next meeting, so they could consider that further. Mr. Shoda then explained to the Council the new lift station alarm system he was recommending. It requires that a phone line be run to the lift station and he asked that this be done. The Council approved this request.

Member Wattenbarger then submitted his Conflict of Interest statement because his was paid by the town.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council to approve the Safe Route to School Plan, requested by INDOT. Member McFarland moved that this plan be approved, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer again presented a request from the American Legion for reimbursement of repairs they had made to their building, even though it was done in the previous year. After discussion, Member McFarland moved to reimburse the American Legion \$1,000.00 of the bill they had submitted.

The Clerk-Treasurer then presented an estimate from Tim Fleagle of \$1,092.00 to recondition the baseball field. After discussion about the need for this treatment, Member Wattenbarger moved to approve his quote, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

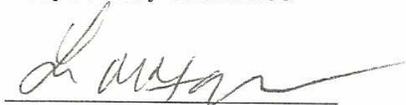
Robin Racolta then asked the Council about the alley behind her store and Harmony Press. She expressed her concern that the alley was not useable due to heavy apparent use of the same by Harmony Press. The Council asked Mr. Terry to look into that and report back to her and them at the next meeting.

Member Wattenbarger asked Mr. Terry if he could paint a cross-walk near the Shells parking lot, as well as posting a sign there due to the large number of employees at that business who cross the street at that location. The Council approved this request and asked Mr. Terry to take care of that.

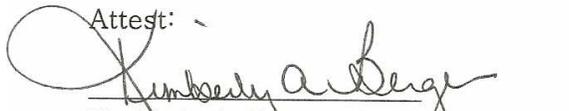
Member Hanley then asked Mr. Keyser if he had anything new to report on the Omni Source land. Mr. Keyser indicated that he was still trying to reach the appropriate contact person to see what their interest might be in disposing of this property.

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