

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 14, 2013

The regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on May 14, 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.

Jay Bahr, the Marshall County Economic Director, appeared before the Council to introduce himself and to ask how he could be of assistance to the town of Bourbon. The Council thanked him for coming and indicated they would stay in touch.

Bill Keyser then reported to the meeting on various properties throughout town that were code enforcement issues. The Council asked the town attorney to write a letter to the owner of the News-Mirror building to follow up on a letter that Mr. Keyser had written them as well.

Roger Terry then reported to the Council on the quote he had received for the alley repair that the Council had been discussing over the last several meetings. It was for \$1,800.00 from Hensley and Son. After discussion, Member McFarland moved to accept this quote, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved.

Mike Koontz then appeared before the Council and asked about the new church that was locating in the downtown business area. He questioned whether a church could be located in that zoning district of the town. Mr. Keyser indicated that there was no restriction on a church locating in the downtown area. Pastor Ted Westafer then of the Heartland Community Church appeared before the Council to explain what plans he has for his church and the building they had just purchased.

John Taggert then appeared before the Council and requested them to end the ban they had placed on his grandson from being in town parks. The Council asked Mr. Taggert if he wanted to discuss this in a public meeting and he said that he did. Member McFarland asked Mr. Taggert how much longer his grandson had on his probation. Mr. Taggert indicated that it would end in July. The Council decided to defer action on his request until he could come to their July meeting and indicate that his grandson successfully completed his probation.

Ed Scherer-Berry next appeared before the Council and complimented the police department for their help on two different occasions where he had to make 911 calls to them.

Member McFarland then raised the issue of the town hall roof that was leaking. The Clerk-Treasurer discussed where money might come from to repair or replace this roof. It was decided that they should obtain a quote to see what it would cost to do this.

Chief Bill Martin then submitted his monthly report for the police department. He reported on the delay in starting the reserve training program, but that it would start now in the second week of June.

The Council then discussed the possible grant that was being sought to provide a resource officer for the school who could also then help with coverage hours for the town police department as well. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that she had started the process for applying for this grant, but there was no indication of what the time frame would be for getting it. After much discussion concerning the hiring of a fifth police officer, the Council decided to table that pending whether a grant was obtained for the police officer who would serve most of his time on school premises. The Council also discussed the shifts that Chief Martin used for his officers and whether they could be modified to help with the 24-hour coverage the Council hopes can be maintained, even with fewer full-time officers. It was noted that Chief Martin may need to use more part-time officers and that once the reserve officers were properly trained, they could fill in as well. Chief Martin asked the Council whether they wanted 24-hour coverage yet, or whether he should come up with a schedule that provided for open hours where there would be no policemen on duty. The Council asked him to work out a schedule that still provided for 24-hour coverage and discuss this with them at the next meeting.

Roger Terry then submitted his monthly report on his department activities. He asked about purchasing new leaf equipment at a cost of around \$23,000.00. This decision was also tabled by the Council until actual quotes could be obtained by Mr. Terry. He also indicated that there was a possibility of obtaining a grant to purchase this equipment, although time is growing short, considering that new equipment was needed for this fall. Mr. Terry also reported on the paving plans he was preparing for the Council. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that the school was waiting to see what the town plans were and which contractor they might be using so that they could coordinate paving work that the school needed as well.

Mike Shoda then appeared before the Council and presented his monthly report on his department activities. Specifically, he talked about problems with the west end lift station and what a disaster would be if that ever went down. He presented a proposal prepared by Territorial Engineering that would replace this lift station at a cost of \$227,000.00. A preliminary contact had been made with the First State Bank of Bourbon which indicated that the bank might be willing to finance the cost of this project. After further discussion by the Council, Member Wattenbarger moved to preliminarily approve the proposal prepared by Territorial Engineering and start the process of working out financing arrangements with the First State Bank of Bourbon as well as preparing the necessary specifications for bidding on this project, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved.

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The Council then talked to Mr. Keyser again, but about problems that they had observed with people who are not mowing the grass on their property. Specifically, the Council talked about abandoned houses in town that were not being properly maintained.

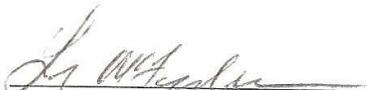
The Clerk-Treasurer then reported on the cost of the insurance for police reserves that would be coming on the department. She also asked about Splash Pad Hours for the coming summer. The Council decided to set those hours from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. during the little league baseball season. After that was completed in July, the Council would reconsider the ending time for Splash Pad usage.

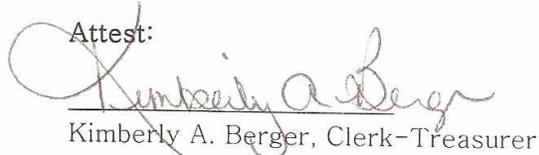
The Clerk-Treasurer then presented to the Council, two applications she had received for the town incentive program. One was from Larry Lemler of Lemler Oil and was being submitted so that he could reside his building. The other was from Norm Nifong, to help with the cost of labor to reside his car wash. After discussion, Member Hanley moved to approve both applications at the full amount of \$2,500.00 each, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved.

The Clerk-Treasurer finally discussed the shortfall in the revenue being received to retire the storm water revenue bonds for the Center Street Project. She was asked to contact Umbaugh and Associates to discuss both the refunding of these bonds or a possible increase in the storm water rates to cover this shortfall, so that the other utility departments of the town were not having to make up these payments each year.

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