

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 2011

A postponed regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on February 15, 2011, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room. The meeting had been postponed from the regular meeting date due to the death of Council Member Collins. To start the meeting, Member McFarland asked those in attendance to spend a moment in silence in memory of Member Gary Collins. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved, which was done without change or correction.

Member McFarland then brought to the attention of the meeting that the starting time of Council meetings had been changed by ordinance at the last meeting, so that all such meetings would now begin at 7:00 p.m. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that this new ordinance had been posted and published as required.

The Council first discussed the issue of un-shoveled sidewalks in the downtown area. No action was taken on that issue.

The Council asked Mr. Terry to remove the two-hour parking signs on the south side of North Street because an ordinance passed at the last meeting amending the traffic control ordinance did away with the need for those signs.

Mike Shoda next appeared before the Council and made his departmental report, while answering specific questions of the Council, updating them on the progress of various matters his department was working on.

Member McFarland then brought to the attention of the meeting research he had done on the possibility of granting a cell phone stipend to town employees. Based on his research it was decided to stay with the system now in effect.

Roger Terry then made his departmental report to the Council, including a report on possible tree-removal at intersections where they cause safety concerns. He presented quotes that he had obtained from three different tree-removal services regarding certain specific trees of immediate concern. After discussion Member McFarland moved to accept the low quote of \$2,550.00 from G & B Tree Service, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. A general discussion was then had on prohibiting the planting of new trees at or in the right-of-way, which might cause safety problems in the future. The town attorney was asked to work on an Amendment to the existing tree ordinance for that purpose.

Police Chief Bill Martin next appeared before the Council and made his monthly report. He discussed the possibility of selling police equipment, not currently in use. It was suggested that this equipment be sold at the upcoming FFA auction. Chief Martin then asked the Council to approve the hiring of Matt Haskins, Derek Workman and John Donowski on a part-time basis to supplement the police force. He indicated to the Council that Mr. Workman and Mr. Donowski would not be available to work all that much but would be used on an emergency basis. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to approve this request, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved.

Chief Martin also reported to the Council that the Town of Culver's DARE officer, John Donowski, had volunteered to complete Triton's DARE program for the remainder of the year and to replace Gary Collins. Member Wattenbarger then moved to hire Officer Donowski for that purpose, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved.

Chief Martin then asked the Council for approval to start the process to hire two full-time officers for the department from the part-time list. The Council authorized him to start that process.

Chief Martin also asked the Council about starting a reserve program for the town police department. He was also to begin work on that as well and to present a proposal in that regard to the Council. Chief Martin then indicated to the Council that he was working on an appropriate memorial to Officer Collins for display in the Police Office.

The Council then discussed the vacation issue that had been pending for several months. Member McFarland made a detailed comparison of the town employees and policemen with respect to how they were employed and paid. He noted that one works on an hourly pay system and the other is on a straight salary. Several town employees chimed in at that point that it did not make any difference to them if they Council left the vacation policy as it was with the town employees receiving vacation on a different basis from the police department. After further discussion, it was agreed to pass an ordinance, indicating that all future police department hires would receive vacations based on what regular town employees were currently receiving and not based on the system now in effect for current police officers. After further discussion, Member McFarland moved that this ordinance be passed on all three readings, which motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Member McFarland then moved to pass on all three readings, ordinance 2011- 3 requiring any new policeman hired to receive vacation benefits based on the system now in effect for all other town employees, other than current police officers working for the town, which motion was then seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved.

Member McFarland then read a proclamation signed by himself, Member Wattenbarger and Clerk-Treasurer Berger, honoring deceased Council Member Gary Collins. Member McFarland also read letters of appreciation to those from the area who helped with Officer Collins' funeral. Member McFarland also described to the meeting how Member Collins' position would be filled and suggested that anyone who was interested contact Republican Chairman David Holmes or the Clerk in Plymouth.

Mike McFarland then gave his report to the Council. He presented quotes on either the replacement or the repair of the heater unit. The Council decided to go with the \$95.00 part repair instead of replacing the heater altogether. The Council discussed, but tabled, the issue of fencing around the settling ponds. The Council did accept the quote provided by Mr. McFarland from Paul's on generator maintenance in the sum of \$1,020.00. The Council also tabled the issue of the weed problem program for the ponds, proposed by Mr. McFarland.

Roger Terry then appeared before the Council again to provide quotes on the utility vehicle replacement he was requesting. The Council approved the purchase of a gator or like vehicle for no more than \$5,400.00, but authorized Member Wattenbarger to have discretion to purchase a used model for less than this cost.

Mike Shoda appeared again before the Council and asked them to approve the purchase of lab equipment and gave them the choice of purchasing a portable unit instead. The Council approved the purchase of the portable lab equipment, with the necessary glassware.

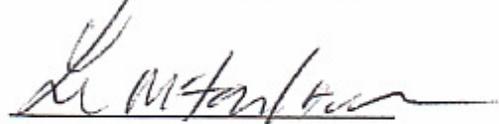
Member Wattenbarger then complimented Member McFarland for the work that he has done since coming on the board, particularly in light of Member Collins' death. Member McFarland announced a proclamation thanking the street department and other town workers for their efforts during the most recent snowstorm and presented that proclamation to Mr. Terry.

The Clerk-Treasurer notified the Council that the existing garbage rate would be increased by \$0.35, to \$13.35 and that an ordinance needed to be passed, adopting that increase. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 2011-1 on all three readings, approving the increase of the garbage rate, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved. Member Wattenbarger then moved to pass Ordinance 2011-1 on all three readings, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved.

The Council re-appointed Bill Keyser to the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation.

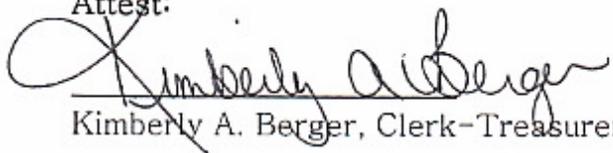
There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, president

Attest:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer