

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 8, 2014

The regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on April 8, 2014, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room. Member McFarland was not present for start of the meeting and arrived later due to another commitment. The other Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer were present in person for the entire meeting. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved without change or correction.

Prior to the actual Council Meeting, a public hearing was held on the petition of Bates Real Estate Corporation to annex certain land into the town. Mr. Kitch appeared to represent the petitioner and answer questions about the future plans about the property being annexed. After that discussion and there being no opposition to the petition, the public hearing portion of the meeting was ended.

A discussion was then had on the approval of the fiscal plan prepared by Umbaugh & Associates regarding the annexation petition. Member Hanley moved to pass a resolution approving the fiscal plan submitted by Umbaugh & Associates, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. The Council then indicated that it will schedule a special meeting of the Council, not sooner than 14 days from the date of this meeting to consider the annexation ordinance.

The town attorney then reported to the Council on the lease assignment regarding the internet equipment on the water tower. No action was taken on the requested assignment.

Michael Welling of Territorial Engineering then appeared before the Council and submitted pay application number 5 for \$17,508.79 on the lift station project. After a brief discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to approve the pay application, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer announced to the Council that Mike Shoda has submitted his letter of resignation as an employee of the town to take a job in Columbia City where he now resides. Member Wattenbarger moved to accept the letter of resignation, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council. Member Wattenbarger then explained to the meeting that the Council was going to create two positions from the joint position held by Mr. Shoda. Lyn Donathen would be appointed Water Superintendent, while Steve Stacy would be appointed Waste Water Superintendent. Both would be paid at the rate of \$19.66 per hour. Member Wattenbarger moved to appoint Lyn Donathen as Water Superintendent and Steve Stacy as Waste Water Superintendent, along with modifying the salary ordinance so they are paid at the rate of \$19.66, all effective as of April 9, 2014 which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

Curt Fey then appeared before the Council to explain the Legal Shield Program, which allowed for a deduction from employee wages for pre-paid legal representation. He asked and received permission to present folders of information to the employees in attendance at the meeting, along with folders for all police officers of the town, which he gave to Chief Martin.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported on the CF-1 form being filed by Bates Real Estate Corporation and asked that the Council approve the same for purposes of their tax abatement. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to approve the CF-1 Form, as submitted, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported to the Council that Brian Sporner had requested assistance from the sidewalk replacement fund. His estimate for the repairs to his sidewalk came in at \$2,225.90 and he was asking that the town be responsible for one-half of that cost. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to approve this request and pay for one-half of the repairs to Mr. Sporner's sidewalk, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported to the Council that she had obtained a quote to replace the double doors of the town meeting room. The quote was obtained from Scott Howell and it was for \$5,461.90. Due to the cost of replacing the doors, the Council decided to explore other options before making that decision.

The Clerk-Treasurer also reported that the general liability insurance policy of the town now held by the Clevenger Insurance Office in Warsaw was coming due in May. She also reported on a contact she had received from Gibson Insurance of Plymouth, asking to write that insurance instead. The Council asked the Clerk-Treasurer to explore the competing costs of this coverage.

The town attorney then spoke briefly to the Council about the possible and probable bankruptcy being filed by Shells, Inc. A discussion was also had about the condition of their property. Bill Keyser will be asked to write the president of the corporation in Ohio, expressing the town's concern that the property needs to be better maintained.

Chief Martin appeared before the Council to submit his monthly report and report on the reserve program.

Roger Terry next appeared before the Council to submit his department's activity report and indicated that both trucks have now been repaired. He asked about the community work day and when it would be scheduled. After discussion, the Council decided to schedule it for May 10, 2014.

Mr. Stacy asked whether the Council was going to add another employee, since Mr. Shoda was no longer with the town and his positions were being replaced from within. The Council asked Mr. Stacy and Mr. Donathen to advertise for and accept applications for the position that would be paid initially at \$15.00 per hour, depending on the qualifications of the successful candidate. They were also asked to narrow down the applications they receive to present the Council with the most favorable persons applying for this job.

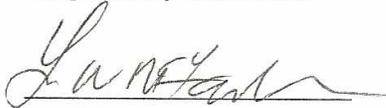
Member Wattenbarger then reported to the Council on his efforts about the Amish parking lot, now that the town had acquired that property. Further work would have to be done on planning for the same.

Member Hanley then asked about the awning that needed to be removed from the sidewalk downtown. Member Wattenbarger indicated that this awning would be resolved in the near future.

Member Hanley also asked about the parking spot near the Amish parking lot that apparently interferes with the line of vision as people exit from the adjoining alley and whether that spot should be made a no-parking zone instead. The Council decided to wait to make that decision until more information was obtained on how the Amish parking lot would be designed.

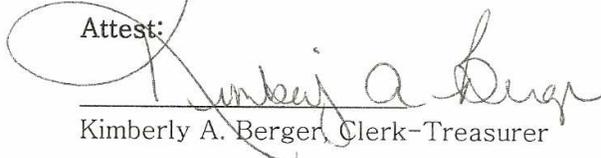
There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, president

Attest:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer