

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 9, 2015

The regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on June 9, 2015, 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 public hearing held on May 12, 2015 and the regular meeting of the Council held immediately following were approved without change or correction.

Donna Burroughs, Triton School Superintendent, first appeared before the Council and alerted them on the paving project being undertaken by the school this summer and also changes to the school schedule for the coming year. She also talked about the safe routes grant program and whether the town was interested in reapplying for the grant again. The Council asked the Clerk-Treasurer to contact the grant consultant about doing that. Mrs. Burroughs also asked about the possibility of obtaining crossing guards through that grant program or the town otherwise helping fund the same. She talked about Project Lead the Way next and its funding. She reminded the town that they had only committed for one year toward the cost of this program. Mrs. Burroughs then asked about the town's possible participation in the expense of providing fiber-optics to the school. She also talked about the work ethic certificate program she is trying to get started at the school that would benefit students who are responsible in class attendance and the like. Finally, Mrs. Burroughs reported on the wellness room that she had obtained a grant for and which was designed for community use as well. The Council thanked her for her attendance and the information she provided to them.

The Council then discussed adding the standards of conduct found in the town employee manual to the contract with the fire department. The town attorney was authorized to make that addition and submit the revised contract to Mr. McFarland so that he could discuss the same with the Township Trustee.

Jerry Chavez next appeared before the Council to present an updated report from the Marshall County Economic Development Committee.

Member Hanley then reported to the Council on delays in the remodeling of the park pavilion and that the work would probably start in the fall instead.

The Clerk-Treasurer then appeared before the Council and reported that an insurance recovery of \$2,080.00 had been received for the fire department and put into the equipment fund. She also indicated that the owner of the property at 504 North Thayer Street had requested that he be allowed to remove the sidewalk in front of his property and not replace it. The Council discussed its ordinance preventing the same, but tabled the request until they could review his particular situation. It was also brought to the attention of the Council that other property owners had removed their sidewalks without replacing the same, so the Council was concerned on whether they were being consistent.

The Clerk-Treasurer then asked that the Council permit her to maintain a petty cash fund of up to \$100.00. After discussion, Member Hanley moved to allow the petty cash fund account to be increased to \$100.00, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council.

On behalf of the fire department, the Clerk-Treasurer asked if the town would contribute \$500.00 to the Summerfest fireworks. After discussion, Member Hanley moved to donate \$500.00 to the fireworks display, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council. As a result of this discussion, a discussion was then had with Mrs. Burroughs regarding the location of where the fireworks display would be set off. The school had apparently resisted having them there again because of difficulties that were had last year. Mrs. Burroughs asked if the Council could have the fire chief meet with her maintenance person to discuss those problems and hopefully work them out. She also indicated that the school would permit the fireworks display to be held on its grounds at least for one more year, pending whether these concerns could be resolved.

A discussion was then had about the CAD computer system that other municipalities are starting to use and whether the fire department should go to the same. The police department is already using the system and it appears to be an ongoing trend throughout the area. After further discussion, Member McFarland moved to install the CAD system in one fire truck next year, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

Chief Bill Martin then appeared before the Council and presented his monthly report. He also reported on a possible user fee that would be charged for his department to use the FOP firing range going forward. He submitted his reserve program report and asked that Donnassey Dalton be added to the reserve list. The Council approved her addition to the same. Chief Martin then updated the Council on the progress of the emergency lights being added to the Hummer and when that might be completed for the vehicle to be used. He also indicated that the new police vehicle was on the assembly line to be produced and hopefully to be delivered to the town in the near future.

Roger Terry next appeared before the Council and submitted his monthly report. He also reported on the proposed tree program for the town.

The Clerk-Treasurer then submitted the monthly report of Mr. Stacy, who was not able to be present for the meeting. She also updated the Council on his behalf about his department activities.

Member Wattenbarger then reported to the Council about a request that he had received from Harmony Press to repair the alley. It was noted that this has been an ongoing situation and that the Council had approved making the repairs or other modifications to the alley several years ago. For whatever reason, this was not acted on and the Council now is willing to move forward on it again. Member Wattenbarger indicated that he would look into this further and Mr. Terry was asked to come up with an estimate on what the cost would be for what they need done.

Member Hanley then asked about the basketball hoops at the park and when they would be replaced. It was indicated that the person doing the work on these hoops was very busy with other work and that it might be some time yet before the hoops could be replaced. Member Hanley also asked about the tree removal that was being done about the town and progress on the same. Mr. Terry updated him on the tree removal that he asked about.

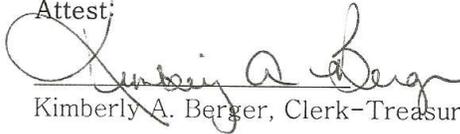
There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, president

Attest:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer