

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 8, 2014

The regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on July 8, 2014, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room. All Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer were present in person for the meeting. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved without change or correction.

The first order of business by the Council was to recognize and give awards to Officer Geiger, Officer Haskins and Reserve Officer Nordman, concerning life-saving measures they undertook that saved the lives of two Bourbon residents recently. Many people in attendance at the meeting spoke in gratitude to these officers for their prompt life-saving actions.

The town attorney was then asked to present the ordinance regarding the second Bates Real Estate annexation petition. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to suspend the rules so that Ordinance 2014-3 could be passed on all readings, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council. Member Wattenbarger then moved to pass Ordinance 2014-3 on all three readings, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

Michael Weldon of Territorial Engineering then appeared before the Council seeking approval of pay application number 8, in the sum of \$6,175.00. After a brief discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to approve this pay application, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council. Mr. Weldon then reported on the progress of the lift station project and that it was nearing completion.

Member Wattenbarger then reported on the progress with the Amish parking lot. He mentioned all the work that Delbert Schwartz was doing on the project and that some recognition should be given to him once the parking lot has been completed.

Chris Oginsky, former fire chief of LaPaz, then appeared before the Council and explained the billing system that the LaPaz Fire Department used on their fire calls. For the most part, the bills went to insurance companies and a billing service was used to handle the submission of those claims. The Council asked the town attorney to review the packet of information that Mr. Oginsky left with the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer then presented to the Council, a letter that she had received from the drainage board, indicating that an assessment for the Metheny Ditch of \$900.00 per year was being increased to \$1,400.00 per year. The letter indicated that the Council had the option of allowing all property owners in the town affected by that water shed to be billed directly. After consideration, the Council determined that it would be in the best interest of the town and its residents to pay the higher assessment, rather than have them billed individually. Member Hanley moved to approve the higher assessment of \$1,400.00, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer then indicated she had received continuing complaints about Harmony Press employees parking on the street near the business instead of in the parking lot that was just recently built. Member Wattenbarger agreed to talk to Mr. Harmon about this ongoing issue.

Chief Bill Martin submitted his activity report for the month. He also reported on progress with the reserve program. Member McFarland asked him about reserve officers not meeting the minimum standards required by the reserve program and what would be done with them. The fireworks ordinance was then discussed by the Council and the town attorney was asked to report on the state statute regarding the same. Chief Martin then reported to the Council on Carl Amsden's graduation from the police academy and requested that he be made a part-time officer for the town. After discussion, the Council decided to table that issue until at least the next meeting.

Roger Terry next appeared before the Council and filed his activity report. He asked the Council to hire Steve Cormican, retroactive to June 30, 2014. After discussion, Member McFarland moved to hire Mr. Cormican, retroactive to June 30, 2014, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

Lyn Donathen then appeared before the Council and filed his Water Department report.

Steve Stacy then appeared before the Council and filed his Waste Water Department report. Mr. Stacy asked that the Council hire Harley Blount, retroactive to June 16, 2014. Member McFarland moved that Mr. Blount be hired effective June 16, 2014, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

Bill Keyser next appeared before the Council and asked that Terry Clemens and Lib Reichert be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. After brief discussion Member Wattenbarger moved that Terry Clemens and Lib Reichert be reappointed to the Bourbon Zoning Board of Appeals, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council. Mr. Keyser then discussed with the Council the status of the Long property, where the house had been demolished. After discussion, Member Hanley moved that the foreclosure process be started which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council. Mr. Keyser was directed to contact Mr. Humphrey to start this process.

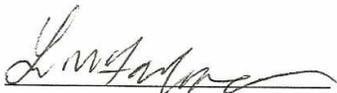
Kathryn Dreibelbis then appeared before the Council and asked for the normal donation of \$300.00 to the Summerfest event. Member Wattenbarger moved that this donation be made, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council. Ms. Dreibelbis also asked about cleaning the tables in the park pavilion and a brief discussion was had on that. The Council also authorized Mr. Terry to turn on the electricity for the Summerfest when Mrs. Dreibelbis requested the same.

Tate Chapman appeared for the Fire Department and complimented the police officers on their life-saving measures taken. He also asked about a contribution to the fireworks display for the Summerfest. Member Hanley moved that the town contribute \$600.00 to the cost of the fireworks, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved. Mr. Chapman also asked about being provided with an AED device for the fire station. The Council asked that the AED at the little league diamond be moved to the Fire Department once the little league season was over and hopefully a grant could be obtained to purchase another AED device at some point.

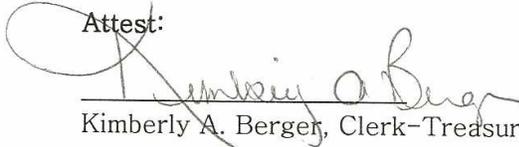
Member Hanley then asked the Council about the park pavilion and whether fans could be provided to cool it off better. Mrs. Dreibelbis asked that any fans purchased be of the quieter version so as not to interfere with activities begin held in the pavilion. After further discussion, Member McFarland moved that Member Hanley be authorized to purchase two fans for the park pavilion at a cost of no more than \$800.00, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

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