

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2013

The regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 in the Council Chambers with all Council Members, Larry Wattenbarger, Philip Hanley, Les McFarland, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved with a motion from President McFarland and seconded by Member Hanley, passed 3-0.

Shawnda Wenino from Marshall County was present to discuss the purchasing of a GIS unit that would be used by the utility and street departments to ensure that the infrastructure of the town will be documented for years to come. The cost of the training will be \$540.00 per person and there will be 3 from the Town attending. The GPS unit costs approximately \$18,000.00 and the software is \$1500.00. Member Wattenbarger made the motion to approve the purchase with McFarland seconding it and the motion passed 3-0.

The bids for the Metheny Lift Station were opened. There were 6 sealed bids presented with the lowest bid coming from Thomas Excavating at a base bid \$126,900.00. President McFarland made the motion to accept Thomas Excavating's bid pending the review from Territorial Engineering. Wattenbarger seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

In Old Business, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Bill Keyser stated that the deadline for the repairs to the residence on North Harris Street was today. Keyser informed the Council that a hearing needed to be held in October to petition for demolition of property. The council will determine a date and contact Keyser to set up the hearing.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger then appeared before the Council and advised them that the 2014 budget advertisement had been publicized in the paper the required 2 times. The public hearing for the budget will take place on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Adoption for the 2014 budget will take place on Tuesday, October 8, 2013. Berger presented the Council the financial information that Umbaugh put together on the storm water rate increase. The Council decided to table the information until the October meeting.

Berger presented the reimbursement from the incentive program from the Bourbon Car Wash. Mr. Nifong was awarded the \$2500.00 incentive in May. When he turned in the bill for reimbursement to the Clerk's Office, he stated that he was approached by an outside party to purchase his business. He stated that when he applied for the grant, he had no intentions of selling the property and knew that he had signed an agreement that he would not sell his business

for 3 years. Member Wattenbarger made the motion to still reimburse Mr. Nifong for work done at his location. Member Hanley seconded the motion with President McFarland voting against it.

Berger stated that Trick or Treat will be set for Thursday, October 31st from 5-7 p.m. with the park party to follow at 7:30.

The Ordinance for the Horse Parking Only was brought back up due to the completion of the construction at the Harmony Communications location. Employees of Harmony are continuing to park in the Amish horse parking lot. The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to contact Harmony to see if they would be willing to purchase the vacant lot at the corner of Main and Center Street. If they agree, the town will be willing to swap lots with them so that they would have a lot closer to their location for employee parking.

Discussion ensued concerning the Ordinance about placing grass clippings/yard waste into the street. Roger Terry asked that several changes be made to the Ordinance. He was advised to take the changes to Attorney Mark Wagner and that action will be taken on this ordinance at the October meeting.

Chief Bill Martin then appeared before the Council and submitted his monthly report. Member Wattenbarger commented on how pleased the Superintendent of schools, Donna Burroughs, was of the increased presence of the officers in their buildings and playground area during the school day. Martin then gave an update on the Police Reserve Program. He advised the Council that two reserves are now into the second phase of field training. Chief Martin advised the council that their new officer, Matthew Cottrill started on Monday, September 9, 2013. With the addition of a fifth officer, Martin requested that the police change their schedule from a 6-3 to a 4-2 schedule. President McFarland made the motion, Hanley seconded it and the motion passed 3-0. Chief Martin proposed to the Council to sponsor, Carl Amsden, police reserve officer, to attend the Indiana Police Academy. Amsden has the opportunity to have \$5,500.00 of the \$7,500.00 tuition paid through a G.I. Bill. This sponsorship from the town will be at no cost to the town or with any promises of employment at the completion of the academy. After much discussion, member Wattenbarger made the motion to allow the sponsorship. President McFarland felt that Amsden needed to fulfill his entire field training before he agreed to sponsor him to the academy. Member Hanley abstained due to a conflict of interest. The decisive vote came when the decision was placed in the hands of Clerk-Treasurer Berger. Berger seconded Wattenbarger's motion and the sponsorship passed 2-1-1.

Roger Terry next appeared and presented his monthly report. He reported that the paving had been completed and he was pleased with the work done.

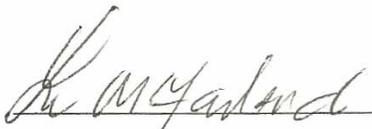
Mike Shoda, Utilities Superintendent appeared next and submitted his report. He advised the Council that the utility department had completed the first phase of the water line replacement on Thompson Street. He also advised that Hensley Concrete will be starting soon with the replacement of sidewalks and concrete approaches in that area.

Bill Keyser next appeared to ask for permission to replace Tim Gochenour from the Board of Zoning Appeals. He made the recommendation to place Eric Sechrist in that position. It was agreed upon by all Council members to appoint Eric Sechrist to fulfill the remainder of Gochenour's term which expires in October, 2014.

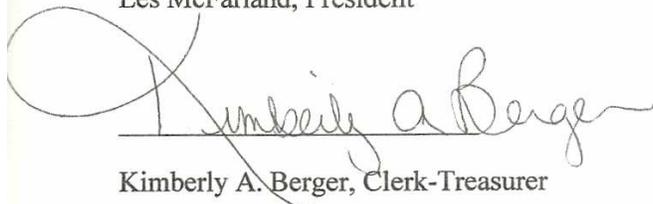
Member Wattenbarger gave an update on the new public recycling now available at Omnisource on Elm Road. He also updated the Council on the land that the Town was looking at purchasing from Omnisource for a shovel ready site. Due to the new recycling center that is no longer an option. Wattenbarger advised the Council that he had recently attended a meeting with the Marshall County Economic Development Commission and that the Town needs to look at different sites to further industry/housing growth.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, President



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer