

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 12, 2011

A regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on April 12, 2011, beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room with all Council Members including newly appointed member, P.J. Hanley and the Clerk-Treasurer present in person. It was noted that prior to the regular meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m., a public hearing was held concerning the vacation of an alley on property owned by Steve Duff, running on old U.S. 30 West to Center Street. Only Mr. Duff appeared to speak at this hearing and he asked the Council to approve the ordinance vacating this alley. The public hearing was then closed without further comment or discussion.

The regular meeting of the Council then began. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved, which was done without change or correction.

Les McFarland then moved to suspend the rules and pass on all three readings ordinance 2011-5, vacating the alley on the Duff property, which motion was then seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. Member McFarland then moved to pass Ordinance 2011-5 on all three readings and on condition that Mr. Duff sign an easement in favor of the town for its utilities on the property, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously adopted.

A discussion was then had about a proposal from Harmony Press, asking that they be allowed to cement an area of their property that was used for their lift trucks. Bill Morris was present to explain what was being planned. He assured the Council that Harmony Press would be responsible for any repairs to town utilities that might be damaged as a part of the work being done. He also assured the Council that drainage in the area would not be affected by this project. After further discussion, Member McFarland moved that Harmony Press be granted permission to install the cement pad as requested, subject to Mr. Morris meeting with Mr. McFarland regarding the utility pit and the protection of the same, which motion was then seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved.

Tricia Praeger then appeared before the Council with her attorneys and asked for 30 days to research and resolve the issue with respect to the removal of her trailer pursuant to Town Ordinance. This extension request was granted and her attorneys will be in touch with the town attorney regarding the ordinance in question.

Police Chief Bill Martin then appeared before the Council and presented a copy of the 911 Ordinance of the town, which Member McFarland had asked to see. He then asked the Town attorney to prepare a draft ordinance for the town, similar to the county 911 Ordinance, regarding the posting of house numbers. Member McFarland also asked Chief Martin about the changing out of officers' weapons as had been discussed at the prior meeting of the Council and Chief Martin explained where things were on that matter.

Territorial Engineering then appeared before the Council to discuss the bids that had been received for the lift station replacement project. Territorial Engineering recommended

that the low bid of Robert E. Crosby, Inc. be accepted. It was noted that their combined bid was more than what was budgeted for the project. It was recommended that the bid be accepted subject to further negotiations regarding the overage. Member Wattenbarger moved that the bid of Robert E. Crosby, Inc. be accepted, subject to those negotiations, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved. Territorial Engineering was authorized to issue the notice of award, as is required. Territorial Engineering then made a report to the Council on bid variations and how the project might still be accomplished within budget. After discussion, the Council asked Territorial Engineering to open negotiations with Robert E. Crosby, Inc., to see if the overage can be resolved or at least narrowed. Territorial Engineering asked that a Council Member be available to enter into these negotiations going forward. The Council indicated that both Mr. Hanley and Mr. McFarland could be made available with respect to those negotiations on request.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported to the Council on the fire department request to include in their disaster plan that they may have the use of certain pieces of town equipment as might be required in the event of a significant disaster in the town. She indicated that the department would present such a Plan to the Council at a later date. The Clerk-Treasurer also reported to the Council about the request by Allied Waste to use an automatic truck for the recycling program. This will require all recycling containers to be exchanged out for new containers that fit with the automatic truck. The Clerk-Treasurer then reported on interest she had received in the sidewalk replacement program. The Council asked her to continue to solicit interested parties to submit proposals for the Council's consideration. The Clerk-Treasurer also reported on problems that were recently discovered with the Town Hall roof. She had received a quote from Morris & Sons in the sum of \$2,997.00 to make the required repairs. After discussion member McFarland moved to accept the quote of Morris & Sons to make the required repairs, which motion was then seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. Member McFarland also discussed with the Council other parts of the building that may need renovation as well.

Chief Martin then appeared before the Council again to submit his monthly report. He also presented a commendation to Officer McIntyre for his efforts in helping to save the life of Pastor Goss last October. Pastor Goss was also present to give his thanks to Officer McIntyre and anyone who helped acquire the equipment that was used and approved the training that Officer McIntyre had received. Chief Martin then asked the Council about the cell phone stipend that had been tabled after earlier discussion at a Council Meeting. He indicated that all officers would be willing to receive a \$20.00 stipend each month from the town and then would be willing to use their own cell phones on duty. The Town would save over \$400.00 by eliminating the cell phone contract they currently have to provide separate phones for each officer. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved that a cell phone stipend of \$20.00 be granted to each police officer for using their personal cell phone while on duty, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved. Chief Martin then asked about the possibility of incorporating a physical fitness program on site for police officers and other town employees.

Further discussion would be had on that matter at a later date.

Roger Terry then appeared before the Council and reported on the street-sweeping program that he was undertaking at the present time.

Mike Shoda then appeared before the Council and reported on the water line installation project on Shafer Road.

Mike McFarland then appeared before the Council to report on storm water and waste water activities about the town. He specifically reported on the progress on the Westwood Project. He also discussed with the Council the possibility of adding sewer tap fees to the existing rate ordinance. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to contact Umbaugh about adding sewer tap fees to that ordinance. Mr. McFarland then asked for permission to spend \$227.00 plus shipping to purchase a 10-set pipetter for his lab. After discussion, Member McFarland moved to allow the purchase of this lab equipment, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

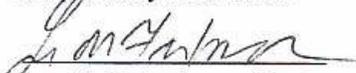
Bill Keyser then reported to the Council on the stray animal activity in the town. He also asked about the unsafe building ordinance and whether the Town Council was prepared to enforce the same. The Council asked him to start the process by sending a notice letter to the property owners and giving them 90 days to correct the problems.

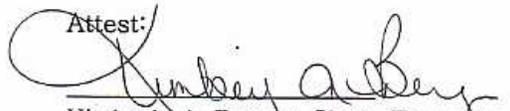
Mr. Keyser also discussed with the Council the possibility of extending certain town ordinances to the 2-mile limit around the town to permit him to enforce nuisance and other ordinances in that area as well. The town attorney was asked to research whether the town had the authority to extend ordinances of that kind into the 2-mile area surrounding the town.

Member Wattenbarger then presented to the Clerk-Treasurer a check for \$3,025.05, representing the proceeds received from the FFA auction. He complimented Daryl Ball and all people who helped with this auction and to make it a success.

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