

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, with Council Members, Ward Byers, Terry Clemens, Attorney Alex Hoover, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

MINUTES: Member Clemens, made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14 2023, meeting, which was seconded by President Byers and carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

PUBLIC HEARING: President Byers introduced the public hearing. Member Clemens motioned to open the public hearing, President Byers seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays. The floor was opened to the public for any comments on the Tax Abatement request from Shell's Inc. Greg Hildebrand Director of the Marshall County Economic Development gave an overview of the proposed project and added that Shell's will be adding an additional 9 employees with this new printing process. Being no further public comments or questions, Member Clemens motioned to close the public hearing with President Byers seconding the motion and the hearing was closed on a 2 Ayes, 0 Nays vote.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS: President Byers introduced Resolution 2023-02 confirming the Declaratory Resolution for Shells, Inc. personal property tax abatement. Member Clemens motioned to approve Resolution 2023-02, President Byers offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers presented Resolution 2023-03 addressing Opioid money. Resolution states that the Town of Bourbon will provide \$10,953.02 (2022 and 2023 Opioid distributions) to serve as a match for the county-wide grant program, Project Hope. Member Clemens motioned to approve, President Byers offered the second, and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Member Clemens motioned to accept the proposal from Hoffer Lawn Services for mowing of the parks in 2023 for \$16,285.00. President Byers offered the second, and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers motioned to appoint Kimberly Berger to the Marshall County Unsafe Building and Premises Board for 2023. Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #5195-5284 in the amount of \$256,122.59. Member Clemens motioned to approve the claims, President Byers offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Sergeant Amsden submitted the Police Department's monthly report.

Roger Terry, Supervisor of Public Works, presented the activity reports of the departments. Terry stated that spring leaf pick up will begin on March 27th through April 7th weather permitting.

Chuck Dewitt, Zoning Department stated that the Plan Commission held a meeting on Monday, March 13th. He introduced Resolution PC 01-2023 to rezone the property at 410 W. Center Street from Light Industrial to Single Family Residential. Next, Resolution PC 02-2023 was presented to address the vacation of a proposed alley across from 203 West Quad Street. Resolution PC 03-2023 was presented to address 3 parcels owned by Craig & Selena Hawley to rezone from A, Single Family Residential to B, Multifamily Residential Zoning. Member Clemens motioned to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission that addressed rezoning and motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-03 and Ordinance 2023-04, President Byers offered the second and the motion carried 2 Ayes, 0 Nays. President Byers motioned to table PC 02-2023, the Right of Way vacation, due to lack of signatures per the recommendation of Attorney Hoover, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion was tabled unanimously.

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, was not present but sent his report via email. The report stated that the department had 11 runs in February; 3 traffic accidents, 1 brush fire, 1 gas leak, 1 weather water, 3 1099 calls and 2 medical calls in which the LUCAS defibrillator was used.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover informed the Council that he was getting ready to file abatements through the court system on the residences at 106 W. Sunset and 1006 N. Washington. Letters had been sent in the past by Chuck Dewitt and also Attorney Hoover with no response from the owners.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Jerry Bradley of 1005 N. Thayer was present to address a concern with recent flooding to his basement after a 3" rainfall. He feels that when the town did some construction in the roadway several years ago, a pipe was damaged causing the water to back up into the home. Mr. Bradley was informed that the Utilities department will be looking into this situation for him but was reminded that our area had experienced abnormal rainfall.

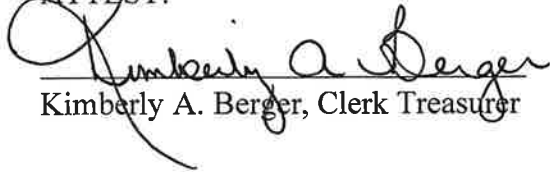
COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS


Member Clemens stated that with the recent demolition of the replica of the Train Depot on the north side of the Town Hall, he was hoping that a grant could be obtained to reconstruct a similar structure at the park to preserve a portion of the Town's history.

President Byers made a motion not to exceed \$40,000.00 to repair the concrete on the north side of the Town Hall building and install awnings over the doorways. Member Clemens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, President Byers made the motion to adjourn at 6:21 p.m., a second was offered by Member Clemens and carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:


Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer


Ward Byers, President