

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, with Council Members, Ward Byers, Terry Clemens, Les McFarland, Attorney Alex Hoover, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Member Clemens, made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023, meeting, which was seconded by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

NEW BUSINESS: President Byers presented a request from the Triton Music Department to hold a car wash at the Street Garage. Member Clemens motioned to accept, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers stated that the Town received a Newborn Safety Device grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and stated that it would be installed at the EMS garage. Member McFarland had several questions concerning the cost to the town and 24-hour coverage. President Byers stated that the device is set up with alarms and technology to be sent to multiple agencies if no one is actively at the building due to an emergency call.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #5530-5614 in the amount of \$267,079.80. Member McFarland motioned to approve the claims, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$80,742.31 from Crosby Construction for the water treatment plan. Member Clemens motioned to approve pay app #2, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. She also presented invoice #41838 from Wessler Engineering in the amount of \$20,845.00 per our agreement for construction services. Member McFarland motioned to approve the claims, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Sargant Amsden submitted the Police Department's monthly report due to the absence of Chief Martin. Amsden stated that Tim Hubbard would be graduating from the academy on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Roger Terry, Supervisor of Public Works, presented the activity reports of the departments. Terry advised the council of damage done to the meter pit and sidewalk at 512 S. Main Street by Cox Wood Removal. President Byers asked what the damages was, and Terry stated a quote to

repair the sidewalk was \$2,500.00 and the meter pit repair with parts and labor was around \$150.00. President Byers stated that he would reach out to Cox concerning the damage.

President Byers presented an update for the Zoning Department and stated that the BZA heard a case for a setback to construct a new porch.

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, presented his monthly report. The report stated that the department had 3 runs in June. Stepp stated that a fundraiser for fireworks would be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Stepp also asked the town for a donation for the fireworks. Member McFarland motioned to approve \$500.00, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover informed the Council that Karen Holm's small claim case will be held on August 21, 2023, at 8:15. He also stated that he has been working on a case concerning junk vehicles and concrete being placed in the Right-of-Way.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Tackett were present to discuss the issue of the fish dying in his privately owned pond for the last 4 years. Mr. Tackett brought this to the Town's attention a year ago. There is an issue with a county drain that is plugged, and the Town has been in contact with the drainage board and also had invested in a series of tests on industrial pollutants and pesticides and herbicides from a private lab that all came back less than detectable range. President Byers stated that it is in the county's hands at the moment.

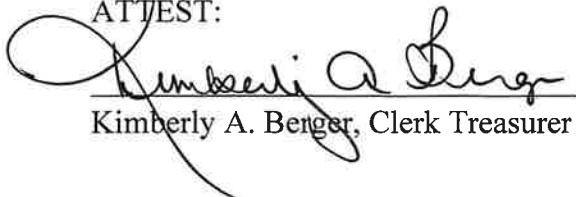
Mr. P.J. Hanley next gave a speech on hypocrisy in government and publicly ~~bullied~~ <sup>criticized</sup> the Town Council and Clerk-Treasurer.


Mr. Lonny Berkey was present to ask for the Little Miss Summerfest Coordinators to utilize the park pavilion, at no cost, for pageant practice. Member McFarland motioned to waive the fee, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Berkey also requested a donation of \$300.00 to help aid in the car show held during Summerfest weekend. President Byers stated that he needed to bring in an invoice or something to be paid from. Member McFarland motioned to assist the car show, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: There were no council comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member McFarland made the motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m., a second was offered by Member Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:

  
Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

  
Ward Byers, President