

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 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.

MINUTES: Member Clemens, made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14 2023, meeting, which was seconded by President Byers and carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstained due to absence in March.

PUBLIC HEARING: President Byers introduced the public hearing. Member McFarland motioned to open the public hearing, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. The floor was opened to the public for any comments on the re-establishment of the CCD rate. Being no public comments or questions, Member Clemens motioned to close the public hearing with Member McFarland seconding the motion and the hearing was closed on a 3 Ayes, 0 Nays vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS: President Byers introduced Ordinance 2023-05 to re-establish the CCD rate as advertised as 0.0500 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Member Clemens motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-05, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers presented Ordinance 2023-06 addressing Police issued handguns. Discussion ensued with Member McFarland stating that he felt the Ordinance needed to be amended to allow for an officer to receive his handgun when he left his position as an officer under certain special circumstances. Member McFarland motioned to approve the ordinance on First Reading and asked for changes to be made, Member Clemens offered the second, and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2023-07 was introduced to address a Right of Way vacation located on West Quad Street that is dead ended by the railroad tracks. Member McFarland motioned to vacate, Member Clemens offered the second, and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers presented a resignation letter from Kris Berger from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Member McFarland motioned to accept, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #5285-5346 in the amount of \$225,271.43. Member McFarland motioned to approve the claims,

Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Berger presented the TIF Management Annual Report to the members and advised that the reporting requirements had been met. She also advised the Council of the pre-closing meeting for the water plant loan that took place earlier in the day and the closing of the SRF loan will be on April 25, 2023.

Chief Martin submitted the Police Department's monthly report. Martin submitted Matthew Geiger's resignation letter effective April 1, 2023. Martin asked permission to advertise for the open position in the department. Member McFarland motioned to advertise, Member Clemens seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Chief Martin asked to hire Joe Deish as a part-time officer to help with firearms training until Officer Sahlhoff can complete the course. Member McFarland motioned to approve, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Martin informed the Council that they had received a Reserve application from Brook Sumption and asked for permission to bring her into the program pending the background check. Member McFarland motioned, Member Clemens offered a second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry, Supervisor of Public Works, presented the activity reports of the departments.

Chuck Dewitt, Zoning Department presented a plan from Ted Westafer of 11B Road, to replat the land to construct a new home on the property. Member Clemens motioned to approve the plat change from the recommendation of the Plan Commission, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Mr. Dewitt stated that he had appreciated the work by Kris Berger on the BZA and asked also about replacing that spot and possibly adding an alternate member. Dewitt also brought to the attention of the Council a motor home located at the corner of North Main and Jefferson Streets that blocks the stop sign. President Byers stated that he felt that the Police Department needed to make contact with the owners to resolve this issue.

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, presented his monthly report. The report stated that the department had 5 runs in March. Stepp informed the council of the Marshall County Chiefs meetings that has been addressing Dual response.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover informed the Council that he has been working with Chuck Dewitt on the properties owned by Linda Brown and Kenneth Cretcher. Hoover stated that Ms. Brown has been working on bringing the property up to standard by eliminating the junk outside of the house. He stated that he felt we should give her 2 months to comply. Hoover stated that the Cretcher residence will be moving forward into the court system.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Lillie Stetzel, a Senior at Triton High School informed the Council and the public in attendance of a Suicide Prevention discussion to be held at the Matchett Event Center on, Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m.

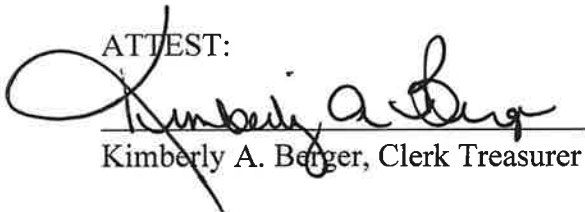
Mr. Craig Hawley addressed the Council concerning the accident that occurred on March 14<sup>th</sup> of this year between Reserve Officer Ray Gleason and his daughter, Cheyenne Hawley. Mr. Hawley is in disagreement with the findings of our insurance carrier and the third party adjuster.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

President Byers presented the first Pride of Bourbon award. The award was presented to Jeff and Jayne Fuller, owners of The Standard and The Fuller Cup. The Town of Bourbon appreciates their commitment to the downtown area.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member McFarland made the motion to adjourn at 6:36 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