

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, with Council Members, Les McFarland, Jonah Best, Terry Clemens, Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger, and Attorney Alex Hoover present in person. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Member Best made a motion to approve the minutes from March 11, 2025, regular scheduled council meeting, Member Clemens offered the second and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: President McFarland stated he felt there was a need to install a generator at the Matchett Event Center after the recent tornado in town. He stated that the area is much larger and would have been more appropriate of a place to house the command center. McFarland asked Member Best to get an updated quote.

NEW BUSINESS: President McFarland stated that an after-action meeting will be held at the Matchett Event Center on Monday, April 21st at 4:00 p.m.

President McFarland advised the Council that the Town had been granted a 60-day burn period from IDEM to dispose of tree debris from the tornado.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims 7292 to 7336 in the amount of \$294,632.23. Council Member Clemens motioned to approve the claims, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger gave an update from the meeting with the insurance adjuster and several contractors that have been contacted to repair damage suffered by the Town.

Berger stated that she had received an invoice from Marshall County Economic Development for payment of \$2,500.00 for the second quarter. President McFarland motioned to table the request, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk Treasurer Berger asked for approval of \$34,805.00 of donations that have been received to offset damage done by the tornado. Member Clemens motioned to accept, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Chief Martin submitted his Police Department's monthly report. Chief Martin requested to hire Keihen Hanley as a part-time officer for the Town of Bourbon. Member Best motioned to hire Mr. Hanley, Member Clemens added the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry submitted the activity reports for the street and utilities department. Terry asked permission to purchase a strip machine in the amount of \$6,229.49 from Sherwin Williams. Member Best motioned to allow, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Terry also submitted mowing contracts from Hoffer Lawn Services. Member Best had asked Terry last month to also bid the additional mowing that our employees normally do. The lawn care for the mowing of the parks and Matchett Center is \$16,285.00, the quote for mowing the remainder of the areas is \$17,600.00. Discussion ensued. The Council asked for Terry's recommendation, and he stated that in lieu of hiring a part-time person, he was willing to award the contract for this year and reevaluate it next year. Member Best motioned to accept both quotes, President McFarland offered the second, Member Clemens abstained. The motion passed with 2 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 abstention.

Terry provided quotes to surface seal the EMS building in the amount of \$2,875.00. President McFarland asked to include asphaltting around the flagpole. Member Best motioned to approve, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Terry gave an update on the Community Crossings award and asked for a special meeting on May 5, 2025, at 4:00 to open bids.

Chad Stepp, Bourbon Fire Chief, reported that the department had 20 calls since last month's meeting. He also stated that repairs needed to be done on truck 247 and also noted that the department will be getting quotes for some additional equipment that they are in need of.

Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director, was not present. Member Best shared that the Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals would be meeting on April 14, 2025.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Attorney Hoover was not present.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Brandon and Melea Hoffer stated how proud they were of the community response to the tornado.

James Slabaugh was present to get some information from the council prior to an upcoming meeting with the Plan Commission. Member Best stated that he did not know what kind of questions would be imposed, but his request was not in line with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: All Council members voiced their appreciation to all the Town employees, neighboring communities and the volunteers that came to our community's aid during the recent tornado on April 2, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Best made the motion to adjourn at 5:38 p.m., a second was offered by Member Clemens and the motion carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:

Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

Les McFarland, President