

September 18, 2007

The regular meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart at 6:00 p.m.

Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Steve Brown, John Ludy and Kay Clark. Joe Thomas was absent.

Others representing the town were:

Mary K. Parsons-IAMC/CMC/CPFA-Clerk-Treasurer

Chris Snyder-Town Superintendent

Kurt Bachman-Town Attorney

Ed Johnson-Town Marshal-absent

Martha Hagerty-Judge

Danny Frasier-Street Superintendent

Steve Gard-Water Superintendent

Jim Humbarger-Sewer Superintendent

Eric Hufnagle-Fire Chief-absent

Lon Keyes-Park Board President

Others attending were: Jim Measel, with WLKI radio station, Jim Shilander, with the Herald Republican, and Ron and Leta Sullins, residents.

Steve Brown moved to approve the minutes, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve the claims, payroll and comp time, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the by-pass. Chris addressed some issues that have occurred over the last month. Expanding the radius of the driveway at the Sewer Plant, and changing the chain link fence, this created a net decrease of \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. There is a change in the drainage swale where water has been laying. There are no entrances allotted on the Miklosko property, so culverts have been installed. An area west of West Street did not pass inspection. They are now digging out 1100' and installing geo-grid material. A request to make a draw from the IEDC grant was sent to the State in July. When Chris checked, they said a check was cut last week. Asphalt is scheduled to start on Thursday. Two waterline extensions were put along Swager Drive and Sam Samuel's property.

Chris gave an update on the drainage on Albion and Pleasant Streets. Andy Dodzik and Phil Hibbert toured the area a couple of weeks ago and talked to Chris, Danny and Jeff. They are doing a study on where the water is coming from and will provide options within the next few months.

The revised copies of the Personnel Policy have been distributed to the Department Heads for their review and to review with their employees. Once reviewed, an Ordinance will be ready to accept at the October meeting.

We have received the paperwork from the State of Indiana OCRA Office for the Downtown Planning Grant. Costs can now be incurred. A preliminary meeting was held with DLZ. A "Charette" will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Fremont Town Hall.

John Ludy moved to approve the contract with DLZ in the amount of \$46,000.00, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

The new tornado siren has been installed. It is located at the Fremont Community Church. The tornado siren at the Fire Station has been updated. Integrity Communications will inspect the systems, and then the sirens will be put on the Steuben Communications system (911).

Steve Brown moved to approve the payment of \$21,730.00 to Integrity Communications from the Building Corp. Fund for the tornado siren systems, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Kay Clark moved to approve the Utility Credit, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

John Barrett was not present to speak on the HUD program on repossessed homes.

REPORTS

Court submitted- Martha added she would be attending the Judge's Conference on October 11th & 12th, to receive her 12 credit hours.

Police submitted- Ed Johnson absent.

Street submitted- Danny stated that the old truck needs to go to the salvage yard along with an old sander. Consensus was to allow this.

Sewer submitted- Jim stated that nothing has been resolved with the ongoing problem with the Belt Press from Ortec. He suggested that the Attorney write a letter to the company. Kurt Bachman stated that he needed a summary of events to effectively write a letter. John Ludy moved to approve Kurt writing a letter to Ortec in regards to faulty equipment, contingent on Jim providing documentation on prior contact with Ortec, second by Kay Clark, all in favor. Jim also said that they are changing a pump at a lift station.

Water submitted-nothing to add.

Town Superintendent-Chris stated that they are starting phase #2 of the 2007 Street improvements on Albion, Spring, and Bell Street. The BZA met last night and discussed a variance for installing a swimming pool at Blackman Prairie, the variance passed. Chris has received complaints on a residence on Cora Lane that needs cleaned

up. In Chris's discussion with the Attorney, the resident should be allowed due process, should this go to the Court, or before the Council? Kay Clark moved to have due process go through the Court, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Fire Department submitted-Eric Hufnagle absent. Kathy asked for Eric, to purchase fittings and couplings for the new fire truck, not to exceed \$3,000.00. Kay Clark moved to purchase the fittings and couplings for the fire truck not exceeding \$3,000.00, second by Steve Brown, all in favor. She also asked for five firefighters to receive Hepatitis B shots. Kay Clark moved to approve the five firefighters receiving their shots, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Park Board-nothing to add.

OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

Kathy stated that Jim Barron from the Water Department has resigned. John Ludy moved to accept his resignation upon receiving his letter, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to advertise for whichever position becomes available, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Loretta Smart, Council President

Attest:

Steve Brown, Vice President

*Kathy Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA
Clerk-Treasurer*

Joe Thomas, Council Member

John N. Ludy, Council Member

Kay Clark, Council Member

