

MINUTES-REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 13, 2024-6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mike Harmon (Perry County News), Bill Cotton, Kathy Hoffman, Saffron Ragan, Neil Stahly (LHDC), Rick , Dolly, Levi Smith, Allyson Hunt, Cathy Crossley, Rita Maclin.

COUNCIL & EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Jane Efinger-Hayden, Caron Crossley, Adam Hoffman, Bret Kleeman, Danny Vanconey, Jeff Everly, Devin Meunier, Linda Crawford, Nathan Freeman,

The public was asked to sign in and was advised the meeting was being recorded with the new Zoom camera.

The meeting began with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Jane Efinger-Hayden, Board President

Approve and sign: Agenda, Minutes, financial Report

MOTION by Caron Crossley

SECONDED by Adam Hoffman

Discussion: None

MOTION carried: ayes 5; nays 0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Perry County Solid Waste (Attorney Recommendation)

Discussion: Jane read aloud this recommendation from our attorney “ Regarding the solid waste vote, the City attorney for Tell City (TC) obtained an opinion from outside counsel that the proposal to fund solid waste using the EDIT/LIT funds as proposed was likely not legal. Therefore, for the same reason the city attorney for TC recommended that TC not sign the agreement, I have to give the same recommendation. So, I would recommend that Troy not approve the proposal.”

MOTION: Caron Crossley

SECONDED by Adam Hoffman

MOTION carried not to adopt Perry County Solid Waste : ayes 0 nays 5

B. LHDC Handicap signs – Neil Stahly

Discussion: I am Neil Stahly COO of LHDC and I am here to address the parking issues at Troy Fulton Manor Apartments. We own and operate 6 duplexes at this location, which is the 3rd building. Town of Troy owns the other buildings 1, 2 and 4th.

The area we are discussing is on the side (Washington) where we have two residents that are mobility challenged these are apartment 5 and 6. I spoke with both residents as a representative Lincoln Hills. We discussed parking and both mutually agreed that parking spot 1 on Washinton Street side would be for Apartment 6 and the second spot would be for Apartment 5. We put stakes there which seem to alleviate the problem ? I just recently found out there is a request for one of those residents to put a handicap parking sign. This is Troy Town Council responsibility to allow or decline this request. My thoughts if we put the handicap sign up this would not regulate who parks there. It would only require the handicap sign or plate? Therefore, anyone with Handicap designation could park there? My proposal for the Town Council and Street Department is we mark the public street spot #1 #2 etc. Jeff Everly spoke that this is not legal on public street because it cannot be enforced. Linda Crawford stated there is shortage of parking in the entire town. If we enforce the Indiana law that you cannot park withing 30 foot of a stop sign there would be no parking in Troy therefore we will need to take all these into consideration if we start to designate parking in public street. Bill Cotton said there is not a parking dispute we (my Aunt Ellen Davis) are requesting a handicap sign. (Bill Cotton has presented a formal request for handicap sign). Jeff Everly said there is one more thing when that should be considered prior to giving a parking handicap permit – the required area for the handicap parking is two sizes one for handicap Van and another for a vehicle? Bill Cotton said this will be a car. Jeff Everly stated the required size of spot for a handicap marked area is 28’ or 35’ and that will take up two spots in the designated area of parking. Bill Cotton said he will take that into consideration and let the Town Council know if they want to proceed with applying for the Handicap sign.

C. Ordinance 03-13-2024 – American Resue Plan (ARPA) Funds

Discussion: (Jane) We have a new ordinance which will allow us to deem the ARPA money as “Revenue Loss” therefore we could use it for more projects other than the 4 previously designated programs. Chris Goffinet wrote this ordinance for Town of Troy. We will need a MOTION.

MOTION: Caron Crossley

SECONDED by Adam Hoffman

MOTION carried: ayes 5; nays 0

D. Recycled Street Signs.

Discussion (Jane) The street signs were federally mandated to be changed. We are offering the old signs to residents for \$10 on a first come first serve basis, if you are interested sign the list in Utility office indicate which sign you are requesting and pay. We will notify you when they are ready.

E. TVFD Fire Contract

Discussion: We continue to work on this contract.

F. Building Code Home Improvement Project “Paint the Town”

Discussion: (Linda) As part of the Building Code Improvement projects we budgeted money for this year to help with blighted properties and to beautify the town. One of the successful programs from around our state is offering assistance with exterior paint or exterior power washing. We will reimburse residents (\$300 to \$500 undecided at this time) for exterior Paint after the work has been completed. We also have a local company for power washing for the home that just need that, we determine the reimbursement? We will get the form together and hope to get this offer started in April/May timeframe. Jeff Everly said it would be great if we offered reimbursement for power washing concrete side walks or lots ? it was agreed that can be added to.

G. Spring Heavy Trash Clean up Date – April 11, 2024.

Discussion: we will pick up Friday April 13, 2024 if bad weather or large amount is requiring it. Large items can be picked up with a prepaid \$10 fee. Items we cannot pick up are on a list on our website and posted in lobby, and at the post office.

H. Utility Employee -Advertisement has been placed in Local Newspapers for the Utility employ job opening.

I. Jeff Everly has agreed to the title of Utility Manager we inadvertently forgot to vote on the title so we can do that now. Need a motion to give Jeff Everly the title of Utility Manager.

MOTION: Caron Crossley

✶ **SECONDED** by Adam Hoffman *Danny VanConey*

MOTION carried: ayes 5; nays 0

J. Construction ordinance – The ordinance would be used for new or existing Construction for Troy Utilities customers. This will detail requirements. We will be benchmarking Tell City. This will allow Troy to stay in compliance with the changing zoning and regulatory rules.

K. Trash Pick-up- Harpenau & Fisher Mobile Home Court.

Bret Kleeman asked Jeff Everly is he goes behind Harpenau’s house to pick up the trash? Jeff Everly said I go on Fisher Street to pick up trash? Bret Kleeman stated Fisher Street does not go behind their house? Jeff said it does not go all the way through- Bret Kleeman said it (Fisher Street) stops at the straight stretch Jeff Everly said it actually goes around the curve about 10 feet. Bret Kleeman said that is not what I was told? Jeff Everly said it is the same situation that we had in Fisher Mobile home court last year and our attorney Chris Goffinet said we do not have to go on private property to pick up trash. Jeff E. Stated I just follow what was done in the past. If you want me to stop this, we will need to have our attorney, write a letter to them stating we no longer will going on private property to pick up trash? We had similar situation last winter when Jay Olivia complained we did not snow plow his road? We notified him we do not plow private property and his road is private? Jane Efinger-Hayden asked : so, what needs to be done about this? Bret Kleeman said we do not need to be going on Private property to pick up trash? Jane H. asked who needed to be notified? Bret K. stated Harpenau and Fisher

Mobile home parks. Linda Crawford stated that Mobile home parks are under State of Indiana regulations and she feels we should ask Chris Goffinet. Jeff E. stated he will get with our attorney and ask if it is ok for letter come from Utility Manager? Jane Efinger -Hayden said we will check with our Attorney and go from there with the letter to Harpenau and Fisher Mobile Home Parks.

L. Walnut Street from Hwy 545 to Spring Street Parking Issues.

Discussion: Jane Efinger -Hayden said there was discussion last meeting about making the Walnut Street a one-way street, she said a lot of discussion on this in addition to angry residents in the community, against changing the street to a one way. Bret Kleeman said he feels it should not change the street he had upset people reach out to him to. Bret K. said if we do this to one street, we will have to do this to other streets? That street has been that way for 80 years. Jane asked if there is additional discussion? Caron Crossley stated she agrees she feels we should not change it and there is at least 3 other street that have similar situations with narrow driving path due to parked cars? Jane Efinger-Hayden said if there is not any other discussion, we will vote on this- I need a Motion to Not make this a one way- Caron made motion Bret Seconded . 2 council members abstained since they live on that street.

MOTION Caron Crossley

SECONDED Bret Kleeman

MOTION carried not make changes on Walnut Street: ayes 3; nays 0 abstain : 2

TVFD, Fire Department Report - Jason Linne (TVFD)

- Absent due to another meeting. He said no changes since last meeting.

Utilities/Street: Jeff Everly

Utility update:

- Feb 16th fixed 2 street lights that were out of service
- Feb 26 replaced transformer at new duplex on 525 Market Street.
- Feb 28 2 service meter were removed in old Harpenau Mobil Home Park. This is the area behind Dollar General that has been approved for duplexes.
- March 3rd Park Shelter finished with assembly
- March 4 water leak at 227 Troy Ridge Road - New Meter setter
- March 5 removed 4 poles 2 on HWY 66 -2 Harpenau previous Mobile Home Park area and 2 more to remove on HWY 66 for the project.
- We met with IMPA engineers, Tell City Electric about our substation project. We will be tying our substation into Tell City Electric near Rudy's at Hwy 66/ Waupaca area. This will give us a back up service in case of an outage at our substation we can then call Tell City Electric and run power from then until we can restore ours. This is a great advantage and back up plan.
- Bret Kleeman asked Jeff is the Park Shelter was done? Jeff said the contractor did not have layout plans therefore built the roof Pitch wrong so they had to redo the roof at

their own expense. It is completed now so we can move on to concrete, lighting and bathrooms now.

Marshal

Nathan Freeman states there have been 13 calls for service since the last meeting which consist of 8 traffic stops and 0 arrests and 1 K-9 call outs. Jane Efinger Hayden asked about the K-9 callout ? Nathan said he was called by Indiana State police here in Troy for K9 assistance. Nathan stated he had quotes for equipment he feels is needed for the Marshal in Troy. Jane H. said Caron Crossley will be giving everyone a copy of quotes in their Mailbox. This is for a tazer and body cam for our K-9 Police officer.

CITIZENS-INPUT/QUESTIONS

Dan Hayden- We would like to donate \$500 for the Troy Fireworks hands check to Town Council. (applause)

Mike Harmon-none

Bill Cotton – none

Kathy Hoffman- she would like to see the unused poles removed from their yard. Jeff Everly said he would look into what type of poles they are?

Rick, Levi and Dolly Smith, Allyson Hunt - they report they are having issues with their neighbor about parking. She (Crystal Hempfling) claims she got a permit from the town for two driveways, she is threatening to have our vehicles towed if we park in front of her lot (she calls driveway) she leaves notes on our vehicles. We want to know if there was a permit issued. If so, where are the two driveways?

Jane Efinger Hayden said they will review the permit if it exists and let you know our findings? Linda Crawford stated we had a complaint this week from Crystal Hempfling about the neighbors blocking in her driveway? This will resolve both complaints?

Cathy Crossley- I want to let everyone know how proud she is all the things going on in Troy – the new playground , veterans Wall and Shelter house – she would like to see the momentum keep going. She feels it would be great to get some decorative light like Tell City has that would hold banners? It would showcase Troy as people drive through. We would like to see a volunteer list stated to help residents that not able to mow or clean up themselves? We do not mind helping out. Let's start a volunteer list?

Rita Maclin- I was wondering what we were thinking of using the ARPA Grant money on? She agrees with Cathy Crossley, she likes the momentum we have going in Troy.

Linda Crawford said that we have a 5-year plan - such as the playground equipment we purchased is only ¼ of the entire set that can be added to the current playground set. Of course, the big project is Walking Trails, it would be beautiful to have a walking trail through Troy but that cost is in the millions so it will take a lot of planning to get that completed. Another priority is an amphitheater for the riverfront. This would allow boats or walking residents, visitors to enjoy events on riverfront? Derby recently added a great amphitheater. We can use ARPA money to purchase table for the new shelter house? We also budgeted an extra \$10, 000 this year in Parks and this money is use it or lose it.

Our next priority for the park Project is a multipurpose Basketball Court that would have basketball, pickleball and tennis use. This to will be costly due to concrete, fence and coating needed. The parks board will start with quotes and go from there. We could use the Patronicity Crowdfunding Grant for matching. This is the grant used to purchase playground equipment we currently have.

Jane Efinger-Hayden.- we still have a few solar eclipse glasses let for April 8th

Caron Crossley-

Adam Hoffman -none

Bret Kleeman- Brandon said he will get dock worked on when Buck Gelarden returns from Florida. He is currently to busy to follow up on it.

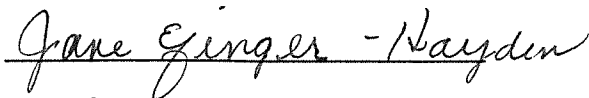
Danny VanConey – none

Linda Crawford -

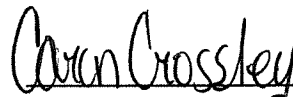
OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Caron Crossley and SECONDED by Danny VanConey to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 P.M., CST. **The next Meeting will be April 10, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., CST.**



Jane Efinger-Hayden, Board President



Caron Crossley, Board Vice President



Adam Hoffman, Board Member



Danny VanConey, Board Member



Bret Kleeman, Board Member

ATTEST: Clerk/Treasurer

