

MINUTES-REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – April 13, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Citizens— None.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Roger Fella, Tina Gerlach, Bret Kleeman, Brandon Kleeman

ABSENT: Stephen Poehlein, Marshal; Danny VanConey (available electronically); Jeff Everly

Called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. by Roger Fella, Board President

Roger Fella stated due to incoming weather and Storm Warnings please keep this meeting to necessary business only to assure we get full meeting in before bad weather gets here .

Agendas, Financials, Minutes were distributed.

Roger Fella signed and returned employee time sheets.

Approve and sign: Minutes, agenda, financial report.

MOTION by Bret Kleeman

SECONDED by Tina Gerlach

Discussion: None

MOTION carried: ayes 4; nays 0

Fire Department – 2 runs – Brush fire and structure fire that was signal 9.

Utilities-Pudder Linne, Town Manager:

- I am going to discuss some things for Jeff Everly, Street Superintendent. He is having multiple problems with trash on the Riverfront with the trash containers. People have been leaving bags of household trash and filling containers several times a week causing extra work and supplies for the two trash containers. We have magazines and documents showing a name of a Spencer County lady and two other residents.
- We would like to remove the one trash can closest to boat dock until boating season starts to get busy. It is easy to monitor the container in Riverfront Park area since full time residents live nearby. Council members agree they want a letter sent to the main offender by our attorney, Chris Goffinet and agree to remove one of the riverfront trash containers. Linda Crawford will email Chris Goffinet information and photos to get certified letter sent to Spencer County resident.
- Jeff wants a couple of changes on how we word Spring clean-up. We need to just advertise on day pickup on Thursday, not Friday, and he had a couple items he could not take. One was roof shingles and a humidifier that has freon in it. There were a few florescent bulbs that should be brought to office for recycle.
- Jeff said Owen Foertsch will be back as summer help. He worked last year and did a great job.
- Jeff would like to add on to the garage 30' behind current utility garage to house the backhoe. He spoke with Linda Crawford to make sure it would not disrupt the new park equipment plans. Linda Crawford said her and Jeff walked the area in park to assure it would be enough room and we both concurred there is enough room. Bret Kleeman asked what the 30' add on would be used for. Pudder said to store backhoe and a new rule created this year that they have to store backup generator inside. Council members said they would like to see some quotes for the cost. Pudder stated Jeff would do most of work himself after structure put up.
- Pudder went to IMPA (Troy Electric provider) meeting in Indianapolis this week. Good information and updates at the meeting.

- Pudder wanted to make Council aware of something that is going to hit us fast is rules from Indiana Department Environmental Management (IDEM) changing for lead and copper metals in our water in 2024. We do not have lead or copper pipes but they no longer take our words for it so we have prove this by doing studies on water. We will have to hire an outside firm to do this. We need to be done and implemented in August 2023. We will also be required to remove residential galvanized going to homes in Troy. A lot of older homes had galvanized pipes inside. We (Town of Troy) have to assure pipes are not galvanized from street to home or business. Homeowners are going to be responsible for their own home's interior pipes. I will keep you updated as get additional information. All our joints and hydrants are ok since they were put in late 1980's after the 1978 lead rule became effect.
- Pudder said he attended a class for the water audits and he now has his credentials to do the water audits but it will still require outside firm every other year to do audits. Midwestern Engineering is certified to do these audits. Be aware of the costs in future.
- Pudder said he wanted to discuss the inquiry from Randy Lindauer about his ditch on Harrison Street. Bret Kleeman and myself looked at his question about ditch work he wants done but Bret and I do not feel it is Town of Troy's responsibility. I will talk with Randy Lindauer when he gets back in town. He can concrete ditch but Town will not pay for it. It does not wash out so it is not our responsibility.
- Roger Fella asked if Jeff Everly did anything to fix the wash out area near post office Senior Citizens parking lot? Pudder said he did and we have not heard anymore negativity about the wash out so it must be fixed.

Jeff – Not present.

Linda –

- Letter went out this week to residents whose property will be effected by the Hwy 66 and Hwy 545 upgrade. Wanted to make everyone aware in case questions come up.
- Changes in our Cyber Risk Insurance requirements that will require us to have Dual Authenticity Verification. They will drop our insurance if we do not get this. We have until April 21, 2022 to notify them of our intent to do this or not do this. Which we really have no choice. We must have the two-factor authenticity since we are a government entity. The cost to get this completed with upgrades to our system is \$11,748.00.
- Public Park meeting was held March 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm. There were not any volunteers to help with the festival so it will be fireworks only on July 2, 2022 Troy Riverfront unless something changes.
- We did not get additional information from Nathan Stanton; therefore, we are not sure if the Dogwood Festival Car Show is still on. It was scheduled for Saturday, April 23, on Riverfront. Pudder will see if he is around his shop to follow up with him prior to Dogwood Festival.

Bret – I have a couple of things. I talked to State Board of Accounts (SBOA) and she said we did not have to vote for insurance but we should have. She said we need to set a budget on what can be spent on monthly expenses in Utilities. We need to set a budget so no more can be spent then what the Board approves monthly. SBOA asked Bret if he signed financials each meeting. Bret said yes he does but he does not have time to review them at the meeting. Bret stated that from now on he will not sign anything unless he has time to review them and he demands the financials, minutes and agenda be ready for him the Friday before each meeting. He wants no email but a hard copy only. Roger Fella asked how we go about budget for items we need for daily repairs and operations? Linda Crawford and Pudder both stated we already have an ordinance that allows up to \$5,000.00 to be spent on daily items needed for towns daily operating expenses. This was signed in 2019 to allow items to be purchased when needed so we did not have to find a quorum of Board members to approve small amounts daily for routine maintenance and office items. Bret stated he was not talking about routine maintenance items; he wants office items approved. We bought a \$200.00 office chair and I think that should have been approved by the Board. I got another question; we have Marshal supplies we paid for and we do not have a marshal. The two amounts were \$657 and \$740. Bret wants to know why we spent that money? Linda Crawford said first of all, the Marshal money is budgeted. Bret said money, money, money. It is easy to spend someone else's money. Linda Crawford stated she sent both of the fees in because one was a part of a grant and we needed to pay our part or pay all of the grant money back. I send all of the bills and fees we receive to Stephan Poehlein in an email, he advises us which can be suspended or dropped. We currently have a fee with Verizon that is suspended 90 days at a time until we get a Marshal. Bret Kleeman stated he thinks we need to lower the amount we (Linda) is

allowed to spend. Linda Crawford asked Bret if he wants office personnel to bring 10-15 things to approve because that is what it will be, also we will need a quorum (3 Board members) to sign daily to run daily operations. Bret said no it is not going to be every day. Linda said yes it will be a daily signature. We have requirements for paying on time prior to late fees. Bret Kleeman asked Linda when did the health insurance start for spouses? Linda said January 1, 2022. Well I heard it was last year. Linda stated the documents were sent to United Healthcare (UHC) in November 2021 for January 2022 to setup UHC changes. Brett said again -I heard it was started last year. Linda stated no it was not, it was January 2022. Bret Kleeman said that ain't what I heard, we need to drop the amount you can spend. Linda Crawford asked to what \$10.00? Bret said no, but it is spend, spend, spend. Linda asked Bret what exactly he was referring to that should not have been purchased. He said budget for spending should be lowered for office only (Clerk Treasurer), not Pudder. Linda Crawford stated : there is nothing spent that was not needed to run our operations here in town, a \$200.00 chair is not \$2,000.00. Bret said that chair should have been brought before the Council for approval. Linda stated a broken chair that could not be fixed. We had Jeff look at it and it was clearly broken and unsafe to set in. Do you want us to wait a month for next meeting to get approval to buy a \$200.00 chair that was needed to do our jobs? Bret stated he does not agree that we should have purchased chair. Pudder asked him what he wants to limit office supplies to? Bret could not give examples of what we should not have spent. He said we bought material for new office pointing to new office update Pudder told him that was approved in an earlier meeting by all Council members. Bret said yes we agreed but we did not know how much it was going to cost. Pudder said we bought all supplies and materials needed at Menards and Jeff Everly did all the work so it was material cost only. Linda said we have an ordinance that says we can spend up to \$5,000.00 therefore there was not a reason to ask for permission from Council. Bret stated he thinks we need to change ordinances to \$2,000.00. Pudder said he would spend more than that on electrical supplies. Roger Fella said yes we spend a lot of money but I trust our employees to make good choices on spending. I do not think we need to change ordinance. Bret Kleeman stated SBOA said he has a right to call an audit anytime he wants but he said that he did not do that at this time. Linda Crawford stated yes that you can call for audit anytime that is why I gave you the SBOA information to call them.

Roger – Have we addressed the several dumpsters around Troy without permits? Linda Crawford said we do not have documented fines for this violation; therefore, we did not send out the letters. Chris Goffinet is advising on fines before we send letters. Table to next meeting. Bret Kleeman said what does it hurt if they have a dumpster? Pudder said every town has this same ordinance against permanent dumpsters and Pudder thinks it is a good idea. If you allow dumpsters, they will be in yards all over town and where does it stop? We have trash pickup weekly. Brandon Kleeman asked if we have an ordinance against getting them. Linda Crawford stated she put a copy of the ordinance in their folders for review but basically dumpsters are only allowed with permit for 60 days for construction. Pudder said for example the one on end of street going into cemetery is setting right on edge of street corner. Roger Fella said to table this until next meeting so we can look at fines.

Tina – Nothing.

Danny – Absent (available electronically)

Stephen – Military leave.

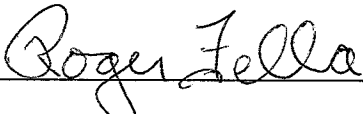
Brandon – Nothing.

Correspondence: none

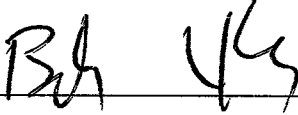
NEW BUSINESS: Pudder asked Board if he could rent trencher from Town for few hours when he puts in utility lines at his new house. Council said they are ok with that. He can pay rental cost to Town for using it.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Brandon Kleeman and seconded Tina Gerlach by to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., CST. All in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on May 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., CST.



Roger Fella, Board President



Brandon Kleeman, Board Vice President

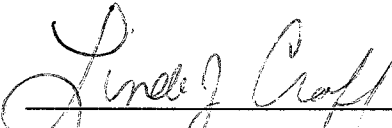


Tina Gerlach, Board Member



Bret Kleeman, Board Member

Danny VanConey, Board Member



Linda Crawford, Clerk-Treasurer