

MINUTES-REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – February 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Citizens— None.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Roger Fella, Tina Gerlach, Bret Kleeman, Danny VanConey

ABSENT: Brandon Kleeman , Stephen Poehlein, Marshal (Military Leave)

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

Agendas, Financials, minutes were distributed.

Approve and sign: Minutes, agenda, financial report.

MOTION by Bret Kleeman

SECONDED by Danny VanConey

Discussion: None

MOTION carried: ayes 4; nays 0

Fire Department – No runs.

Utilities-Pudder Linne, Town Manager:

- Electric Rate Study – if all members read this information, you will see this is a significant increase. I would like to suggest the Board consider doing this increase in a 3-year increment phase. We ask for our attorney, Chris Goffinet, advice on this. He put the preliminary rate increase ordinance together which you have in front of you. Then he will add the verbiage in after next meeting based on council vote. Spreading this increase over three years will give businesses time to budget for the increases. We know we should have had this Electric increase before now since it has been ten years since our last increase. Roger Fella said he thought the phase in increase is a good idea. Linda Crawford stated we will advertise the public notice with the increase then have the 3-year breakdown ready for signing at next meeting.
- Water Rate Study – not a large increase so we will implement this in one phase. We have checked with nearby town/cities and this increase is in line with other towns such as Tell City, Santa Claus, and Ferdinand. This will be bringing the Troy Ridge Road customers at same rate as Troy Town customers. This is all going back to the request of Troy Ridge customers after water rates in public meeting 2019 Water Plant implementation. Linda Crawford asked if we should send a letter to Troy businesses to let them know about upcoming increases and public meeting. Pudder felt this would be a good idea to send notices to businesses.
- Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) – Conference call with INDOT told us the bids for Hwy 66 and Hwy 545 will be let in February 23, 2023. Sidewalks on Hwy 545 is no longer part of the project. INDOT is still going to do the ADA ramps as required by Federal Law. Roger Fella asked about the Crossley house that did not replace the sidewalk after they rebuilt their home after fire. Pudder said we should send Crossley a courtesy letter that INDOT would be doing ramp from street but the homeowner is responsible for sidewalk. This letter should go out in next few months and should be completed at the same time as INDOT project along Hwy 545. That will give the family time to plan to get the sidewalk plan together to work in conjunction with ramps off Hwy 545. Bret Kleeman stated the sidewalk should have been replaced by law after rebuilt house. Roger Fella asked about Hwy 66 railroad and Pudder said that is the reason for delay on Hwy improvements. They are studying that area. Possibly raising tracks. Commissioners and Port Authority got involved to increase the improvements of the current RR tracks. These were in person meetings with several people including Richard Thomas to improve the tracks. Additional engineering is needed so that is why INDOT delayed project one quarter from September to February.

- Perry County Dispatch agreement has made changes and now requires adjoining counties, cities and towns to appoint a representative for the Emergency Management Board. Troy needs a representative. The representative must meet criteria as stated in contract. Has to be part of Emergency Management System. Pudder Linne, Town of Troy FD Chief was nominated and Pudder accepted position

MOTION by Bret Kleeman

SECONDED by Tina Gerlach

Discussion: None

MOTION carried: ayes 4; nays 0

- Perry County American Rescue Plan Assistance (ARP) grant from County just came out this afternoon. Application deadline is March 24, 2022. The applications must meet 3 categories Nonprofit Organizations, Non-Profit Behavioral Health and Wellness, Small Business Operational Assistance Program. Taking application for range of \$1,000 to not exceed \$30,000. Will be awarded in April 2022 and used by December 31, 2024. Linda Crawford said she would like to apply for additional park money. Pudder said fire department needs new equipment. We will need to decide if we need to apply for anything at next meeting since all applications must be submitted by March 23, 2022 deadline.
- Pudder said he also set in on first phase of training on the new massive infrastructure bill that was approved by US Congress – Water, Electrical – he set in to get us eligible for that grant when it becomes available in our area. This is a federal grant and we will be receiving more information from region 15 on that.
- We need to get information together to apply for the next Community Crossing Grant. We need to pave from Spring and Walnut to meet County paving on Troy Ridge Road. The County has applied to pave entire Troy Ridge Road to Troy’s property line.
- Meeting next month will be March 9th due to multiple people out of town. Spring Break week is March 14th. The March 9th meeting will be a public meeting for abatement and rate increases.
- We finished up OSHA training this week but have continued OSHA training set up with IMPA and shared cost with Tell City.
- Sewer: No update

Citizens: None present.

Bret – Nothing.

Roger – when will we be having public meeting? Pudder said that meeting will be March 9, 2022. We will discuss Water Rate increase, Electric Rate increase, and KKIL Abatement. Roger asked Pudder about water lines on his rental property. He asked if he can run another line from 1 BR apartment to garage or does he need another water meter. Pudder said he can run water line because it is not 2 residences. Ordinance says each individual lot has to have meter. Roger is just one residence with garage.

Tina – Nothing.

Danny – Nothing

Stephen – Military leave.

Brandon – Absent.

Linda – The 60 day Park Equipment Patronicity Crowd Funding Donation ended February 8th 2022 and we met our donation goal \$25,000 so we will receive the match of \$25,000 to purchase playground equipment.

Troy Attorney sent letter to Jason Linne Hwy 545 this week. If he has questions about complaints nuisance violation ordinance, he can appear at March 9th meeting.

Pudder stated we have more complaints about A-frame home and other nearby properties that are located on Troy Ridge Road. These properties are all in Troy Town limits we will contact PC Health Dept about these residents.

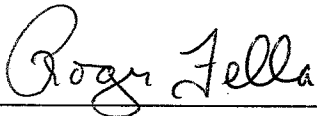
Adam Hoffman has another dumpster on his property. He was sent a letter and did not come in to pay dumpster fee. Now he has another one without a permit.

Correspondence: None.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE.

OLD BUSINESS: Linda Crawford stated she spoke to Utility Clerks about the 2 complaints Bret Kleeman received that utility bills on Monday, February 10, 2022, were stamped with next day date at lunch time. SBOA requires all received payments and bank deposits must match daily, if we have over \$500 cash we must go to bank. Therefore, we cut off daily payments in afternoon in order to get a daily balance and get to bank. Bret said they should not stamp next day date payment receipts before end of day. Linda Crawford said in order to be compliant with SBOA daily requirements of cash receipts, they must count and verify each day and go to bank.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Bret Kleeman and seconded by Tina Gerlach to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., CST. All in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on March 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., CST.



Roger Fella, Board President



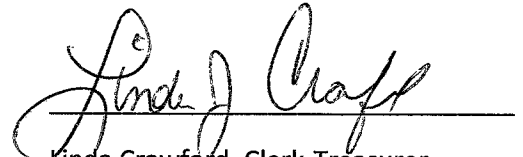
Bret Kleeman, Board Member



Danny VanConey, Board Member



Tina Gerlach, Board Member



Linda Crawford, Clerk-Treasurer