

MINUTES-REGULAR
TOWN COUCIL MEETING

January 15, 2025

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Cotton, Kassandra Young -Perry County News

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jane Effinger-Hayden, Caron Crossley, Adam Hoffman, Bret Kleeman, Brandon Kleeman

ABSENT: None

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

APPROVE AND SIGN: Agenda, Minutes, Financials

MOTION: Bret

SECONDED: Caron

MOTION carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays

NEW BUSINESS:

Jane: First of all we want to welcome our new board member, Brandon. We will appoint officers for 2025. We need a motion for president.

Bret: I nominate Caron.

Adam: I second.

Jane: Need an appointment for Vice President.

Bret: I make a motion for Adam.

Caron: I'll second it.

Caron: Jason?

Jason, Fire Chief: We did not get paged out to anything last month. I did get a page to an accident today for Tell City. Nothing else.

Caron: Moving on to John.

John: On the agenda it has the Hwy 66 project update. I tried to contact Emily Sprinkle today. No contact back so I can't tell you exact day they are going to start. They still have to put their construction signs up before they start. I got a few things. Sewer pump. Got a new sewer pump up there behind the cemetery. Came into Xylem in Evansville. The next day they were going to replace it but it burnt up. It was an emergency thing. Me and Devin and the Xylem guy had to get it put in. Now there is going to be start up on that. He is going to come back next Wednesday Devin?

Devin: Thursday

John: Thursday. He will do a test on the pump. And a start up for warranty. Check the accuracy. The old pump came out. I have a friend of mine looking at it right now who is really good with pumps. He is going to see what it will take to rebuild it. Steve Lamb in Cannelton.

We used 2 tons of salt. Furnace got installed. Thermostat is on 50 and going to stay at 50. Neutral line, it is going to take them 8 to 10 weeks. Starting middle of February. Weather pending. Electricom is going to be doing it. They will keep us busy with parts inventory in the trailer out there. IMPA is coming down to inventory that trailer next week.

We have got one place still out of power. A resident down on 66. No one lives there. They live in Jasper. We will get them back on when things clear up a little bit. One place with a pole broke. We set a new one today. There are limbs all over Troy. It will take us a little bit to clean up. If you board members wouldn't mind stopping by sometime where we store the salt. I'd like you to look at it with me. Maybe this spring we need to do something to change it up a little bit. Just stop by one day and I will show it to you.

We have been having some issues with our bucket truck. We have Jason going to take a look at it. I had to call Tell City for backup one day. You get the bucket up in the air then you lose use of the controls and get stuck up there. Do any of you have any questions for me?

Bret: What is the status of Tell City?

John: They are almost to Rudy's. They stopped when winter storm came in. I'd say it would take them maybe another 2 weeks then they would be done with it.

Saffron: Usually they bill each month and it is has the days they worked on it on the invoice. It usually is in the beginning of the month. That has been the pattern.

Bret: That is all I got.

Caron: Did Mike leave you anything with his stuff?

John: He told me about the salt. No.

Bret: Did you get some more salt?

John: We got 3 ton. We have a contract with a place in Louisville. Mike called them and if you don't get a minimum from them per year then you lose your contract with them. We called Castlen out of Owensboro and got some salt from them also. It wasn't too much different cost than from Louisville. But you still want to get it from Louisville each year so you keep your contract.

Caron: Were there any issues while plowing?

John: No.

Caron: We need to name the alleyways that we have here in town. We only have 2 of them. We have gotten a list from Bill Cotton of some of the more prominent founding families. Anybody have any other ideas? For some grants we may need named alleys.

Saffron: Can you read the list out loud?

Caron: Backer

Bill Cotton: Peter Backer is one of your top guys in the whole area in the late 1800s early 1900s.

Caron: Salm, Cotton, Eberhard.

Bill: Eberhard was a merchant.

Caron: Gaesser, Grammelspacher, Huffman, Lamb, Pinkashaw, Bates.

Bill: Gaesser. The wore out sign on the side of the Round Up, that was him.

Caron: Posey, Daum, Snyder and Taylor.

Brandon: Has anybody been asked in the town?

Caron: My original idea was to do like a poll to see if anyone had any input.

Adam: Wouldn't hurt to start there.

Bret: And if we don't get nothin then we don't get nothin.

Caron: Ok. We will start there. The additional roads for INDOT.

John: I called this lady. Her name is Brandy Weber. The only issue is there was a road that was graded and it wasn't actually a street. She is going to call me tomorrow at 7am.

Caron: Ok. Devin. Have you gotten ahold of Leary?

Devin: They are going to be getting us on their schedule. They haven't planned their schedule for 2025 yet. But as soon as they get a timeslot for us they will let us know.

Roof Quotes. We got quotes from Wes Richard, RC Roofing which is Richard Cronin and Fortwendels. I will say Cronin gave a quote for metal and shingle and for gutters. I am going to have to stay impartial because I am friends with one of them. Cronin is the only one that submitted a metal roofing quote. Fortwendels did say that if we wanted metal roofing, they were out.

Caron: Any discussion?

Adam: I am ok with going with shingle.

Saffron: Would metal be better since there is more wind down by the river?

Adam: We could get more metal roof quotes.

Devin: I can reach out to other companies if metal is the preferred. I think metal would do better down there with the wind and the weather it sees.

Adam: I say we get a couple more metal roof quotes.

Devin: Everyone I have talked to so far says it is missing a few shingles but it is not leaking yet. I can reach out and get more quotes for metal roofs.

John: If you guys have other contractors let us know.

Caron: Devin, conference.

Devin: It is the same conference I went to last year. The Alliance Conference in French Lick. I know I stayed up there last year. I didn't know if that was what we were going to do this year.

Adam: March 11, 12, 13th? Do you have a more broken down curriculum of what the training is going to be?

Devin: I don't exactly know what the classes are going to be. They hold several at the same time. Because it is wastewater and water treatment.

Saffron: I don't think they have released the exact classes yet.

Devin: I don't think they do until right at the start of the conference. Like the day, that Tuesday, you download this app that sends you reminders. You go to this conference room for this seminar at this time.

Caron: Do you think you will have this information by next month's meeting?

Devin: Probably not. It would be like the day of the conference that they will release that.

Caron: My only thing is like looking at this schedule that it doesn't seem like there was a whole lot that would you be doing.

Devin: Last year there were at least 3 a day that I was attending. Tuesday was a slower day and I had more time in between seminars.

Saffron: The schedule they have available online right now does not have any classes on Tuesday. Registration starts Tuesday but there are no classes scheduled.

Devin: Most of Tuesday is going over your IFA stuff. Your water loss audit stuff and how to fill out those reports and stuff. That's how it was last year.

Saffron: Have you looked at the agenda for this year?

Devin: I haven't read into it a whole lot. I just skimmed through it.

Saffron: This year it has their board meeting.

Devin: Last year they had pump maintenance. Lead and Copper was first day second day.

Saffron: Board of Directors meeting, Southern Indiana Water/Wastewater Professionals Association West Region IFA Planning meeting, Registration, Exhibitor Set-Up, Legislative Committee Interest Meeting, Roundtable Discussions, Pre-Conference Hospitality Event at Legends Sports Bar. That is all that is on Tuesday. Wednesday does have some training. 8:15 to 12:15 and 1:45 to 4:00. There is also training on Thursday.

Devin: Last year they had some things on Tuesday.

Caron: At this moment I am hesitant to have you stay all 3 nights. I know you were wanting to stay all 3 nights.

Devin: And that's fine. I can go up on Tuesday and register. Then I can see what is going on and come back.

Caron: We also have, Mike has a vacation coming up that week. Let's put this off until next month and hopefully we have some more information by then.

Devin: And I can reach out to see if I can get more information.

John: If Devin goes to a class and it is only 50 minutes away, if there is a catastrophe and Devin answers his phone then he should be able to come back.

Caron: Time for our sign in sheet. Bill? Do you have anything?

Bill Cotton: Yeah. There used to be a path down Spring Street over the railroad tracks to the boat ramp parking lot. It is no longer there. I was wondering if the town has any reservations about reestablishing that path. We talked about a walking path all around Troy but this is personal to me. I want a short cut to the river for kayaks and paddle boards. Doesn't have to be done now. In the next couple of months before Spring hits. It is grown over. The railroad may have a right of way there but we can look at that.

Caron: Kassandra do you have anything?

Kassandra: No

Caron: Moving on. Jane do you have anything?

Jane: I don't have anything.

Caron: We are looking into the phone system. People are calling and leaving messages and it rings to Devin's phone. Then he has to call the person back and we are trying to fix that.

Saffron: I am trying to figure out the phone system and I am having a had time.

Caron: The instructions that we have are the bare minimum. Just to change the voicemail message, we have to call the company to have them do it.

Devin: The last few voicemails that we've gotten haven't been ringing through. They haven't been ringing through at all. But they've registered on the phone but they're not coming through.

Saffron: I have literally changed nothing.

Devin: I don't know what is happening. They haven't been coming through. Nothing came through but we happen to be here to see a voicemail.

Caron: I wouldn't have an issue with all the calls ringing through to dispatch after hours but Saffron wants people to be able to leave a message.

Saffron: I don't want someone to call after hours and it go straight to dispatch if it is not an emergency. I don't want to flood dispatch with non-emergencies.

Caron: I understand that.

John: Typically there is just an answering machine message that would say this is Troy Utilities, if you've got an electrical, water outage or sewer issues then call dispatch. I went up to Tell City dispatch the other day and gave them all our numbers. I also called Spencer County dispatch because we have some line over there.

Caron: This one is an automated message. We have a work session meeting on January 29th at 1:00pm. It is a work session so anyone can come. It was mentioned about them helping us with a grant for the shelter house. We are still looking into the ADA stuff. Bret do you have anything?

Bret: No.

Caron: There was a customer that came in the other day and she had a water leak in her yard somewhere underground. I guess she didn't know she had a leak and then she got her bill. She is asking if she can get a credit. Casie had told her that we can only do a wastewater credit but she did not have wastewater.

Brandon: If it is on their side, all you can do is the sewer.

Caron: I agree if you give it to one person then everyone asks. Adam?

Adam: First Indiana 15 meeting will be January 28th and I will be going to that. I have been in touch with some people on getting help with the water tower. Trying to find grants for the water tower.

Brandon: As far as the dock goes, I've got some invoices I need to get to you Saffron.

Bret: I've got something. What are we going to do with the police truck?

Caron: We haven't decided yet. We have been tossing around some ideas. Jane had the idea of stripping decals off and giving it to the utility department but John said no because it is too nice of a truck.

Saffron: It has been paid for by electric so far is why that was an idea.

Bret: How about we see if someone in the county or Tell City or Cannelton would be interested in buying it? Sheriff department? Anybody. Let's get it paid off and get our money back.

Adam: I agree with you on that.

Bret: How many miles it got on it? Anybody know?

John: Four thousand. Two thousand. It's under ten thousand.

Caron: It smells like a dog inside of it. I do know that.

Bret: I think we need to advertise and sell it. I make a motion to advertise and sell it.

MOTION: Bret

SECONDED: Adam

Motion carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Caron: We need to vote to keep Chris Goffinet on for another year.

MOTION: Bret

SECONDED: Adam

Motion carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Caron: I will email him and let him know. Saffron?

Saffron: I wanted to mention we are in the third phase of the contract of the handbook where we are working on the job description. I am going to get that out to the employees to fill out. After they get it back to me, I will give it to the board to review to make sure it is what you want it to be.

I need the minutes to reflect that there was a state of emergency on January 6th and 7th so the office was closed and that the board still wants to go ahead and pay utility employees their regular pay.

MOTION: Adam

SECONDED: Bret

Motion carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Saffron: I need the minutes to reflect that Jane purchased 4 rugs for in front of the doors for \$43.96 and be reimbursed for that.

Caron: I need a motion.

Bret: I make a motion to reimburse and make sure we don't do something like that again.

MOTION: Bret

SECONDED: Adam

Motion carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Saffron: For the zoning board, there has been some confusion on who is in which position and how far everyone is into their term. It needs to be reflected in the minutes but I have not had the chance to look at it so I am asking that it be moved to the next meeting. There are 7 members of which 3 have to be elected officials or employees of the town. The remaining 4 are citizens. Some that are appointed by the president and some that are appointed by the council.

Caron: I reached out to Chris Goffinet a few months ago about maybe abolishing the zoning board. He said he wouldn't recommend abolishing but we could just restart the term limits and go from there. But we are still kind of confused on the 3 people and their term limits.

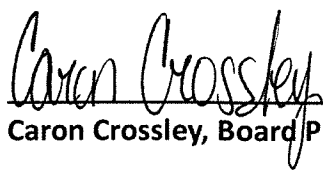
Saffron: Yes. We need more time to research that.

Caron: No old business. No correspondence. Our next meeting is February 12, 2025. I need a motion to adjourn the meeting.

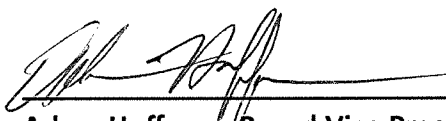
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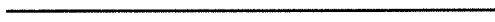
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