

MINUTES - REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2023

PUBLIC PRESENT: Adam and Kathy Hoffman, Dan and Jane Hayden, Beth and Mick Grant, Randy Lindauer, Roger Flamion, Kelsey Ramsey ,Bill Cotton.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Danny VanConey, Brandon Kleeman

APPROVE and SIGN: Consent Agenda which includes: Minutes, Agenda, Financial Report:

MOTION: Tina Gerlach

SECONDED: Bret Kleeman

MOTION CARRIED: ayes 3 nays 0

5. TVFD FIRE DEPARTMENT : Pudder Linne - 2 runs a truck fire and camper fire.

6. UTILITIES: Pudder Linne

ELECTRIC- We have the proposal for Sub-station improvements for IMPA upgrade project. We discussed getting a Bond for this project but we will need a proposal for the Engineering services. Have we agreed for the project to Proceed? Council agreed to proceed. The engineering proposal will be completed and they will be working in conjunction with the team putting together our Bond information. Roger Fella asked who our engineers are? Pudder Linne stated we are using the engineering service through IMPA our electric service provider. ISP Service Corp gave us an estimate not to exceed \$58,750.00. This estimate includes sub-station, system conversion, transformer update, Troy to Tell City back up transmission line. Linda Crawford asked if this was engineering only? Pudder Linne said yes this is for engineering only on the project. Linda Crawford asked: we have cost of transformer, engineering for the substation project, what else will there be costs for on this sub-station project? Pudder Linne stated that we need a permit for the transportation of the transformer and the transportation cost. Roger Fella said we will need a MOTION to accept the engineering proposal.

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MOTION CARRIED: ayes 3 nays 0

WATER – I completed the ISO Audit. The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) report and Lead and Copper surveys were all mailed out. We are receiving some of the surveys back. Roger Fella

asked what our deadline for the Lead and Copper survey was? Pudder stated deadline for us to have survey to customers is July 01, 2023, we (TROY) have to have our portion of the survey completed by September 10, 2024. We have a meeting set up next week with An Island to get an estimate for them to map Troy homes, streets etc.

ELECTRIC- Pudder Linne said another electric project is the Hwy 66 Bridge Repair in Spencer County. This pertains to Troy Electric lines that serves residents in that area of construction. Past the bridge we have 12 service residents. Mike Mahoney has been working with me on options. The State of Indiana is doing Culvert work in that area and electric lines will need to be moved. We (Troy Utilities, PSC, OVG and ATT) have met with INDOT (Emily Sprinkle) and we will meet with them again on May 22, they want us to move our lines temporarily 300 feet towards the river to accommodate their culvert project. I got an estimate to move the lines, right of way cutting to an area that is dropping off almost 40 feet, they want us to move the lines temporarily for 4 months while they do this project the two estimates I received for job and equipment is \$76,000.00 for temporary line. It is located where the old Coal dock used to be.

I refused to sign off on the work order to do this along with PSC, OVG and ATT. It is the Council call if you want to do this ? Roger Fella asked what this would consist of ? Pudder Linne said what it is our electric line crosses the highway so we would be moving poles to get away from project work? We would move 5 poles 300 feet toward river, we worked on less expensive proposal but the INDOT would not accept it. Roger asked if we can do any of the work? Pudder said we do not have the equipment to work in this type of area, near embankment/river. . Linda Crawford asked if will we have to pay the amount again to put it all back? Pudder said yes that is correct , we would need to put it all back after 4 months when project is complete. Linda asked why is that our responsibility? Putter said because we are on the State Right of Way, Jeff Everly asked if the other companies are holding out due to cost? Pudder said yes, they are.

Pudder stated that Hwy 66 will be shut down completely during this project. It is a 2024 project.

ZONING-

Our attorney has reviewed Zoning information and we believe we will be getting a Cell Tower on Hwy 545. Town of Troy and Perry County do not have zoning ordinances therefore the requirements fall back on the State of Indiana requirements. Bret Kleeman asked where it is being constructed ? Pudder stated he believes it is going in Industrial Park. It is a private investor which sells service to other providers. It will be on private property not Troy property. It will locate near to water tower.

Bret Kleeman asked what the latest was on Solar Field behind Meggitt? It is waiting regulatory permits. I gave them letter stating that all zoning is ok and no refutes on this piece of property.

Town-

1. We had a complaint today about the Gloria Lindauer home located at 425 Walnut. Nuisance trash piled up in alley and porch of residence. We have received complaint on this residence for the same issues last year.
2. Another complaint about a tree that has fallen on the corner of Sycamore and Washington.

7. STREETS - JEFF EVERLY

Jeff stated he hoped everyone has made it up to the Veterans Wall since it is completed. Bret Kleeman asked if has plaques on it yet? Jeff said that is what we are going to talk about the form that is used for the plaques. Here is a copy of the form, it shows 3 lines for veteran information. We want to standardize the information because we have 5 plaques that have more than 3 lines, each letter cost .24 cents and it is expensive plus not standardized. In my opinion this is what it should be. Roger Fella asked how the plaques are attached? Jeff said they have two tap holes on each plate. They will be hammer drilled and tap con on. What I am asking is for the board to make a motion for this plaque to be this way with three lines. Roger Fella asked it these plaques are only for Troy Veterans Jeff said no these are for anyone who wants to donate \$100.00 for a veteran plaque. The wall is 6 feet tall and 12 feet wide so there is plenty of room for many plaques. There is also room to expand if needed in the future. Jeff said I requested that only Troy Town employees can install plaques on the wall I am not sure what we agreed to? Linda stated we agreed to add the wording to the revised park general rules ordinance when we change the open and close park times.

We are working diligently to get cemetery mowed before rain so it will be nice for Mother's Day.

Trash Truck is here and Justin has it to update equipment.

In reference to the Trash Can on the river that was asked to install. I would like to get council more involved in this but I have some resident that wants trash can and some property owners that do not want it. I do not feel we need the trash can but will be glad to empty if you want it there? Jane Hayden stated the trash can is full at water plant park daily – Jeff said someone else must be emptying because he does not see it full? Jeff stated I am there every day I do not see trash anywhere? Jane said it is because we pick it up. Roger Fella said let's put the 2nd trash can between Troy sign and bend area- if we do not like it, we can move it?

CITIZENS:

Dan Hayden- I watched someone from town mow down by Water Street last week and saw them run over one piece of trash 3 times then it ended up in my yard and I had to pick up. I pick up my trash. Also, the recent storm blew the fence over by water salesmen now we are looking at pipe

and other things ? is there anyway the fence can be repaired? Pudder Linne stated supplies are going to be moved from that area.

Jane Hayden – Thank you for replacing flag at park it looks great before Memorial Day.

Do we know when the dock is going in? Bret Kleeman stated he has not heard anything. It is all volunteers and he is not sure when they will get it in?

Jane asked what the status of the Marshal? Roger Fella stated we are going to take a vote on his hiring tonight?

Jane asked Linda Crawford what the status of her getting a copy of the video from last meeting? Linda stated we have the minutes signed and available now and I have not got the approval from our attorneys to release it yet? Jane said when will that happen? Our attorney is on vacation and we have been discussing with Luke Britt, Open Door Policy director.

So, you are still saying the meeting on April 10th was not a meeting? Pudder Linne said it was not a meeting it was a work session for our electric equipment failure? No decisions were made ? Decisions were made at tonight's meeting and last meeting that you attended?

Cathy Hoffman- none

Adam Hoffman- what about drainage by my house? Roger Fella asked Jeff is he has looked at that? Jeff said he could not see any issues but can meet him with Roger Fella this week? Adam said he has a video of the water coming down the street to his property. Jeff said he would get with him on this issue?

Bill Cotton- None

Kelsey Ramsey – I am here to support my neighbors that have some concerns. I am at my first meeting so happy to meet everyone.

Beth Grant- We have issues with water building up at our drains corner of Protsman and Hwy 545, this water then goes into my yard and stands and cause our basement sump pump to run constantly to keep water out of our basement? Pudder Linne stated it is a state issue but we can get you a name and number at INDOT to contact. Jeff suggested a backflow stop for their drain to stop water back flow from coming in basement.

We would like to know if we can get a Handicap parking for my mom on Hwy 545? She has a Handicap parking plate? Pudder Linne stated that would be State decision?

I would like to know what the rules are for Zoning Board and Town Council for the zoning change request for converting the Green Building to 5 apartments. Pudder explained how all the decisions are made and recommendations are given from Zoning board. Beth stated she is ok with 2 apartments but 5 apartments would cause traffic hazard and parking chaos. Pudder stated

she would receive a letter prior to zoning meeting so she can attend. Beth asked if she can bring a petition? Pudder stated she could bring one to both zoning and Council meeting?

We are hoping we can get someone to help slow the speeding traffic down here in Troy?

Are we going to install the electronic speed signs that were discussed last year?

Roger Flamion- I have this piece of large scrap metal I found on the road from scrap truck? Also, I would like to know if we are getting the electronic speed signs for our town to slow down traffic? I know we requested them several meeting ago? When Mikah Jackson put them (loaned electronic signs) up several years ago it really helped to slow down traffic?

Mick Grant – none

Randy Lindauer- none of the ordinances I have found have in the town have been enforced? Not dilapidated buildings or anything? We have tall grass, roofs blown off nothing has been done about it? What are your town Board members going to do about it? Are you going to wait 4 more years and let more buildings get in disrepair ? Bret Kleeman said it is like beating a dead horse? Randy said why did vote on it the list I submitted of property issues? Bret said we send them letters but it does not help? Randy stated a chimney fell off a house next him? Bret Kleeman said we can send them a letter and try to enforce it? Randy states that the Troy Town Board has authority to condemn these properties? Some of these properties are a fire hazard or health and human hazard? Roger Fella said he agrees with Randy we have spent thousands of dollars in lawyer fees and nothing is done? Pudder stated that night at July 2022 board meeting when the people showed up from the attorney letter request you let them go because they said they did not have any money? Roger Fella said what do you do? Pudder said sadly it is the same 10 houses as previous years? Pudder said Randy complained about the church/shop next door to him but the state reviewed it 4 years ago and found nothing? Jeff Everly asked if we have a budgeted account for these type of homes like Tell City does? Linda Crawford stated we do not have means such as certified Building inspector to condemn these homes so we do not move forward? I gave everyone a copy of the Indiana Building Codes that towns are using state wide to eliminate blighted home?

Pudder said he received a complaint today that the whole 300 block of Protsman is a dump and what are we doing to correct it? Junk and tall grass main complaint?

Jeff Everly stated the point I am trying to make is we need to budget money to tear down condemned homes?

Randy Lindauer stated I was told that the ditch next to my home is my responsibility by Board member Bret and Brandon Kleeman so if that is my ditch, I am taking out all the rock and pouring a concrete wall 175 feet long 6 foot high along that area then planting dogwood trees. Pudder said you also have easements there to consider.

New Business- None

Old Business- Pudder Linne said he would like to see the town council members drive around and look at the properties start a list and get this blight and clean up going again.

Roger Fella – We have to approve the 4 Troy Abatements: Meggitt, Mervis, KKIL, Hwy 545 Holding (aka Automated Routing). These forms have been reviewed but need a MOTION to approve. They are due to Auditor office by May 15th.

MOTION: Bret Kleeman

SECONDED: Tina Gerlach

MOTION CARRIED: ayes 3 nays 0

Roger Fella stated the vote taken at the last meeting to Hire Stephan Poehlein as Troy Marshal was not valid due to not having a majority vote . WE need 3 votes yeah or nay with a 5-person board. Last month we had 2 nays one ay which is not a majority vote so we need to vote again?

Do you want to hire Stephan Poehlein as Marshal?

MOTION: Bret Kleeman

SECONDED: Tina Gerlach

MOTION CARRIED: ayes 3 nays 0

Roger stated: We want to hire the reserve?

Linda stated she put a copy of the Reserve resume in your folder. We will need a motion to hire him because we want to enroll him in the Marshal school that opens up on May 15th. He will attend school June thru August.

MOTION: Bret Kleeman

SECONDED: Tina Gerlach

MOTION CARRIED: ayes 3 nays 0

Roger Stated: Rick Krutz wants to know the status on the Finch Newton (FN) water contract? Pudder stated Linda gave me the updated copy but I have not had time review it. It has already been approved so it needs updated with a couple of questions FN has.

Brandon Kleeman – Absent

Bret Kleeman – none

Tina Gerlach- none

Danny VanConey – Absent (family bereavement)

Any Correspondence: Linda stated 2 correspondences

Permit for blue home next door to utility office is adding a room on back of house.

Sara Conner and Scott Dixon came in and paid their dumpster permit so they are good for 60 days. We have an ordinance to fine if there are violations.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Bret Kleeman and seconded by Tina Gerlach to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm . All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting JUNE 14, 2023 6:00pm CST

Roger Fella, Board President

Roger Fella

Bret Kleeman, Board Member

Bret Kleeman

Brandon Kleeman, Board Vice President

Brandon Kleeman

Danny VanConey, Board Member

Tina Gerlach, Board Member

Tina Gerlach

ATTEST: Linda Crawford, C/T

Linda J Crawford