

MINUTES - REGULAR

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2023

PUBLIC PRESENT: , Jane Hayden, Bill Cotton, Caron Crossley, Adam Hoffman, Cathy Hoffman, Jason Linne, Colton Story.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Roger Fella, Danny VanConey, Bret Kleeman.

Staff Present: Casie Heflin

COUNCIL ABSENT: Brandon Kleeman, Tina Gerlach (Family Bereavement)

Town of Troy Attorney: absent

Reference Time sheets- Roger Fella Board President asked Pudder Linne if he took vacation time for the volunteer work, he did for the Fire Department Soup event on Thursday and Friday November 2nd 3rd 2023? Pudder stated he only worked a few hours and that he did not take vacation time. Roger Fella asked Jeff Everly why he starts so early in the morning? Jeff said he checks lift stations, Roger said Pudder Linne checks lift stations, Pudder said he trained Jeff to check lift stations since he has been here. Roger asked if that has to be done at 4 o'clock in the morning? Your start times vary every day ? why is that?

Roger stated utility employees start time was always 7am until 3pm for many years.

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

MOTION: Bret Kleeman

SECONDED: Danny VanConey

MOTION CARRIED: ayes 3 nays 0

Pudder Linne- No runs last month

Myself, Colton Story, Jason Linne are here representing Troy Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD).

It was brought to our attention last month by the clerk treasurer we are not providing information to her to complete items for the State Board of Account (SBOA). We (TVFD) got together - our board that consists of myself, Fire Chief, Colton Story, Assistant Fire Chief, Jason Linne, and Victor Schutzius. We all agree we would like to set with the town board and make a new agreement so we can all agree on what should be communicated.

Linda Crawford stated The Ordinance 91-3 states we were supposed to have an agreement but the only documentation I could find was the salary ordinance where we document salaries, clothing and vehicle allowance. Linda stated we do not have an agreement with TVFD that I could find? Linda stated Chris Goffinet advised we will need an 501c/non-profit designation for the

TVFD for future. Pudder stated he was advised it is not a good idea to have their own not profit status that is why they let it lapse? We can get together with Town Board and Our town attorney to work out an agreement that will work for both of Troy and TVFD. Linda Crawford stated she will get with Chris Goffinet to advise and put together an ordinance for mutual review.

UTILITIES: Pudder Linne - we have an ordinance to sign pertaining to damaged meter. Our attorney prepared this ordinance to help us deal with the damaged meters. Basically, if you damage it, we can charge the cost back to customer. Roger Fella asked about rental properties? Pudder stated the property owner have the ultimate responsibility.

MOTION: Bret Kleeman

SECONDED: Danny VanConey

MOTION CARRIED: ayes 3 nays 0

Roger Fella asked where we stand on the town survey for lead / copper pipe? Pudder stated we received some back but waiting on 200 surveys to be completed. We will follow up with another survey next week for the customers we did not receive a reply from.

Caron Crossley asked the question about the top cover of the meter. Pudder explained how they work and that they are fiber optic.

Water -We received the NPDES Permit from Indiana Department Environmental Management of renewal for the next 4 years. This is for the backwash at the water plant. It was reviewed and re-issued for 4 years. Linda Crawford asked Pudder if this was the permit that DeWayne Johnson completes the report for Troy? Pudder said yes.

Electric- I do not have updates for the sub station due to the contact unavailable for family bereavement.

I do not have an update for the Solar Field project.

Linda Crawford asked Pudder about the Hwy 66 project- Has it been bid yet? Pudder said it has not but Emily Sprinkle, INDOT said it is due to be let in Mid-December and if we get that completed in Mid-December it will not delay next spring start? If it is not bid in Mid-December there could be start issues for next year? We still have one person holding out on right of way agreement.

ELECTRIC-

7. STREETS- JEFF EVERLY – We have been picking up leaves and we have to take collection box off the truck each week it is re-cycle week. It takes us about 45 minutes to do this.

Citizens: signed in?

Jane Hayden – Asked if we have done anything with the Cliff Mills memorial plaque yet? Linda Crawford stated that she has put that off until next year so we can form a committee. There are multiple people that wants to involved with this memorial such as his family in Jasper, Nowy who brought him home, former Mayor Adams and the list goes on.

Has anything been done about the mistakes on our election ballot for Troy? Ballot stated vote for three ? Linda Crawford said she sent that information to Chris Goffinet and he has not responded.

Pudder stated that all elected officials are required to take training before they are sworn in? Linda Crawford stated she discussed this in the last meeting- the SBOA training I attended last month clarified that statement only requires the Clerk Treasurer not Town Council members.

Bill Cotton – None

Adam Hoffman – none

Cathy Hoffman – None

Caron Crossley-none

COUNCIL Members:

Roger Fella

1. -Asked Pudder if we are going to have the Community Crossing updated Pazer ready by December 1st deadline? Pudder said he would get with Tara Damin, USI consultants to get information updated, He is working on the alley portion she requested.
2. We have the discipline letter ready for our employee that has continued to violate the no Smoking policy? We will need you all to sign it and we will give to the employee? Roger Fella read the letter to the Council. Jeff Everly asked if this is the first warning if we already received the warning in our checks in July? Bret Kleeman said this would be the second warning? Pudder stated he spoke with the employee and he still carries smokeless tobacco in his pocket? Roger Fella then asked the Council what action they want to take? Linda Crawford stated if we cannot decide what discipline the employee will receive, we will have to have an Executive meeting outside this meeting, Roger said let's table this employee discussion?

Brandon Kleeman - absent

Bret Kleeman - none

Tina Gerlach- absent

Danny VanConey –none

LINDA CRAWFORD-

1. Next month we will need to sign a salary ordinance and I have not received any communication from anyone on increases for their employees? I will need input from everyone if they want increases put in 2024 salary ordinance? The office staff work for me and the Council? Devin and Jeff work for Pudder and I will need documentation on those increases or no increases? Jeff asked if I said he worked for Pudder? I said yes, the board confirmed in council meeting last July you work for Pudder? It is in the July 13, 2022 minutes? Jeff Everly said he was going to look at the employment contract because he was told he worked for the Town Council?
2. Last month we agreed to do the shelter in the park but I did not receive enough information to pay for the shelter out of ARPA money and if it does not meet criteria it will have to be paid out of Utilities money ? I did not get an Ok to pay out of utilities so I have not issued the check for initial payment to order materials?

OLD BUSINESS:

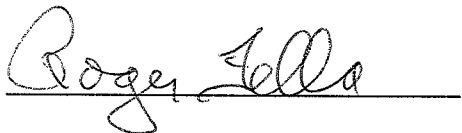
NEW BUSINESS:NONE

Any Correspondence - none

ADJOURMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Brandon Kleeman and seconded by Danny VanConey to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm . All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting December 13, 2023 6:00pm CST

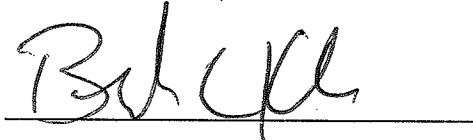
Roger Fella, Board President



Bret Kleeman, Board Member



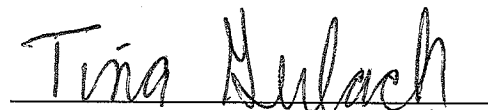
Brandon Kleeman, Board Vice President



Danny VanConey, Board Member



Tina Gerlach, Board Member



ATTEST: Linda Crawford, C/T

