

MINUTES-REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – November 15, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Thiery, Christine VanNote-Humane Society, Katrina Page-Humane Society, Lisa George-Humane Society, Drew Flamion-Commonwealth, David Scott, Mike Duckworth-Commonwealth, Vince Luecke-Perry County News

COUNCIL & EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Jane Efinger-Hayden, Sharman Jarboe, Brandon Kleeman, Adam Hoffman, Linda Crawford and Pudder Linne

ABSENT: Jay Oliva

The public was asked to sign in and get an agenda which advised the meeting was being recorded.

The meeting began with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Time sheets were previously signed by Linda and returned to Jane.

Linda Crawford, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agendas, mail, correspondence, financials and minutes were distributed. Linda advised she will deliver time sheets later. A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Sharman to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

CITIZENS: Christine VanNote-President, Katrina Page-VP and Lisa George (Director in January of 2018)—all from the Humane Society were on hand to discuss feral cats. Bob Thiery said he would give his time to the ladies regarding discussion. Advised and discussed at length the feral cat problem on certain streets in Troy. Lisa has been trapping and having neutered 26 cats and 7 dogs so far this year. They gave the ratio that 2 cats, gone unwatched, can grow into 2,200 within the span of 4 years. These animals also carry diseases. Our efforts to clean up the town may be helping a little. They are willing to help do whatever it takes. Contact them if anyone needs assistance. They want to be part of the solution and help in any way. They will get their information to us. Linda suggested we may pay for postage to get flyers out if they provide the flyer. There was an issue brought up on who cats legally belong to. Vouchers are available for help, trapping, neutering and release, etc. Diseases need to be curbed. Linda will double-check our ordinances.

Drew and Mike from Commonwealth Engineering out of Evansville wanted to let us know that they are available for all sorts of utility projects. They work with IDEM, RD and economic development corporations. They do granting as well. They gave a brochure with their information and have been in business for 40 years.

PUDDER--

FIRE: There were 0 runs this month. There were a couple of false alarms. They had their Halloween party and Soup sales. He thanked everyone who supported them and helped out.

Pudder also advised that he contacted Liz Newton from Lincoln Hills regarding Ellen Davis who was at the last meeting regarding her parking issues. Lincoln Hills advised this was their issue and have been in contact with Helen Harpe and will work something out. They have been contacted numerous times and are working on their options. Linda advised there are probably ADA issues as well.

UTILITIES: Advised he and Jane attended the INDOT meeting on 10/20/17. We (as instructed) advertised, put in the paper and posted for a minimum of 3 bids. Two bids came in. JH Rudolph for 154,950 and E&B for 121,600. We will be accepting the low bid (per INDOT-if you do not, you have to have sufficient reasoning in writing to show why). Adam made a motion to accept the low bid and Brandon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Adam asked if he could have them look into widening the area by his house by 1.5 feet as that is a turnaround for the Post Office and there is a rutted area there. They advised they would look into it. Pudder advised that with the low bid, we can have E&B come in and tweak the additional work that was on the original submittal.

Pudder presented a proposed Tell City sewer increase that will be effective on 1/1/18. (See attached). There is a public hearing at 7:30 at City Hall in Tell City. This will increase our Troy bill by 1,500.00 with no additional consumption per month.

Pudder gave the board a rate study packet and would like to discuss this in December and subsequently have a public hearing regarding water rates.

Pudder advised the storage situation for the dock is not ideal and we will need to look at other options for storage.

LINDA: Advised she wanted job descriptions from all Utility employees before discussing raises in December.

***Discussed the Arrears list presented to the board. This was regarding bad debt that all the avenues have been exhausted for payment options, i.e., court, payment arrangements, registered letters, etc. Linda wanted to know if they were rentals. Pudder advised they were almost all rentals. Linda made a motion to forgive the bad debts. Adam seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. ***Advised she had a personal issue and missed the PCDC board meeting last night and has not had a chance to check her emails. She will look into this and update us with an email. She did advise that she is with the understanding that some money came through. ***She advised that she will be having our attorney here in December if he can make it, if not, in January to bring up a couple of things. She will contact Chris.

SHARMAN: Asked about the dock storage. ***Was pleased demo on the one burnt house had begun and heard the other one is scheduled for demo.

BRANDON: Nothing to report.

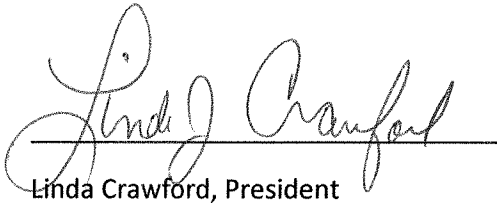
ADAM: Nothing to report.

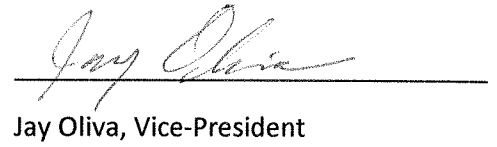
JAY: Absent.

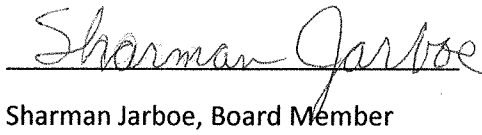
JANE: Needed approval on bonds being switched from individual to blanket. This will save the town money. Linda advised she wanted to see price comparisons first. Jane advised these are due soon, can do an email approval. Jane will get prices for the board. ***Jane mentioned the Open House provided by IMPA. Was disappointed in the low turn-out but thankful for their time and energy in presenting such a nice evening. ***Advised Jerry and Susan Fortwendel of 510 Market have not acquired a permit for a new structure. Pudder elaborated. Linda advised Jane will contact the attorney and have them acquire one.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. A motion was made by Sharman and seconded by Adam. All in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on December 13th at 6:00 p.m., CST.

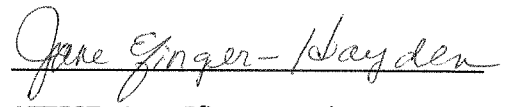

Linda Crawford, President


Jay Oliva, Vice-President


Sharman Jarboe, Board Member

Adam Hoffman, Board Member

Brandon Kleeman, Board Member


ATTEST: Jane Efinger-Hayden
Clerk/Treasurer