## MINUTES-REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - September 13, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENT: David Scott

<u>COUNCIL & EMPLOYEES PRESENT:</u> Jane Efinger-Hayden, Sharman Jarboe, Jay Oliva, Brandon Kleeman, Adam Hoffman Linda Crawford, Pudder Linne, Betty Linne and Tanner Hazelton

ABSENT: NONE

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. Jane advised a new report will be given to Council members on Appropriations spent monthly.

A motion was made by Adam to accept the Consent Agenda, which included the previous month's minutes, current agenda and current financials. Jay seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Betty and Jane presented the 2018 Budget. We will hold an Executive Meeting on 9/27/2017 at 6pm to discuss salaries and the budget. Jane will notify the paper and post.

CITIZENS: David Scott advised he just wanted to stay and observe.

## **PUDDER--**

**FIRE:** There were 5 runs this month. A vacant structure fire at 210 Main Street that was ruled arson. Individuals were caught on camera that Fortwendels have in place. Started with same technique as others. Someone ran across highway and knocked out windows and left. Fire burned 56 minutes before it was reported. Has been turned over to the Sheriff's Office. Hope to get enhanced visual images. Others were smoke reports or false alarms.

**ELECTRIC:** Met with WGS last Thursday and conference calls. They will not be coming to Troy. The cost incurred by WGS may be taken over by Waupaca as they might have use for the transformers, thus causing us minimum loss. We may be able to break even a couple of years down the road. \*\*The pole project has been slowed down due to many contractors being down south for the hurricanes in Texas and Florida.

WATER: The grant application was submitted this week. We hired Midwestern as a rate consultant and bond issue. RD application contract will need to be held at a public meeting within 30 days after submission. John Wetzel will be here for an overview of the project costs of the filtration plant and probable costs along with financing. Worst case scenario will be a 45% grant and 55% loan to be paid over the course of 40 years. They will review our application and determine our level of grant vs loan. We will have to have a rate study and bond issue. We will be required to have a rate increase to receive this grant. We have had such low rates for so long, this may hurt us in our percentage. Common rates distributed are 60/40. Their year starts on 10/1. Congress cutting programs may also delay or hurt this project. London Witte will be looking into our rate increase. Will likely be about \$20.00 more. Pudder has had at least 15 complaints of low pressure lately. He passed around some examples of the manganese stopping up the pipes/valves, etc. Each meter is 55.00 to replace and an industrial one is 5,000.00. They also looked into the possibility of purchasing water from Patoka and Tell City. It would not be feasible. This would cost about 200,000.00 per year and does not include pipes or

boosters. We are on schedule for this grant. Should be about a year turn around. Should hear something in about 2 months and be able to start bidding out for next summer. Pudder presented a packet to the board. Our area includes 105 Troy Ridge and Brushy Fork Road customers. The original booster was put in in 1970 with 2 5HP pumps that took turns running, and now both need to run at the same time. The grant will include variable speed pumps as well and a proposed generator backup which will be about 50,000.00. This also includes the subdivision near Seymour Road. He feels we included all we will need including the meter exchange. Technology has upgraded. We will not be getting the remote readers, but the drive-by readers.

**SEWER:** Told Sharman that if we do not get the road grant, they will be paving her driveway as part of the sewer upgrade.

INDOT GRANT: No word yet.

INDIANA 15: Meeting will be 10/24.

CHRIST OF THE OHIO SIGN: Charlie put the new sign up this week.

**IMPA**: Pudder, Sharman and Jane attended a presentation in Washington on 8/18. They highlighted their solar panel park. Would like to have one in each community. Approximately a 5 acre area is needed that IMPA would purchase.

**ORG CHEM**: Advised that he was contacted regarding fixing the round-a-bout. Need work done on the street. Advised that the area in question belongs to Troy. Wants others to drive by and look and it and decide what to do.

LINDA: Had a question as to where the annexation boundaries were. \*\*Asked Pudder if he had a wastewater license. He advised no. He has two water licenses. \*\*Advised that we need to squash rumors and not take part in them and if anyone has questions, to ask. \*\*Also advised to be careful what we put out and respond to on social media. \*\*Advised she had a response from PCDC on the truck traffic letter. Advised her information was confidential so she would paraphrase. Got a response from Waupaca that they will be having expansions. Also that within an average 24 hour period (or less) that 431 trucks are on our highways. This is due to orders for Webb Wheel and trucks are arriving from Owensboro, Maceo, Rockport and Evansville. Parts are being scattered on the road, trucks not covered and as a result, flat tires are ensuing. The response from Alvin was to contact INDOT. There are issues with traffic backing up while turning and this may be from AK Steel traffic. \*\*There is a meeting with Ron Begley from INDOT this Friday at 9:30 a.m. at 545/66 to discuss traffic control. She also advised that they advised we need law enforcement for traffic control to slow the trucks down and brought up increasing Marshall's hours from 20 to 30. They also discussed making the corners wider. There will continue to be increased projects in the industrial park and several on 545. At least 25% more. Waupaca alone will be having a 25% increase. There are also spec buildings and land for sale near the industrial park. \*\*Advised we have a board to assist with our visual outlook for our project. We need to have a committee to get this started. \*\*Advised KKIL is 99% done and should be done this weekend with paving. Spoke with Cynthia and there were some drainage issues and will have to redo the sides of the landscaping. \*\*Advised she has been in contact with Julie Whitaker of DNR and Norman Poehlein has gotten the camper licensed.

**SHARMAN**: Asked about the status of the burnt house next to Barbershop. Brandon advised they said it would be down this year.

**BRANDON**: Nothing to report.

ADAM: Nothing to report.

JAY: Nothing to report.

JANE: Advised the September Yard of the Month went to Jessie Sprinkle. \*\*Advised we have a nice portable 4-way stop sign now for incidences when the stoplight goes out. \*\*Advised she spoke with Charlie and Wade regarding not using their personal vehicles for Town use for insurance/liability purposes. \*\*Trick or Treating is next month. We set the hours for 4-6pm on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Sharman made a motion. Adam seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. \*\*An ordinance supplementing Ordinance 2015-04-02 to Ordinance 2000-4 was presented. This will be combining the two prior-mentioned Ordinances and will be Ordinance 9-1-17. This is in reference to Flood Hazard Areas. Adam made a motion. Jay seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. \*\*Checked with Charlie and Fall Clean-up will be on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The board would like this to be on the bills. Jane will also put on the website. \*\*Advised Alisha has been bonded and is attending a grant-writing seminar.

**TANNER**: Advised he has the E-ticket process working. \*\*Working on Policy & Procedures. \*\*Went to Prosecutor's office to see about getting a Taser donated as he is Taser certified. \*\*Was not able to make the Battle of the Badges and did not turn in the canned goods. Was suggested he take them to a food bank locally.

**OLD BUSINESS: None** 

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Sharman. The next meeting will be on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., CST.

Linda Crawførd, President

Sharman Jarboe, Board Member

Brandon Kleeman, Board Member

Jay Olivá, Vice-President

Adam Hoffman, Board Member

ATTEST: Jane Efinger-Hayden

Clerk/Treasurer

## SEE ATTACHED IDEM LETTER REGARDING WGS