

**MINUTES-REGULAR**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – September 14, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC PRESENT: Citizens**— Susie Fortwendel, citizen; Jane Williams, citizen; Rick Krutz, Finch Newton

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

**ABSENT:** Stephen Poehlein, Marshal; Danny VanConey; Brandon Kleeman

Called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. by Roger Fella, Board President

Agendas, Financials, minutes were distributed.

***Approve and sign: Minutes, agenda, financial report.***

MOTION by Bret Kleeman

SECONDED by Tina Gerlach

Discussion: None

MOTION carried: ayes 3; nays 0

***Fire Department*** – 0 Fire runs. Halloween Party will be 10/30/22. Soup Sales will be Sunday, 11/6/22.

***Utilities-Pudder Linne, Town Manager:***

- Electric – Met with INDOT in about a new project that will be bid end of 2023. The project is in Spencer County. The culver will be replaced at Old Coal Dock on Hwy 66. The road will be shut down up to 6 weeks. 5 residents could have electric outages for short periods during this project.
  - Trick or Treat will be 10/31/22 from 5p-7p. Linda Crawford asked if we could allow trick or treaters on Sunday night after Fire Dept Party since it is the night before Halloween this year. This would allow children two nights. Sunday, 10/30, and Monday, 10/31. Pudder did not think was a good idea. Therefore, Trick or Treating is only allowed Monday, 10/31/22, 5p-7p.
- Water – Nothing.
- Streets – Jeff Everly went to doctor. 9/2/22- He was given option to come back to work with 2 lb. lifting restriction. Pudder said we would not have work for him with that restriction. Jeff will continue to be on medical leave until his next doctor. Appointment - 10/4/22.
  - Fall Clean-up will be Thursday, 10/20/22. In case of rain or Heavy Trash it will be completed on 10/21/2022.

***Citizens:***

- Susie Fortwendel – She is asking for the Council to clean up her neighborhood. There are old sofas and junk sitting in nearby yards. We also have the old funeral home has the trash dumpster full and trash blowing in nearby yards. Pudder said there are issues with the trash service picking up dumpsters but we will give property owner, Jerry Lain, a call to let him know there is an issue with the trash. Pudder Linne said he will call Jerry Lain. We will also notify rental property owner, Vince Peter about trash in yards. We should send Vince Peter a letter. Susie said she is also being harassed verbally by occupants of nearby apartment. Someone has reported the renter/occupants but it was not me. Since they think it was me the renters are shouting at us when we are outside on our property or at post office. (517 Market is one of the addresses).
- Jane Williams – the speeders are very bad on Hwy 545 in front of our house. Also, when semi's miss the turn at McDaniel St., they do not go up the road and turn around, they back their semis down Hwy 545 which is very dangerous for oncoming traffic. Cars are trying to get around these backing up semis. They drive in our yard to avoid the semi's. Also, across the street between 6:05pm and 6:45am, the KKIL workers are yelling, squealing tires and doing donuts in the parking lot as they leave work. This is very disrupting for neighbors. KKIL also has the dumpster out front and when they empty hoppers into dumpster it is very loud. They also have racks stacked in parking lot, not sure where those are from but sometimes, they are stacked very high and are noisy. They are noisy all hours of the night. Bret Kleeman said he can hear the noise at his house too. Bret stated all

you can do is call State Police at Jasper Post to voice your complaint. Roger Fella stated Hwy 545 is a racetrack with all the people coming and going to work. These are people going and coming to/from Huntingburg, Jasper, Holiday World, etc. Susie Fortwendel stated vehicles are racing up side streets in Troy to avoid a red light at Hwy 66 & Hwy 545. Pudder Linne said we will send KKIL owner a letter about this complaint. The racks and dumpsters should not be outside since it was part of the agreement from previous meetings with KKIL not to have anything outside. Bret Kleeman stated we are also seeing semis parking on McDaniel Street again. This is why we put no parking signs on this road.

- Pudder Linne stated we are getting complaints about SIRS. It is very bad – fire hazard and fall danger – they are even on Meggitt property. We will research who to call for the SIRS complaint.
- Rick Krutz – I am here for purchasing water for Finch Newton. What do we need to do to get this speeded up/moved on to purchase water. We will have our Town Attorney, Chris Goffinet, review the contract once we receive it. Bret Kleeman asked where they will be connecting at. Rick said they will bring it out to New Boston area near Chuck Taylor/Dave Lautner properties. We have been working with Midwestern Engineers and this was their suggestion to tap in this area.

#### Budget Presentation Public Meeting (As Advertised online)

Laira Bolin, Town of Troy Accounting Manager, presented the \$132,330 total budget and passed out the past years spread sheet so Council Members can see how we budgeted in the past. We will have to keep same total amount of \$132,330, but we can change other numbers in the recommended budget you have. January 2022 -June 2022 appropriation report is used to predict our budget for upcoming year. Pudder asked about gas and oil usage. Roger Fella asked about Fire Dept car. Pudder stated it is a State of Indiana Requirement to have car and clothing allowance for TVFD each year. Salary is based on State of Indiana 16 Volunteers at TVFD. Do not have to give salary, but must give them clothing and car stipend. Has not changed for many years.

Cemetery – these dollars are held for any damages done while mowing. It has decreased since we have crew that does better job than in the past years.

Pudder –

- New rule for STOP sign – any signs over 6 years old. Stop sign must have reflective sign so this will be changed on all stop signs.
- **Linda Crawford stated -This reading of Proposed Budget 2023 if you want any changes let us know tonight.**
- Pudder Linne - asked about Town Clock. What are we doing. We need a representative from Troy board to work with St. Pius church to get clock fixed. Roger Fella, Kristin Johnson, Tom Freeman (President), Silas Zuelly, Mike Liestner are the St Pius Parrish Council members – we need to set up a meeting with them to move forward on getting clock fixed.

**Bret** – Asked about progress of Troy Solar fields behind Meggitt. Pudder Linne said we are waiting survey and price from Alvin Evans who manages the property for Tell City.

**Roger** –

- I know we do not have a Marshal but can we increase the pay so we can keep a Marshal? Linda Crawford stated we have allotted this money in budget, but we can get other departments to contribute money if we hire a Marshal. The \$8k is the budgeted amount from our \$132,330. Our salary ordinance has a 20 hour per week pay/salary range \$16 up to \$25 per hour. This is in line with neighboring communities for part time Marshal. Roger Fella said he is tired of Troy Residents complaining that we do not have a Marshal. We need a new Marshal car and a Marshal. Roger Fella said he suggested residents come to Board monthly meeting to express their concerns about not having a Marshal. Linda Crawford stated - We will look at grants for car and Marshal and decide if we can hire Marshal. And what opportunities are available. We can move money from

mileage/misc. if needed. This money is a catch all and can be moved to other needed costs. Bret Kleeman suggested we put trackers on Marshal vehicles. Roger Fella stated - We need to pursue a Marshal.

- We need to get the properties cleaned up. Linda Crawford stated she put a copy of all properties complaint list that need to be cleaned or fixed and follow up notes from past Council meetings. The copy of November 2021 minutes is where we addressed them last, a copy of the current complaint list. Many yards need mowed. NONE of the current complaints have been addressed by the property owners. We need to start condemning properties and sending fines. Reference the list of properties and information in your folders. Need updates on Joe Mathena properties, Chuck Mosby, Lindauer (Linda Mangillo Estate) , Brad Scott (Beecher House) , Jason Linne Business (hwy 545) , Robert Wiseman Misty Middleton (Popeye property) , Cemetery Rd., and Spring St. need limbs trimmed. Camp Koch area needs trimmed too.
- The Mosby family has asked if we can do a controlled burn on the house. Pudder Linne said we cannot do a controlled burn in town limits.
- Laura Dixon property is not to State code and was not completed by the agreed date of early Spring 2022 per their agreement during meeting in September 2021- the property is a huge safety liability for the town for several issues.

**What do we want to do next on all the property owners that are not fixing the properties?**

Danny – absent

Stephen – Military leave.

Brandon – absent

Linda– We will start on the Salary Ordinance in November meeting – it must be signed by 12/31/2022.

**Correspondence: None**

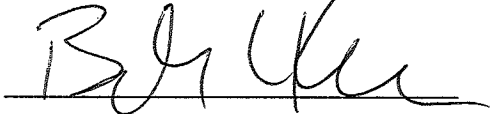
**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Bret Kleeman and seconded by Tina Gerlach to adjourn the meeting at 7:35p.m., CST. All in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on November 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., CST.



Roger Fella, Board President

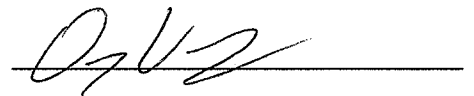


Brandon Kleeman, Board Vice President

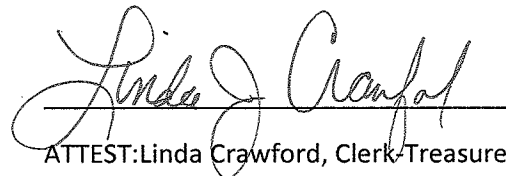
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ATTEST:Linda Crawford, Clerk-Treasurer