

**MINUTES-REGULAR**  
**TOWN COUCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 15, 2024-6:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Mike Harmon, Jeff Dixon, Kathy Hoffman, Cathy Crossley, Bill Cotton, Al Seyfried, Sherry Lahee, Rick Smith, Dolly Smith

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jane Efinger-Hayden, Caron Crossley, Adam Hoffman, Bret Kleeman, Danny VanConey

**ABSENT: NONE**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Jane Hayden asked for everyone to silence their phones.

Meeting began with "Pledge of Allegiance".

**Discussion:** Adam Hoffman questioned Jeff Everly about the saw, weed-eater, and leaf blower charges on financials. He asked if those were broken beyond repaid and Jeff stated they were. Adam asked "was it for streets or utilities because it was taken out of utilities?". Jeff told him they use it for both.

Linda Crawford stated Jeff has a budgeted amount to spend each year for equipment and Maintenance. He is always aware of how much he has in those budgets.

**APPROVE AND SIGN:** Agenda, Minutes, Financials (CONSENT AGENDA)

**MOTION** by Caron Crossley

**SECONDED** by Danny VanConey

**MOTION carried:** ayes 5; nays 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Jane Hayden stated all Abatements were submitted to Town of Troy for approval - Abatements Reviewed and signed. (Mervis, KKIL, Automated Routing, and Meggitt). I need a motion to approve the annual abatements.

**MOTION** by Adam Hoffman

**SECONDED** by Caron Crossley

**MOTION carried:** ayes 5; nays 0

- b. New Utility Employee Jake Austin has started work May 6, 2024. He introduced himself.
- c. Utility employees staggered work schedule-**TABLED**

- d. Cemetery Ordinance Updates/ Changes-Jane has talked with Chris Goffinet, Linda Crawford, and a few board members about the Cemetery Ordinance. It was misinterpreted how it was stated in current Cemetery Ordinance and will be changed and amended to, "A maximum of two cremains can be placed in one grave space." It is also illegal to bury cremated remains themselves. The burials (cremains/casket) has to be completed under direction funeral home director and our Town of Troy Cemetery Approved Plot Opening personnel. Jane will be calling both funeral home directors tomorrow to let them know it will be changed. The Cemetery Ordinance will be updated to document this change.

**Chris Goffinet** - (Unable to attend due to previous commitment)

- Tell City Electric (TCE) "Tie Line" decision. Recommendation from Chris Goffinet.  
OPTION: Payment to TCE vs. release of 4 homes electric utilities to TCE.
- Discussion: Either give up the four meters or pay \$58,000. The four meters is roughly \$5500/year and we can make our money back in 10.2 years if the rates stay where they are now. Linda states money ( \$58,000) is figured into the Bond so we wouldn't be out any money. The board agreed to retain the four meters and pay the \$58,000 to TCE.

**MOTION** by Adam Hoffman

**SECONDED** by Caron Crossley

**MOTION carried:** ayes 5; nays 0

- a. Homeland Security Permit Violation- We did not have a Class 1 building permit prior to start of building park shelter. We need to reply to Homeland Security noncompliance by the May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Will we proceed with size and request certification or stop and redetermine our plans? Linda Crawford stated 500 square feet maximum with no permit required. Our current plan is 1500 square foot. Jane Hayden suggests having Legacy continue on the shelter, but make it smaller so no permit is required.
  - Linda Crawford states she will be complete the Homeland Security Permit Violation letter and reply to the Homeland Security Enforcement Officer to let him know our plans to be in compliance. This will be submitted before the 5/23/2024 response deadline.

**MOTION** by Caron Crossley

**SECONDED** by Adam Hoffman

**MOTION carried:** ayes 5; nays 0

### **TVFD, Fire Department Report- Jason Linne, Fire Chief**

Jason Linne was unable to attend. He is at a meeting. He did inform Jane there had been no fires or fire runs.

- TVFD Contract Update- Chris Goffinet wrote a new contract and wants Town Council input before giving it to Jason Linne, Fire Chief. The next fire meeting is beginning of June. Deadline for Council input will be Monday, June 3, 2024.
- Linda Crawford stated Volunteer Fire Contracts are now required to be uploaded into Gateway. This requirement was in the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) latest news bulletins for cities and towns.

### **K9 Officer-Nathan Freeman**

- Patrol Updates-12 calls for service, 8 traffic stops, 1 arrest.
- Issue with the computer for truck preventing tickets from going through. Will be going over options to resolve this.
- Caron Crossley requested Nathan Freeman to start using Ohio Valley Towing for any truck maintenance. Everyone agreed.
- Discussion on a vote for body cam. Linda Crawford states cage was already approved. Motion to approve purchase of body cam.

**MOTION** by Caron Crossley

**SECONDED** by Adam Hoffman

**MOTION carried:** ayes 5; nays 0

- COPS Hiring Program Grant application due June 12, 2024. 25% match for \$125,000.00. 3-year program.
- Jane Hayden stated Full-time Marshal tabled until grant award notification status. No additional interviews for Marshal/Reserve until grant award notification status.
- Excess equipment- Marshal firearm disposal- Linda states risk management does not allow Town to sell gun to anyone because we don't have a dealer's license. SBOA recommended to consult attorney about this issue. They also stated we could trade it in or donate it. TABLED until further notice.

### **Utilities/Water-Devin Meunier**

- SCADA System/Computer update- waiting on Donnie to set up on new computer.
- Lineman Training update-went last week and significantly behind on knowledge/training. Discussed spending 1 ½ at Tell City for training to get caught up.
- Tank Repair/painting/inspection-3 quotes distributed to board members. Quotes for elevated tank and storage tank.

- 120 Water Update-Zoom meeting for Lead and Copper. On the right track and looking to get hydro excavating done to determine if we have any lead and copper on Town of Troy owned pipes?
- Utility/Hole repair HWY 545 near Post Office-Finished on 5/13/2024 and has cold patch on it.
- Discussion: Information for new employee Jake on Water apprenticeship. Two-year program and would give him knowledge. Grant available to cover some cost. Some online classes, some in-person. Applications available in January and July. Must be completed one month before. Permission was given to look into it but are needing more details.
- Lead and Copper Update-Hydro-excavating 100% free. They would like to have 50% of lines known. Pre-liminary due by October 16, 2024. 100% of customer info not required.

#### **Streets/Parks/Utilities: Jeff Everly**

- Transformer update- Contractor contacted him two weeks ago weather permitting and hasn't been here yet.
- CCMG date of contractor start will be May 16, 2024 weather permitting.
- We completed a list of potholes to be fixed in conjunction with CCMG pavement.
- Additional Veteran Wall- Linda Crawford states we have money is in Park Fund that was budgeted this year. Jeff states he will bring some ideas back to the June meeting for an approximate cost.
- DT Power emails-States he thinks it's someone trying to start up a business
- Culvert Report-PSC is now required to move their lines off of it so it's out of the way an PSC is aware. Start date is July 8 weather/river permitting. 8x10 foot culvert. Two-month complete shut-down, no way through. Routes will be available.

#### **Citizens-INPUT/QUESTIONS**

- Animal Ordinance-Linda Crawford states the new Ordinance will be a Perry County Ordinance for all. Isn't supposed to cost us anything. Need Chris Goffinet legal changes.
- Cathy Crossley-wants to install a free public library box. She was informed that is her property so she can do whatever she wishes. The Board did give her their blessing.
- Albert Seyfried-states he cannot afford to purchase paint to update his property. He also plans to put a new roof on house. He is also requesting a Handicap Sign for parking. Adam Hoffman states he will get will Albert to see what needs to be done. NOTE: Jeff Dixon offered Albert free paint from his company if he has correct color.
- Rick Smith plans on taking advantage of Paint of the Town. He also states he does trainings for CDL License and if we need anyone, he would be glad to help. He mentioned the side-walks on Protsman Street. He brought pictures to prove it's unsafe to walk on the sidewalks and wants to know if there is a way to get those fixed. Board states they will look into this.

- Jeff Dixon attended meeting as a representative for Letter sent to Robert Simpson Owner of property at 535 Market Street, Troy IN 47588. He stated he (JEFF) would be working on cleaning up property but does not have time to make the basement safe. He offered to fill in open basement but is not sure when he will have time? Jeff stated he has been ill?

**Jane Efinger-** Fourth of July Committee-Nathan Freeman states he will try to get other K-9 Officers to give demonstrations along with him.

- June 29, 2024 Water/Harrison streets will be closed to thru traffic and barricades will need set. Jeff states he thinks there are picnic table at the sub-station in Previous owned Bicentennial Storage Trailer.
- IMPA Training Luncheon options are either July 8<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. Council stated they would get with Council member and employees then told to get with Linda and RSVP with desired date.

**Caron Crossley** Blight Committee- She states she typed letters to residents to explain issues on properties and asked to fix these issues within a timely manner. She states she sent 10 letters.

**Bret Kleeman-** States he doesn't have any updates for the dock repair. They have some parts, but not all.

**Adam Hoffman-**He wants streets/utility employees to attend OSHA trainings at Tell City monthly safety meetings.

In reference to the 501c designation for Troy Association, Adam asked for input from Bill Cotton. Bill Cotton states there will be a meeting next week and we will wait until then to get more information.

Adam also wants new trash cans by the river. He would like to see all trash cans match. They will look into that.

**Danny VanConey- None**

**Linda Crawford-** ARPA money was received \$89,500 and with has collected interest is now \$90,000. She stated last year Board approved shelter house and the cost of it was taken out of that original amount. Remaining amount must be earmarked for use by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2025.

- Discussion: Record Storage Cleanout- Linda states we have several boxes of records that need to be gone through, organized or disposed of. These boxes of records are located in the Garage Bay shelves between utility office and front office. Casie Heflin has been training on the requirements for record retention, she will need help getting boxes down from shelves and put up again after review of contents. Linda stated she would like to work in

coordination of Part Time- or Full-time employees as available to get this task started and completed.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

**Employee Policies and Procedures Manual** - information has been submitted to Human Resource Specialist and we will receive written manual it back at the end of June for review.

**HWY 66 Troy/INDOT Project Bid**-Emily Sprinkle is still working on HWY 66 project. INDOT will be letting bids again in August/September.

**Recycled Street Signs for sale**- We still have recycled signs for sale. If they are not purchased by July 31, 2024 they will be sent to recycling. They are still \$10.00/sign.

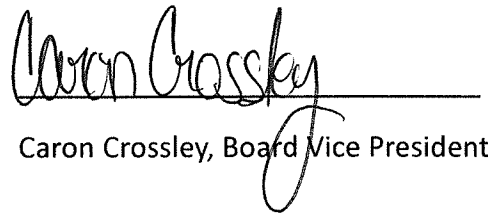
**Any Correspondence**- Chris Goffinet is meeting with Linda on 5/16/2024 they will be reviewing zoning permit requests to assure requests meet the Zoning Ordinance set of zones within Troy limits. If needed a zoning board meeting will be set-up .

Keith Zuelly' s property (Corner Market/Harrison) pole barn building design is satisfactory. He has not paid for permit and states he may look at additional builders.

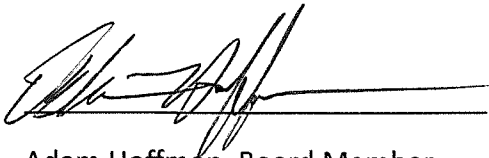
**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Caron Crossley and SECONDED by Danny VanConey to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M., CST. **The next Meeting will be June 12, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., CST.**



Jane Efinger-Hayden, Board President



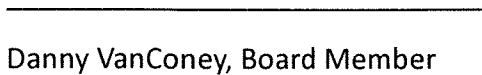
Caron Crossley, Board Vice President



Adam Hoffman, Board Member



Bret Kleeman, Board Member



Danny VanConey, Board Member

ATTEST: Clerk/Treasurer

