

**MINUTES-REGULAR**  
**TOWN COUCIL MEETING**

**JUNE 12, 2024**

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Mike Harmon, Kathy Hoffman, Bill Cotton, Quentin Mangum

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jane Efinger-Hayden, Caron Crossley, Adam Hoffman

**ABSENT:** Bret Kleeman, Danny VanConey, Jason Linne.

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

**Discussion: NONE**

**APPROVE AND SIGN:** Agenda, Minutes, Financials

**MOTION:** Adam Hoffman

**SECONDED:** Caron Crossley

**MOTION** carried: 3 ayes 0 nays

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**Chris Goffinet**-Unable to attend.

**TVFD, Fire Department Report--**

Fire Chief , Jason Linne, TVFD Contract - (**MOTION TO APPROVE Contract, postponed – Jason Linne, absent**). No fire activities to report.

Linda Crawford requested a meeting be set up with Attorney/TVFD/Council since all information has been provided, questions answered but contract not signed. All council members agreed meeting should be set up with Attorney.

**K9 Officer-Nathan Freeman**- 13 calls for service, 0 arrests. He spoke with Sherrif Dept. and TCPD about getting officers for fireworks. Linda states some reserves volunteered last year without pay. She thinks 4 special event officers will be sufficient. Nathan states they will let him know how many he will be able to recruit.

Congratulations was given to Nathan for his newborn daughter.

**Utilities/Water**-Devin Meunier states he had an issue with the sewer and it backed up into a customer's home. He suggests digging up the line and changing it from a 4 inch that turns into a 6 inch and make it a 6 inch to a 6 inch and put a manhole on top of the hill. It's in the alley behind the Barber Shop. He would like for Sam Foertsch to come in and do the work. Jeff Everly states it would have to be bid out. Devin states he will start getting quotes from contractors.

Linda states since this has been happening and destroying personal property then it needs to be resolved as quickly as possible for liability costs. She also states she will consider this an emergency, waive a second contractor, and sign it. Linda states a MOTION is not needed and just an approval will work.

Devin states he has been discussing getting Fire Resistant (FR) uniforms for the Utilities Employees. It is OSHA standard you have to have the Fire Resistant to be a lineman. Jane states she is surprised they didn't already have it. Devin states he would like to go with the same people Tell City uses which is CINTAS. They are rentals and CINTAS will come and pick up the uniforms, leave new, and give the special care the uniforms need. Adam states there is CINTAS and ARAMARK. It was agreed to get FR OSHA requirements and then quotes on uniforms/uniform service.

Devin told Quentin Mangum they are going to look into replacing the sewer line that destroyed some of his personal property. Quentin states he is trying to get the inside fixed. They have the carpet pulled back and there is some molding starting. Vinyl plank, laundry area all has to come up due to damage. Jane tells him they need quotes from him. Quentin asked if he would be able to give a quote from himself since he owns his own company and is a full entity. Linda informed him as long as he discloses the business information there won't be a conflict. He states he will also be collecting other quotes. He states he doesn't want to cause a stir and if it can be done cheaply, then he is perfectly ok with that. He states he has some extra vinyl plank so he will use that and won't be a charge for that. Devin states he will call around first thing tomorrow morning to get another quote. Quentin states Amy Edwards spoke with him and he is assuming that will also alleviate her issue. Devin told Quentin that is a separate issue and is on her property.

Devin states he hasn't been able to get the AWWA specs for a tank inspection. He states it will probably be Monday before he can get those specs. Devin states the IDEM has said something to him about it several times, it was put in IDEM report. He informed IDEM he has quotes and are trying to get things in line. Devin states IDEM isn't rushing us and they just need to make sure we are making some progress.

**Streets/Parks/Utilities-** Jeff Everly states contractor was delayed at their last project so Troy Transformer will be completed after their current job. A right of way clearing cost from Sam's Backhoe was passed out to all members. He said he asked for a second quote from a separate contractor and didn't receive anything back. This is for the property by the old Mulzer Scales to the property first driveway to the left. He states a tractor cannot be used because of the trees. The amount quoted was \$6,790.00. It will be cut low enough so they can spray it. Linda states a MOTION is not needed due to being routine maintenance. Everyone agreed to use Sam's Backhoe for the job. Jeff states he doesn't have an update for the HWY 66 project with INDOT. Linda states she spoke with Emily Sprinkle and was informed the project will be completed by the end of the year.

Jeff asked about trash cans and parking at the Christ of the Ohio as shown on agenda. Jane states they need to be looking at designs for the new wall. Jeff states it will probably be fall before he can get to that. Adam showed Jeff some trash cans and suggested bigger cans for the high traffic areas. Jeff suggested ordering a trash can to replace a previous one that's been damaged. Jane states she would like to have green color for esthetics. They agreed to order one for the park. For additional parking, he states an easement would be needed or different parking. Jeff recommended to wait until fall because there are at least eight trees that would have to come down for parking to the right. Linda asked if two parking spaces could be added between trees and not remove trees? Linda asked if it would be possible to put in steps from the bottom of the hill to the top. Jeff is unsure because the ADA. They agreed to look into it to get more information.

Jeff states the past two years they have mowed the "horse shoe park" and then we purchased and added where the horses and barn were. He is looking into saving money by possibly cutting it for hay or using it for livestock. Linda states it is a flood zone and would have to be approved by DNR. Adam states there is also an ordinance prohibiting livestock in town limits. Caron says it can always be amended. Jane stated we are getting some good ideas for possible uses on the "Horse Shoe Park" area that we would like to investigate.

Jeff would like possibly trading Ford Edge and get a pick-up truck. They can use the truck during work hours so it isn't always sitting. Linda states the reason the Ford Edge was purchased was to save on costs for travel to training and out of town meetings, she stated the Utility Truck was too costly for trips. Jeff said If we purchased a truck that was better on gas , they could use it for yard waste and just for point a to point b. He is wanting to switch beds on the trucks. The one bed would be sold or if Justin did it, he would trade the bed for part of the labor. Linda suggested looking into companies that sell used fleet vehicles that already have what is needed for tools for utility use , something that's a little newer. Jane informed him to gather the information he needs and get with them so they can be on the same page and discuss options.

Jane asks about the tie line contract and if there is anything they need to do. Jeff states the paperwork needed to be signed.

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

**Bill Cotton-** Asks if any volunteers are needed for the Independence Day Celebration. Jane states they already have him on the list.

**Jane Efinger-Hayden-** States significant progress has been made on the demolition Moseby home and clean-up of the property and are in motion. Linda stated the health department is now involved on that property due to someone living in the garage without facilities. She states

there was a major water leak when the health dept was there which led to discontinuing of utility services for the garage, the health department has a video of the water leak. Jeff asked who the person doing the demo. Linda states the only person we are aware of that does it anymore is Matt Finley. He gave Charles Moseby an estimate in February. We are also getting quotes to clean junk and debris from yard.

**Jane Efinger**-Hayden asked Jeff if there was electricity down by the river front for the food trucks. Jeff states he thinks the vendors are supposed to provide their own electricity, but there is electricity down there. Jane asked him to get that prepared for them.

### **Caron Crossley-None**

**Adam Hoffman**- He asks Bill Cotton what is going on with the 501c3. Bill states there hasn't been to a Troy Community Association meeting so there isn't anything new. Bill states he thinks it's time to make a decision and if a different association is needed then that's fine. They discussed changing the name of the Troy Community Association to something different. They agreed to do that at a later time.

**Adam Hoffman** states the OSHA training is still on-going and is making progress. He states he has to get going on the Hazardous Communication (HAZ COM) . Jane states she had a meeting with the fire chief today and he states as far as he knew the utility employees are supposed to be CPR Certified. Jeff informs that he is certified. Devin informs he is not. Jane states she will contact Steve Hauser, John Kleeman, and other people. Caron suggested the office girls getting CPR Certified since they work with the public. Linda states she doesn't have a problem with that if they would like to do it. Jeff informs he would like to take the class if it's offered to stay certified.

### **Danny VanConey-ABSENT**

### **Bret Kleeman-ABSENT**

**Linda Crawford**- She states she made some changes to the agenda and at the OLD BUSINESS section that had been talked about in previous meeting or is on-going, doesn't need to be talked about. She states if there is something they want to speak about, that's fine.

She informed council the Transformer started a year ago in July, we applied for a Bond. She states the costs has been covered through Utilities and those the costs will now have to be put in the Bond to replenish those accounts. Those bond cost numbers are now all in. She has a list together to be submitted this week. She informs they have their financial advisors, the attorneys out of Indianapolis, IMPA, Chris Goffinet have been notified the financial data is available. She looks for that to happen within 30 days. She states a Special Meeting will need to be called.

She also mentions State Board of Accounts training in South Bend for the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. She states she will be back by Friday for fireworks. She states there are two additional C/T trainings before the end of the year. The next one will be in October in Fort Wayne. She looked at her South Bend schedule and it will be a 6-hour drive for her.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Jane Efinger-Hayden states she put the street signs on Facebook.

Linda stated the ARPA Grant has to be earmarked by the end of this year.

Linda stated Fourth of July celebration had a food vendor cancel but there are several that has to be contacted. Jeff states he has picnic tables. Jane said they will have a meeting next week to create a map for a layout. Jane will be the point of contact in case of rain or weather event. Jane asked Linda if she mentioned having a sign made. Linda states each year we have different donations and we list those who sponsor. She will order a new sign with the new sponsors. Linda states all the fireworks have been purchased and are at \$5000 to spend on them. Jane states she with spoke with fire chief, Jason Linne, and the fireworks are expected to last 35 minutes and normally they last approximately 20 minutes. Barricades, cones, extra trash cans will be gotten from the street department. Jane mentions the boaters have to be let through to the boat ramp. DNR informed us the boat ramp cannot be restricted. Jeff asked if Water Street and Harrison Street was going to be closed off. Jane states we can but if a boater comes by, we have to let them in. Caron suggests closing the Washington end. Jane informs her they cut it off at her house because of the Water Salesman and we cannot block people from getting to that. Linda states, if you close down Harrison Street, you have to have someone there to let them in and out. Devin states last year only Water Street was closed.

Jane asked if Linda was still working with the churches about having the bounce house. Linda informed her she has not heard anything back from them. Jane offers to contact/call them and Linda informs her he works a full-time job and she has his contact information she will give Jane.

Jane asks Nathan Freeman about getting with the other departments about helping out with the K-9 demonstrations. He said he has. Jane states she is going to talk to Denny Palmer about using part of his property for that because he was ok using that for cornhole boards. She states it will be put in the Newspaper and it will be on the bills. Caron and Linda are working on give aways. There is a list of volunteers.

Port-a-potties will be delivered June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Linda wants it to mentioned due to the issues with parking vendors last year that someone be present to park the food trucks. Caron states she will be there, Jane states her husband will be there. Jeff asked if they are caution taping that yard. Jane informed him Denny said he was going to put crime scene tape up.

Jane states if anyone has cornhole boards we could borrow, that would be greatly appreciated. Jane states she is still working on the Cemetery Ordinance.

Training day with IMPA is to be determined. Jane asked if we could coordinate the IMPA training with our Pick Perry day in September to make it a bigger event. Linda states we could look into that because as of right now it was tentative she was going to propose by August 1<sup>st</sup>. They agreed to look into it. The IMPA luncheon was cancelled for July and August.

Perry County Animal Ordinance has been TABLED for now, pending Chris Goffinet update.

Linda states the shelter house has not been discussed. Jane states it is on her list to call Legacy Metals tomorrow to tell them to put it on hold for now. Linda states she is concerned about the boards sticking up out there and has had several people asking if they can take them. Jane states there has also been people casing the boards and they need to make a decision on whether they want them to come get the boards or leave it. Adam states if they are going to do it then they need to come do it. Jeff states the boards have already been paid for so if they come get them then we need our money back. Linda states the owner has already offered to give us our money back. Adam suggests getting our money back and then redesigning the shelter house and park layout. Jane states she wants to use Legacy Metals because they have been very kind and patient. Linda states they are getting into a few financial refund issues because the money used to purchase the shelter house was the ARPA money so that will have to go back into that account and they will have \$90,000 ARPA fund again.

Linda states she wants to mention she budgeted an extra \$10,000 in Parks this year and it's a use it or lose it money and to consider that before end of year. She asked Jeff if they need to replenish the mulch at the park and if so then she would like to use some of that money.

Jane asks if there is a donor sign that still needs put up. Linda states there are several signs and things that need put up and completed in the park area. Caron asked if there was anything she needs from them to get that done. Linda informed her she just needs time to get it completed.

**ANY CORRESPONDENCE:**

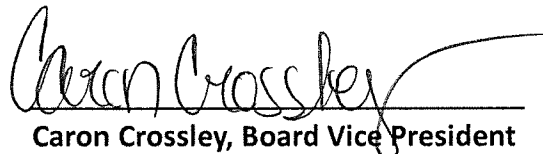
Linda states there are no requests for a zoning meeting but we have had people coming in asking questions that have bought property. Robert Smallwood has the same plans as Brian Davis. Robert Smallwood wants to put a wedding venue up by the Christ of the Ohio. Linda states in her opinion, that property is zoned as Residential. She said she has sent it to Chris Goffinet and is waiting on a response.

She states the property Brian Davis bought is zoned as heavy commercial which will encompass the venues he is proposing. Chris Goffinet asked her to give him the documents out of our zoning book that details what he will need to bring to the zoning board whenever he has his venue proposal completed. Jane asked about Brian Davis that wanted to put campers on their property. Linda informs her the Chamber of Commerce is in favor of that because when people come into town, there isn't a place to park RV to stay in Perry County. Linda states there will only be two and is also wanting to put in cabins and will have to show zoning board a detailed layout of his plans and how people(roads) will get to them. Linda states he will have to give us a proposal because we shut off that road at the top of Fulton Hill many years ago and there is not a good way to get to any of those proposed venues. Linda stated she put letter and packet from zoning book and gave it to Brian Davis.

Devin asked Linda if she has heard from Chris Goffinet about a Zoom call they were going to have. She states no. He will have to call Robert Smallwood to push back the call until later date.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a **MOTION** was made by Caron Crossley and **SECONDED** by Adam Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M., CST. **The next Meeting will be July 10, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., CST.**

  
Jane Efinger-Hayden, Board President

  
Caron Crossley, Board Vice President

  
Adam Hoffman, Board Member

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Bret Kleeman, Board Member

  
Danny VanConey, Board Member

ATTEST: Clerk/Treasurer

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