

MINUTES-REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – June 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Citizens— Cody Dixon, Jim Dixon, Dan Hayden

COUNCIL PRESENT: Roger Fella, Bret Kleeman, Danny VanConey

ABSENT: Stephen Poehlein, Marshal (military leave); Tina Gerlach (available electronically) ; Brandon Kleeman

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

Agendas, Financials, Minutes were distributed.

Consent Agenda includes Minutes, Meeting Agenda, Financial Report- Approve and sign:

MOTION by Bret Kleeman

SECONDED by Danny VanConey

Discussion: None

MOTION carried: ayes 3; nays 0

Fire Department – 4 runs – 2 in Town limits, smoke in 2 different, Carbon monoxide complaint

Utilities-Pudder Linne, Town Manager:

- **Solar Project** -Still working on Solar field project here in Troy. Alvin Evans is the contact for Tell City Industrial Park at end of McDaniel Street. We have been trying to get in contact with each other but still trying. Bret Kleeman stated he spoke with Mayor Chris Cail, and does not think they will sell property to IMPA for Solar field project. Bret stated if they do not sell this property for Solar Field Project, there will not be any abatements for new businesses using this property.
- **Water plant** – Received damage from nearby tree that was struck by lightening during storm. The RTU, scales and security cameras were all damaged. Approximately \$5000 worth equipment. All items that needs replaced has been ordered. Our insurance has \$1000 deductible.
- **Community Crossing Grant (CCMG)**– According to our PAZER rating we will request the repaving of two streets and possibly three. One is Walnut to Spring to old church on Troy Ridge Road to meet Tell City who is paving Troy Ridge. Second, Market from Spring to top of hill near Christ of Ohio. Third optional street is Spring to Ohio River – we may want to wait due to Hwy 66 upgrades next year.

Motion to submit Community Crossing Grant (CCMG) – 2 streets but wait on the Spring to river street .

MOTION by Bret Kleeman

SECONDED by Danny VanConey

MOTION carried: ayes 3; nays 0

- **Utility Regulatory Tax (URT) Tax Removal** – must go into effect July 1, 2022 per new State of Indiana law. First reading/discussion was at last month meeting. Public notice was completed. Need to vote and sign Ordinance

Motion Water:

MOTION by Bret Kleeman

SECONDED by Danny VanConey

MOTION carried: ayes 3; nays 0

Motion Electric:

MOTION by Bret Kleeman

SECONDED by Danny VanConey

MOTION carried: ayes 3; nays 0

COUNCIL MEMBER CHANGE- We discussed last meeting to change the amount of Town of Troy Council Members from 5 members to 3 members- this question will be on the Troy voting ballot for residents to vote on in November 2022 election .

MOTION by Bret Kleeman

SECONDED by Danny VanConey

MOTION carried: ayes 3; nays 0

Our attorney will prepare a formal Resolution for signature to present to Perry County Clerk Office.

- **ARPA Grant** – 2nd installment of funds will be in bank in June 2022.
- **Complaint**-Complaint on Washington Street Aders' Property/Horse barn- it has grown weed and grass. Barn in disrepair possible safety issue. Tree fell, property needs secured so no one can get on property. Jim Dixon said it might be sold someone he knows made an offer on property. Town Council asked that our attorney send letter to property owners.
- **Jeff Everly** was injured on the job and has filed a claim with worker comp for a torn Rotator cuff muscle. He will be on light duty for six weeks. He cannot lift more than 8 pounds. He cannot pick up trash.
- **Cemetery** – We need to update our documenting system for Troy Cemetery . All we have now is a cardboard board we add color coded paper to. We need to put this on the computer and website. We will have access and capabilities to update this from our office computer. An Island is local IT group - they recently completed Tell City Cemetery online. We have a quote from them one time fee to set up is \$6000 then an annual maintenance fee of \$1200 for any IT systems upgrades. If the Board is interested in completing this online system, we can take monies from Casino and the miscellaneous funds. The quote is only good for 60 days. This will have many advantages for guidance and inquiries we receive. This would include old cemetery too. Bret Kleeman said he will agree as long as it includes the old part of cemetery for that cost. So all 3 sections of cemetery will be included. Once this is in writing, Council agrees to proceed.

MOTION by Bret Kleeman

SECONDED by Danny VanConey

Discussion: None

MOTION carried: ayes 3; nays 0

Citizens:

Dan Hayden: asked about Public Notice in newspaper. He would like to know what it entailed. Pudder Linne explained it was pertaining to the URT removal. You will see slight decrease in utility cost for water & electric. Dan also commented how great the Riverfront Park looks. He likes ADA table and addition to concrete.

Jim Dixon/Cody Dixon: I have a concern about dog in area that is lose. He said owner told him is to hot to tie him up. The dog is aggressive and using his yard for bathroom. I have photos of the dog. The owner lives in mobile home on Market St. Roger asked if we have leash ordinance. Problem is getting someone to oversee it. Cody Dixon said dispatch at Perry County has been called and they have received other complaints on this dog. Cody said it is up to Council what is done next ? The officer said the owner could be fined \$350 per day. We think it belongs to doublewide mobile home in alley behind barbershop. Possibly Jesse Massey dog. We will check with police department about this complaint. Damien Marsh was officer that came to check out complaint.

Jim Dixon asked about telephone pole in his property area. Pudder Linne stated the poles will be changed next year with the INDOT Hwy 66 upgrades. We will not do anything until we see finalized plans from INDOT.

Bret Kleeman– Is Dental is included in benefits? Linda stated Yes, it is included but we use a different company for dental, not United Healthcare that we have health insurance with. All benefits are included in the monthly fee to employees. You pay \$100-\$200-\$300 depending on single, spouse or family rates. All health benefits are paid out of utilities.

--In the financials we paid for plumbing and heating. Should be putting under water – annual flow check fee. This will be corrected.

-- Sam's Backhoe, what is all the expense? Pudder Linne stated they repaired several repairs for Town, one under road for ORG Chem industry and another underground repair . Bret said OK.

--Why are we buying coffee? Why we spend \$40 on coffee? Linda stated this is just courtesy for employees and meeting room guests. It was originally part of the State Executive Orders during COVID so employee did not leave offices and to assure we had staff to stay safe and healthy to continue Town operations. The State also said assure we make best efforts to keep employees you have, that is why they allowed cities and towns to pay bonus money to from ARPA money but the Council did not want our employees to receive bonuses so we continued any small benefits such as coffee to keep employees we have. Bret asked - How often do you buy coffee? Linda stated every other month.

--What is the Visa hotel charge for ILMCT? Linda stated she was going to SBOA training this week and reserved room in Michigan City but due to work load she was not able to attend so reservation was cancelled and this retainer fee will be put back on card.

-- I still want to know who is in charge of employees in front office? Linda stated she put a copy of the Indiana Code for Cities and Towns **IC 36-5-6-7** it states that deputies and employees serve at the Clerk Treasurer pleasure. Bret Kleeman said he spoke with Jenny Richter and Connie Berger and they both told him the office employees work for the Council members. Pudder stated that the Clerk Treasurer is required to have a deputy. Bret said does she separate time on her duties? Linda stated yes, she is very detailed and has limited hours she gets paid for Deputy duties. We (Laira and myself) discussed what her thoughts are on hiring additional help for Deputy? Laira said she prefers to do the extra work and get paid for it rather than hire another person. We set this up in the Salary Ordinance for 2022 for her pay and budgeted time for the Deputy duties and Accounting Manager duties. Linda stated we have discussed office employees 2 times this year and the Indiana Code clearly states the office staff works for Clerk Treasurer and Town Council. Bret said so we (Town Council) have no authority over office employees? Linda stated the Town Council and Clerk Treasurer both have authority over office employees so we should work together if there is issues with office employees. Our joint responsibilities is to keep our office/municipality running efficiently which we are doing to date.

Roger – Asked if would be feasibly to set up some type of sprinkler for kids to play in during this heat. Pudder said he would check on this?

Tina – Absent

Danny – Nothing.

Stephen – Military leave.

Brandon – Absent

Linda – we will discuss budget in July. I have copies of the current appropriation funds to give you an idea of how much of the budgeted general funds has been used this is represented by a percentage number of use. Things to remember is Fire Department monies are paid out at the end of the year so it will indicate 100%. This information should help you understand budget.

- -We also have had questions about public access records to I am giving you copies of a presentation from SBOA authority . We are seeing confusion on how the copies are given. Only the Town Council get copies for free, all other requests pay current copies fees per page, we document all copies made and removed from this office including Council copies. There is a form and file kept on all documents copied and removed from this office.

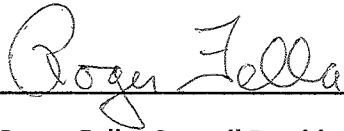
*******Park update:** We are seeking donations for playground installation cost and to build a Veteran's Memorial on the Riverfront near water plant and River Park. We will give you updates as we get them. The park equipment will be here in November 2022. Prior to the equipment arrival we would like to have the current equipment such as swing frames painted. The color scheme is yellow and green. We would like for Jeff Everly to oversee this gets completed.

Correspondence: None

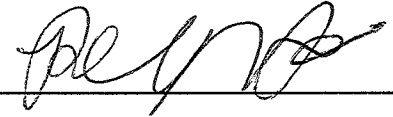
NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: Linda Crawford/Pudder Linne --Tell City decided to have Fireworks on Saturday night, July 2, 2022. We are very disheartened that Tell City has to done this and we found out through social media and did not receive a courtesy call or anything from Mayor Chris Cail's decision to have fireworks on the same night as Troy's. We have had several meetings with Ohio River Scenic Railway Staff and Perry County Convention Visitors starting February 2022 for planning of this fireworks project/festival. Roger Fella said he will call Mayor Cail and speak with him. As of now, Troy will cancel their fireworks due to recent Tell City Fireworks decision and lack of resources for both events on same night.

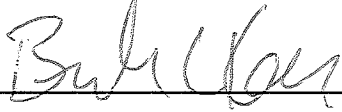
ADJOURMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Bret Kleeman and seconded by Danny VanConey to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., CST. All in favor. Motion carried.
The next meeting will be on **July 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., CST.**



Roger Fella, Council President



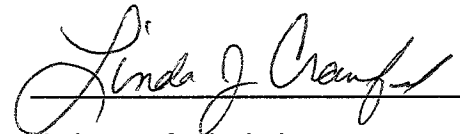
Bret Kleeman, Council Member



Brandon Kleeman, Council Vice President

Danny VanConey, Council Member

Tina Gerlach, Council Member



Linda Crawford, Clerk-Treasurer