

MINUTES-REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – February 15,2023 – 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Citizens— Quentin Magnum, Adam Hoffman, Cathy Hoffman, Dan Hayden, Jane Hayden, Nathan Held -Region 15, Rick Krutz

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

ABSENT: Danny VanConey,

Election of Town officers:

Recommendation to keep the same officers as past year? Roger Fella-President, Brandon Kleeman – Vice President. Roger and Brandon accepted the nomination.

Motion: Bret Kleeman 2nd Tina Gerlach

MOTION carried: ayes 4; nays 0

APPROVE Town Attorney Chris Goffinet for 2023 year:

MOTION: Tina Gerlach

SECONDED: Bret Kleeman

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4 ayes; 0 nays

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 Brandon Kleeman

SECONDED by Tina Gerlach

Discussion: None

MOTION carried: ayes 4; nays 0

Fire Department – none

- We put new Fire truck in service. We sold the old 1994 Fire Truck to Rome.
- We need to discuss an ARP Perry County grant we applied for to purchase SCBA for entire TVFD. We currently have 8 SCBA and face mask but need total of 14 so each individual will have one. Since COVID the State of Indiana will be monitoring the equipment. The total price of the equipment we requested will be \$68,000. This will upgrade our equipment to current fit ups. The ARP committee came back and ask us to purchase the same type of equipment as Tell City FD, Cannelton, and Anderson Township so we could get a group cost break. Randy Cole , President of committee informed us he heard of a grant through USDA-RD to match 55% and if we received this grant, they would give us the rest of the money? Need a Motion to approve the pursuit of this Grant through Region 15.
- **MOTION:** Brandon Kleeman
- **SECONDED:** Tina Gerlach

- Discussion: None
 - **MOTION CARRIED:** 4 ayes; 0 nays
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- Pudder: The second part of this we will need town of Troy last 3 years budget information to apply for this grant, a letter stating that only Troy TVFD budget can be used for this grant? a letter stating you have designated myself as TVFD fire chief to have signature on this grant?
MOTION: Tina Gerlach
Seconded: Bret Kleeman
Discussion: none
Motion carried. 4 ayes 0 nays
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- ELECTRIC –On December 7th 2022 we had our 1963/1996 model transformer blow causing an electric outage across Troy , we are running on the backup transformer but currently do not have a back up for that one if we would have an outage again. The new transformer for the substation will cost \$380,000 to replace. This transformer is on hold until February 23 to give Mike Mahoney and IMPA time to assure it will fit up with our current set up. Mike Mahoney is currently drawing up the plans and working with our provider IMPA to get material cost and set up recommendation. There will be a presentation to the board once this information is gathered. We hope to have this sometime in March 2023. We will be going from Delta/Delta transformer to Delta Y.
 - ELECTRIC- we were informed by INDOT that the Highway 66and 545 project has been put on hold due to property easements not all secured. We have already removed all street lights located along those street as required by 2/2/2023. These lights were on INDOT easement so I contacted Emily Sprinkle our local contact for INDOT about putting up temporary street lights until project id let? She said we could do this but it would be at our own cost. For safety reasons we have put up LED street light on each block of Hwy 66. Since this is not going to be completed as originally planned, we now have time to ad new lighting if we want? Jeff Everly added this would be a good time to ad our Electric in Conduit for future use such as decorative lighting.
 - Adam Hoffman asked Roger about Mobile light plants at the stop Light on Hwy 66? Pudder stated there is still a stop light at Hwy 545/66.
 - Pudder asked if the Troy Council wanted him and Jeff to continue to look into getting Decorative Street lighting? The board agreed to have him continue.
 - We received a letter from Mathew Cole requesting a zoning change on his property located at Sycamore and Harrison behind the Dollar General store? He would like the property currently zoned at “Mobile Home Park” to “Multi Family” so he can build a Four Plex. We will set up a zoning meeting and have a recommendation next meeting for you.
 - Pudder said we need to set up a Review meeting for our new Utility Worker Devin Meunier ? His 90-day review is due now and we told him we would review and give him additional \$1.00 raise if recommended by review persons? Roger asked if anyone I interested in doing the review ? Brandon and Bret Kleeman agreed to do the interview in the next couple of weeks? Date agreed for review is Monday February 20, 2023. Recommendation will be documented for employment file.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Jeff Everly

- We have an opportunity to use a new trash disposal site- we currently use Lewis port KY site that costs \$97 per ton plus other fees for cost of \$164 per week . We can use Grimes Owensboro Ky site which is

about 10 minutes longer to drive but cost is \$30 per ton or \$53 per week for a total saving to Town of Troy \$100 per week? I am trying to do my job by staying on top current options for our departments.

- I have been taking care of 3 specific alleys with issues to fix them.
- I have been helping Linda and Parks Team to get the Veteran's Memorial started. It is my recommendation we use the area near Christ of Ohio for the Veterans Memorial Wall . We can pour a pad and make a concrete wall for the purchased plaques. I have a sketch layout of my ideas of how to make a memorial work up at Christ of Ohio. It would take 7 yards of concrete at \$165 per yard. We would have room for 2 additional benches. Jeff said he would like the Town Council approval to start working on the Memorial wall before grass cutting season starts. Adam Hoffman asked if we have a parks board? Linda Replied yes Adam said we could let them make the decision? Linda Stated they could make a recommendation to Town Board but this was discussed in Parks meeting early on and it was noted we would get input from Board and let them make a decision. Roger Fella said the last several Parks meeting no one would show up and it is hard to get anyone involved in this town. Linda stated we need to get the Grant that includes playground and Veteran's Memorial closed out so we can look at getting additional crowd funding grants, this grant has one year to close out which is March 14,2023. Bret Kleeman said he thinks the Christ of Ohio is a good idea, it is ADA accessible and he made a motion to approve it.

MOTION: Bret Kleeman

SECONDED; Tina Gerlach

4ayes 0 nays

Motion Carried.

Jeff asked if we could start process for grant to purchase a trash truck? We have had several injuries throwing bags up in the back of the Town Truck. We can purchase a new or we could possibly have an option to purchase a Trash truck from Tell City since they bought a new one? It is a 2007 we are not sure how good of shape it is in so we will need a board member to look at it prior to purchase? If this purchase fall thru we will follow up with grant for new truck.

Linda stated the USDA-RD grant we are pursuing for the trash truck and police car are the same grant that Pudder (TVFD) is trying to get for TVFD equipment? Craig McGown said we could only get \$50,000 maximum in grants? Linda Crawford asked Nathan Held from Region 15 if he was aware of, we are only allowed one grant with maximum of \$50,000. Nathan said he believed that was correct and said the TVFD would not need the grant if Perry County ARP was funding entire amount? Nathan said we will contact Craig McGown about grants.

Stephan Poehlein – I was deployed in October 2021 and returned to job on November 7, 2022. My previous employment as Troy Marshal requires you to offer my job back after 30 calendar days per the 1994 USSERRA Act? I notified Roger Fella December 22, 2022 I was ready to return to work January 4, 2023. We did not have a meeting in January 2023 due to no quorum. Roger asked if we want to make motion to hire Stephan back as Troy Marshal? Bret Kleeman said he would like to see a copy of the contract first before hiring Stephan? Brandon asked if Linda could email everyone a copy tomorrow for review? Linda said she would email it to the board members? Motion to hire Stephan pending contract approval was made.

Motion: Brandon Kleeman

SECONDED; Tina Gerlach

4ayes 0 nays

Motion Carried.

- Stephan said he had a quote for a on the lot new 2022 Dodge Durango but since it has taken so long it was sold. We will now have to order a 2023. It will be turn key car with all equipment and decals. Jeff asked cost? Stephan said it \$58,000 for the 2023 we missed out on 2022 for \$53,000. Tina Asked if we could get a car. Linda stated she has been working with German American bank and will talk with Eric Kehl tomorrow about loans on the car if purchased. We are also looking at Grants from USDA-RD.
- Stephan said he was asked by residents at a previous meeting about getting solar speed signs so I got quotes for these if anyone is interested. (Stephan presented quotes to board) They are solar powered will clamp on post. Let me know what you want to do on these?

Citizens: INPUT/QUESTIONS

Nathan Held - Region 15 Planning Commission- introduced himself as the new director - he has been with Region 15 for total of 17 years. He gave a briefing on his job responsibilities and what is available from REGION 15. He handed out business cards and information sheets, He thanked Pudder Linne for serving on this board. Linda Crawford asked if their services were free? Nathan said yes, they were.

Quentin Magnum – I am here in reference to the property at 535 Market Street. I requested re-zoning from single family to multifamily so I can build a duplex on it. Pudder Linne stated the Troy Planning and Zoning committee met and voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning to Multi family.

MOTION: Bret Kleeman

SECONDED; Brandon Kleeman

4ayes 0 nays

Motion Carried.

Kathy Hoffman- asked when the new park will open? Linda stated we will know once it gets installed and insurance review.

Adam Hoffman- he asked if we were going to do anything with the Diesel place (Linne Diesel Repair) out on Hwy 545? Roger Fella stated we have sent them letters but it has not improved? We do not have a Marshal to follow up? Bret Kleeman stated that KKIL looks bad to? It has crates stacked in their parking lot? We sent SIRS a letter- SIRS has made a great effort to clean up and it looks much better?

Jane Hayden- none

Dan Hayden- none

RICK KRUTZ – Where are we at on the FIND NEWTON water contract? I hand delivered to Pudder, Brandon and Roger? Pudder stated we need to approve to move forward on the contract then send it to pur attorney for review? Motion to move forward with this contract- need a motion

MOTION: Brandon Kleeman

SECONDED; Bret Kleeman

4ayes 0 nays

Motion Carried.

Danny – absent

Brandon – none

Bret – Nothing

Tina Gerlach – I have a few things:

Can we get signs in the curve by my house to get vehicles to slow down? Jeff Everly said we can do this if we have a motion from board- it will be either Children Present or slow signs?

MOTION: Tina Gerlach

SECONDED; Brandon Kleeman

4 ayes 0 nays

Motion Carried.

TINA Gerlach – she wants to know if the Electric department can cut down the tree behind her house? It has electric lines in it? It looks dangerous since it is half dead and split down the middle? Jeff Everly and Pudder Linne offered to meet with her to look at the tree?

Linda Crawford-

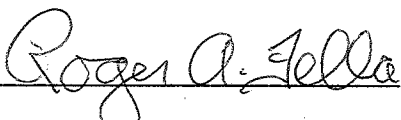
- We discussed KKIL parking lot overflow at the PCDC meeting yesterday. Waupaca plant manager Cody said they were aware of the overflow and they are working on getting more warehouse space. KKIL could possibly put another warehouse but not sure yet ? Waupaca could also build one.
- I have copies of The State of Indiana Blighted Properties-Unsafe Building L (UBL) Indiana Code IC 36-7-9-4.5. We have a sticking point since we do not Home Inspector but there are other options if you read the IC documents. I have several copies if anyone wants to read them.
- We have the complaint book updated each month- only complaint we had was Jay Oliva wanted to know why we did not plow past the end of the street where he lives? Pudder Linne said it was private property since that road was abandoned for the Hapensa in 1980 timeframe?
- We need two board members for a Job interview tomorrow – Tina Gerlach and Roger Fella said they would interview.

Correspondence: We received a letter from IDEM. Pudder said he has taken care of the issue.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bret Kleeman and seconded by Brandon Kleeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., CST. All in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on March 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., CST.



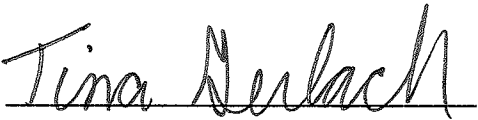
Roger Fella, Board President



Bret Kleeman, Board Member

Brandon Kleeman, Board Vice President

Danny VanConey, Board Member



Tina Gerlach, Board Member



ATTEST: Linda Crawford, Clerk Treasurer