## MINUTES-REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – August 14, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

BILL COTTON - PEAL

<u>PUBLIC PRESENT</u>: Helen Kleeman, Victor Schutzius, John Wetzel (Midwestern), Brenda Stephens, Bob Thiery, Cecilia Thiery, Janice Harpenau, Spud Kleeman, Mike Johnson, Bret Kleeman, Cathy Crossley, Lisa Moore, James Dixon, James Simpson, Adam Hoffman, Dan Hayden, Gerald Harpenau, Eric Whittaker (Perry County News) and David Scott

<u>COUNCIL & EMPLOYEES PRESENT:</u> Jane Efinger-Hayden, Tom Utley, Linda Crawford, Brandon Kleeman, Chris Goffinet and Jay Oliva

**ABSENT: Sharman Jarboe** 

The public was asked to sign in and get an agenda which advised the meeting was being recorded.

The meeting began with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Time sheets were previously signed by Jay and returned to Jane.

Jay Oliva, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agendas, mail, correspondence, financials and minutes were distributed. Brandon made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Linda seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. \*\*\*Linda had a question regarding 872.50 being paid to Conner Floor. A vote was taken via e-mail and approved with 3 board members, Sharman-Jay and Adam. It was advised that this is not an acceptable way to approve expenditures unless it's an emergency. Therefore the carpet was approved via a vote. Jay and Linda motioned for this expenditure to be accepted. All in favor. Motion carried. \*\*\*Linda asked if anything after April when Adam was paid as an outside vendor was legal, Chris said he would research.

FIRE: (Month #7-no report from fire department personnel).

## TOM--

**WATER:** The roofers will be there soon for the water plant. Continue to have manganese issues, some can be solved with pressure and some need dug. Fixed a valve for Squirrel Road. Has been attending classes for his WTC license. Will need to hire a WTC operator. Tom has to have 1050 hours for in-training status. Advised there was a contractor meeting on 7/11 and there will be another one tomorrow morning. The tank was delivered and a protective coating had to be put on before setting on the pad. The plant should be up and running in November. The meters have been shipped.

**ELECTRIC:** Attended IMPA's monthly meeting. Further discussion on solar parks. Jane will make copies of several handouts made available for the board from this meeting. Had to replace a pole from a storm. Hwy 66 lines have been changed out. Electric meters (194 of 368) are in. Will be needing to hire some tree trimmers. Have been doing right of way mowing and spraying.

**SEWER:** The new pump is on order. Ordered 2 weeks ago. Takes @ 13 weeks. Week 7/22 had 644K gallons, week 7/29 had 588K gallons, week 8/5 had 613K gallons and week 8/12 had 584K gallons pumped. Average of 607K gallons per week. Linda asked if this was accurate, Tom advised yes. A motion was made to accept the purchase of the new sewer pumps. Brandon made a motion. Linda accepted. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **CITIZENS:**

John Wetzel-(Midwestern) gave a lengthy synopsis of the water treatment plant. There have been some minor changes, plusses and minuses. Piping inside will be mid-September. Roof trusses will be in after Labor Day. He advised Tim Nelson said we are on schedule. About 60% of payments have been expended with a 10% retainage. Needed a motion

to accept the most recent pay request. Brandon made a motion. Linda seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. One of the minuses was a transducer. Increases were colored block (so no need for future painting) @3100.00. Concrete work with pipe collars to make watertight stops @4500.00. Concrete curbing for no splash on the slab @1000.00. There will also be rip-rap and fabric needed for @3600.00. There will be more of a steeper drop off, but will allow for a truck to get in back of plant if necessary. Will be fenced. Flush hydrant will be @1800.00. Backside ladders to the roof and ladders to the tank will be @7900.00. These ladders will be caged. Concrete curbing in the pit will be @1400.00 with a walled berm to step over (not extremely high). Will need a drop ceiling placed in the lab room to control heat and cooling for just that portion of the building for @5300.00. This work will be done by the contractors. Will advise RD of the changes at the contractor meeting in the morning. Needed a motion to accept the impending change order(s). Brandon made a motion. Linda seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

<u>Barry Schaefer</u> from Automated Routing had asked to be on the agenda. Was not in attendance. Linda advised he will be at the next meeting regarding a tax abatement for a shell building and will be presenting details.

Bill Cotton advised he was on the board in 1995 and was here to discuss the park/playground equipment. Advised Jane provided him the documents he had requested and was in question on who authorized the removal of the swing sets and other various playground equipment. Provided a list of questions and packet of information (see attached) previously to the board with a letter of 4 questions from the 4/16/14 meeting (see attached). Said he was not only there to complain but is willing to invest personal time and money to get things back on track. Jay advised he was on the board at the time and insurance advised we were not in compliance with statutes and costs were prohibitive at the time. Linda advised that she and an engineer walked the playground and investigated ADA and ASTM regs and got measurements and will be getting quotes. Wants to hold a town meeting at firehouse or Sr. Center on 9/10. Helen Kleeman chimed in and advised that the swings were not safe. Bill advised this should have been addressed and voted on and was not. Advised no one was authorized at that time to take them down. Wanted a legal vote tonight to address this. Linda recommended until a plan and quotes are acquired with new measurements, etc. that the playground stays as is and we can move forward with a plan. He wanted them to look at the 4/16/14, 8/13/14 and 10/15 minutes.

Jerry Harpenau advised there is a place where the sewer blacktop ditch needs repaired. Will advise Tom.

<u>Dan Hayden</u> – nothing.

Adam Hoffman - nothing.

James Simpson - nothing.

<u>Bob and Cecilia Thiery</u> asked again about having water furnished for the Fall Festival on 9/7-8. The board advised they will instruct Tom to provide this. Also asked about the trash truck from 9/6-9. The board advised we will provide this. Jane will advise the Street Dept.

<u>Jim Dixon</u> advised there is a pole Pudder put up that he requested be put up nearer to his house/garage. Is in the wrong place and is in the way. Needs replaced and is splitting. Needs moved. Needs at least 38 feet clearance. He did not give the Right of Way for this pole. He was out of town and Pudder called him and put it in the wrong place. Will advise Tom.

<u>Lisa Moore</u> advised that Pudder talked with her previously about a meter pole that is broken. She paid Casey's Electric 700.00 to replace it. It is leaning again. Was told that if she paid the town they would fix it. This is at 800 Walnut Street. Also advised there is water run-off from the road behind Mullenville. The ditch is washed out with no rock. She said the state dug it out and is washing away. Will advise Tom.

<u>David Scott</u> advised he told Tom he had a light out and he will fix it. Wanted to know if he needed a permit to have a machine brought in to do repairs on his eaves. The board and attorney advised no.

<u>Cathy Crossley</u> advised she is here on a positive note and wants to see this town better itself and move forward. She has children and grandchildren and wants us to continue to be prideful. She observes other communities as small as ours who have parks, pools, community buildings, etc. and wants us to raise our standards. She sees a problem and she fixes it and does not complain. Wants to be a part of the solution, not the problem.

Bret Kleeman - nothing.

Victor Schutzius - nothing.

Mike Johnson – nothing.

<u>Helen Kleeman</u> advised there was a leak near her home and Tom said it was on their side and the plumber said it was on our side and this went on for 2 weeks. Wanted to know if we could find someone else other than Lutgring to help Tom because they are too expensive. Asked about the Marshal status. Mentioned her road has not been paved, is dusty and will be getting muddy. Wishes now she had not agreed to annexation. Bret Kleeman chimed in, out of turn and very loudly that it was a county road and never gets mowed or grated and yelled at the board to do something about it.

<u>Janice Harpenau</u> advised that she wanted to tell the Street Department that the town and mowing is looking really nice and thanked them for their hard work catching up.

<u>Brenda Stephens</u> wondered about 4x4's and golf carts. Said Micah told her there was no ordinance except cannot ride on 66 or 545, only to cross. Was mentioned that Tell City is looking into this. Many variables- age, possess a driver's license, signals, seat belts, helmets, slow moving sign, speed limits, lights, time of day allowed, etc. The attorney said he would look into this and Brandon advised he will also look into it.

**JANE**: Advised that funds are low in sewer and payroll will need to be taken out of electric for the last 4 months of 2019. \*\*\*Advised 2 CD's due in August, electric and water. Will roll over.

JAY: Regarding Adam Hoffman's resignation dated 7/11/2019 the attorney advised we did not need to take a vote to accept it. Jay read a personal synopsis of all the help that Adam has provided via volunteering. \*\*\*Advised we will continue to place another ad in the paper and interview candidates for the Marshal position. Deadline is 8/30. Brandon asked why some were called to say they had not been chosen. Attorney advised the process is interviews, executive session (no decisions-48 hour notice), regular meeting, put on agenda, choose and approve. This was tabled for now pending new deadline. Jane advised we have one more new applicant.

SHARMAN: Absent.

**BRANDON**: Nothing.

LINDA: advised she had spoken with Micah when he was still here regarding 2 ordinances needed. Can't remember 2<sup>nd</sup> one. Needed one regarding parks regulations. Chris already has this and will send. \*\*\*Advised was at a PCDC meeting yesterday. And the spec building with no floor, just a shell, was sold to Automated Routing. They will be here next month and minimum wage should be @14.00 and should employ @10-12. \*\*\*Advised that PSC was granted a 14 million dollar grant for fiber optics. Need to call them and be put on a list if you are wanting serviced. \*\*\*Advised there are no and were no plans for a road from KKIL to Switzer Road. \*\*\*Advised a new apartment complex being built first quarter of 2020 on 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Tell City by medical clinic. \*\*\*Advised another 100 unit for 55+ age range complex being built, but no release on location yet. \*\*\*Advised housing needs are an issue in this county. \*\*\*Advised there are 16-20 empty lots in Troy alone. \*\*\*Advised there were 5 new homes built in Troy this year so far. \*\*\*Regarding the park,

with board approval, will have the town meeting. Will get a letter out to all the households in Troy. Will get a letter to Jane and she will advise the press. Jane asked about postage-Linda advised she would pay for postage personally. We will do envelopes and labels in the office.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None and no other correspondence.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Linda. All in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on September 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., CST.

Jay Oliva, President

Sharman Jarboe, Board Member

Brandon Kleeman, Board Member

Linda Crawford, Board Member

ATTEST: Jane Efinger-Hayden

Clerk/Treasurer