

TOWN OF ADVANCE
REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 2015
7:07 PM

Attendance: All Council members present. Legal Counsel present.

Councilman Hill announces meeting will be held to Robert's Rules of Order and instructs public to state their name and address when speaking and to discuss the item at hand only.

- Minutes –
 - Motion made by Councilman Hoskins, and seconded by Councilman Harris to collectively accept Regular Meeting minutes from 02/09/2015, 03/09/2015, and 3/18/2015 were approved as written. All in favor, motion passed.

- Utilities (Nathan Reed, Christopher Shelton)
 - *see attached: Monthly list
 - Billed for 1.9 million gallons, pumped 2.1 million gallons; last year at this time they were showing billed for 800,000 to 900,000 gallons; increase of 71% loss.
 - Councilman Hill states they are looking for a Utility Laborer, to hire on a part-time basis to help mow the Town properties, and assist with other maintenance work.
 - Councilman Hill recommends that individuals submit applications to the Clerk, that will run through the Utilities office. The position would not exceed 2-3 days, with no benefits, or leave, and to fall under the supervision of the Utilities Supervisor.

- Park – (No one in attendance)
 - Councilman Hoskins reports that three walls are up on the bathroom facility, and they are missing doorframes for the west wall.
 - Kids started a fire in some brush leftover from a tree being cut down but unable to remove due to the ground being too soft
 - Kids pushing on the bathroom walls the evening they were put up, as well as rocks being thrown at the facility.
 - Rebar sticking up around the playground area, and it needs to be taken care of due to liability issues.
 - Councilman Hill, would like to declare from the Council that the next four Saturdays would be voluntary work days between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting.
 - Karen Hiese – has some trees that she would donate to the park.
 - Ray Hieston – will donate pea gravel
 - Councilman Hill is going to be in contact with some local businesses to see if they will donate equipment.
 - Councilman Hill states video cameras are waiting to be installed for the bathrooms once they are complete.


- Indiana National Guard – SFC Isenhower
 - Introduced himself to the town and explained what his role is in the community.

- Library – Jackie Covington

- Byron Porter has provided a letter (see attached) to release the funds from the Town to the Park to use for their own 501C3.
- Clerk will release the funds tomorrow to Jackie Covington.
- Police Department (Marshal Ray Hieston)
 - * see attached: Monthly report
 - Ray Hieston and Caleb Otto will be attending training tomorrow 4/14/2015.
 - Starting in May, during one Friday of every month they will be sponsoring a movie night for kids at the Town Hall.
 - Councilman Hoskins asks that a schedule be provided to the Clerk of their schedules. Ray stated that he doesn't have a schedule as he doesn't want it to be published publicly, so the best thing to do is call dispatch.
 - Ray asked for funding for a new radar as the one in his car is no longer working. He stated that they range between \$1,600 to \$3,500, but the \$1,600 one would be just fine. Councilman McKinney motions to allow Ray to purchase a radar for \$1,600 with a split of the funding coming from 75% out of computers and 25% out of supplies, seconded by Councilman Hoskins, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - Councilman Hoskins asks Ray if he recovered the garage door openers from the previous Town Hall employees. Ray states he obtained the openers.
- Fire Department (Jim Caldwell)
 - June 6 they will be hosting a Country Music Festival at Demaree Farms.
 - Labor Day will be cut back to two days with no fireworks, or inflatables.
 - 5 runs this month.
 - Starting in the next month Jim will be performing fire inspections in town. He will start at the Town Hall and give a 24-48 hour notice prior to reporting.
- Open -
 - APC- No meeting since the last one in March.
 - Park sign – Councilman Hill would like to know the status. Ray Hieston will contact the insurance company.
 - Sprinkler meters – Councilman Hill discusses various ways of how to track the usage and states they are still discussing how to handle the adjustments. Clerk, discusses a possible remedy that can be used with the Keystone Software of adding a sprinkler meter code to certain individuals accounts. Will only be authorized from May-October, and not year round.
 - INDOT – will be holding a meeting in regards to S.R. 75 project.
 - Storm sewers – Look into possibly have Hopper Excavating clean out drain or contact the State.
 - INDOT – Plans for S.R. 75 will be published at the Advance Library.
 - Ordinance Enforcement – Individuals need to go to the Clerk's office to file a complaint and the Town Council will be sending a letter to the homeowners in violation.
 - Saturday, April 25 – Lebanon will be having a heavy trash pickup date. Flyers will be posted.
 - Heavy trash pickup for Advance will be in August on possibly the second weekend.
 - Councilman Hoskins, states he spoke to a representative with Vectren and Advance will not be getting natural gas for another two years.

- Councilman Hill discusses paving projects for the Town of Advance, in order of collecting bids for side streets, alleys, Town Hall parking lot, and the road that goes into the park. Councilman Hill, asks Utility Superintendent to call some companies and have bids submitted. Councilman Hill, states he will work with the Clerk in order to see where funding can be pulled from in order to complete this project.
 - Councilman Hill, states he spoke with the IRS about the Batts residential property.
 - Councilman Hill, asks the Clerk about health insurance for the Town employees. Clerk states nothing needed to be done because it was an automatic enrollment.
 - Clerk, asks Town Board, if they want to offer the Deputy Clerk position health insurance. Due to Obamacare it is a requirement to offer health insurance if working more than 28 hours a week, or if they want to cut her hours to be under 28 hours.
 - Councilman Harris makes a motion to pay for health insurance for the Deputy Clerk position, seconded by Councilman Hoskins, all in favor, motion passed.
 - Councilman Hill, states that this November there will be two open positions on the Town Council. You can obtain the paperwork at the Boone County Clerk's office. Two seats for one year term. Clerk-Treasurer for a 3 year term. Deadline is June 30.
 - Councilman Hill, asks the Town Council if they would like to become members of the Economic Development Commission for a \$1,000. Councilman Hoskins makes a motion to join the EDC to be paid from the general fund, seconded by Councilman McKinney, all in favor, motion passed.
 - Councilman Hill, reads a letter from Luke Britt, Public Access Counselor, in regards to a complaint that had been filed against the Town. Councilman Hill reports that it was reported as an unsubstantiated claim, and was therefore unfounded.
 - Clerk, reports that the security lights have been updated in the software program for the increased amount of \$7.
- Claims –
 - Councilman Hoskins motions to approve claims, seconded by Councilman McKinney, all in favor, motion passed.
 - Pay early termination on cell phone plan in regards to an unused town cell phone. Councilman McKinney motions to approve to cancel plan, seconded by Councilman Harrison, all in favor, motion passed.
 - With no further business to discuss Councilman Harris motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilman McKinney, all in favor, motion passed at 8:48 p.m. Next regular council meeting June 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM with location TBA.


 Clerk Treasurer


 President