

TOWN OF ADVANCE
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2015
7:02 PM

Attendance: All Council Members present. Legal Counsel absent.

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 accept Regular Meeting minutes from 06/10/2015 and was approved as written. All in favor, motion passed.
- APC – Melanie Lietz
 - Attended July 1st meeting, where Mike Andreoli presented a zoning change by Old Union Church. APC Council passed these zoning changes.
 - New budget for Fiscal Year 2016 was passed unanimously.
 - Violations for Blackford case will be decided by August.
- Utilities (Nathan Reed, Christopher Shelton)
 - *see attached: Monthly list
 - Councilman McKinney would like to know how many septic tanks Hopper Septic & Excavating is pumping per month. Nathan Reed states they are currently pumping 5 per month.
 - Nathan Reed states there is a build up in the sewer system of sludge when they weren't pumped out.
 - Councilman Hill states the Town still needs to do a rate study on the sewer.
 - Councilman Hill asks what is meant by vehicle maintenance. Nathan Reed states they have just been doing routine maintenance on the vehicles.
 - Councilman Hill would like to know how the holding tank (sewer) is due to the rain, and to make sure there aren't any back up issues. Nathan Reed states the sewer tank is full but fine, and there haven't been any back-ups.
 - Councilman McKinney asked if both drives had been stoned. Nathan Reed states they have been.
 - Councilman Hill asks that Nathan Reed purchase a "No Overnight Parking" sign that will be visible by both directions to place in the Town lot at SR 75 and E. Wall St.
 - Councilman Hoskins states Dale Childress would be able to remove the hazardous trees on Wall St. for \$450 per tree. Councilman Hill would like to know if it is at the homeowner's expense.
- Park – (No one in attendance)
 - Councilman Hill reads quote submitted by Matt Johnson, with Tętra, to finish the bathroom in the amount of \$35,986. Due to the amount it will need to go through the bidding process.
 - Matt Johnson states he will provide a new quote tomorrow for just the cost of the roof.

- Councilman Hoskins asks if the Homeland Security has a big bearing on what has to be done to the building. Matt Johnson says “no”.
- Library – Jackie Covington
 - June was a flea market sale – made \$60 on outdated books
 - A/C unit went out again - bad contactor
 - Wants reimbursed for parts & labor, and for air filters in the amount of \$239.99.
 - Motion made by Councilman Harris to reimburse the library in the amount of \$239.99 for costs of repairing A/C unit, seconded by Councilman McKinney. All in favor, motion passed.
 - Sump pump was not working in basement; Councilman Hoskins suggests checking it to see if it’s working.
 - Councilman Hill would like to have an estimate to elevate A/C unit/furnace. Jackie Covington states it will be a \$65 charge to have them come out. Council suggests seeing if the sump pump is working, and tabling having a company come out to give an estimate at this time.
- Police Department (Marshal Ray Hieston)
 - * see attached: Monthly report
 - Ray Hieston apologizes for not being at the June 10, 2015 board meeting as he had his Mondays mixed up.
 - Has taken care of the two pit bulls that keep getting loose
 - Ray Hieston would like to know what the boundary lines are in the Town lot, as well as the rules. Councilman Hill states no overnight parking, cars for sale, as well as semi’s parking overnight. Councilman Hill states to his knowledge the boundaries are 5ft off the property.
 - Ray Hieston would like to know what steps to take after he informs owner of the no overnight parking. Councilman Hill states tow at owner’s expense.
 - Ray Hieston states there is not a current ordinance in regards to parking over there and there needs to be one.
 - Melanie Lietz would like the hours posted of what is considered “overnight” i.e. 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
 - Councilman Hoskins has a list of properties that need to be cleaned up.
 - Councilman Hill also wants to enforce the weed ordinance.
 - Ray Hieston will contact the owner to mow the property at Batts old house that was torn down. If not then the utility employees will mow it and a bill will be sent to the property owner.
 - Councilman Hill asked if anybody was working the night of July 4th. States loud fireworks were going off until approximately 1:30 a.m.
 - Individual would like to know the procedure of how to list an individual that needs to be cited for ordinance violations. Councilman Hill states that they need to go to the Clerk’s office so it can be enforced.
 - Councilman Hill would like to know the status of the grant that Caleb is working on. Ray Hieston states Caleb is still working on it and will be at next month’s meeting to present on it.
- Fire Department (Jim Caldwell)
 - No one in attendance.

- Open –
 - Heavy trash pickup will be 8-8-2015, Saturday from 8 a.m. – noon.
 - Yvonne Childers would like to know if the Town fogs. Nathan Reed states the county has before, but the Town does not.
 - Clerk-Treasurer states a company is coming in tomorrow to install credit card machine, and the link will be posted to the Town's website for individuals to pay their utility bill, or any other fee.
 - Councilman Hill states that the Town website has been switched off for some reason and is up for renewal in August.
 - Councilman Hill reads letter from Witham Health for public safety officers to get free vaccines.
 - Matt Johnson, would like to know if there is an update when the sidewalks will be re- one. Nathan Reed states it is supposed to start the middle of September 2016.

- Claims –
 - Councilman McKinney motions to approve claims, seconded by Councilman Hoskins. All in favor, motion passed.
 - Councilman Hill states Suzy Bass is still reconciling 2012, 2013, and 2014. An attorney has notified the Town that there will be a tax lien filed against the Town.
 - Individual asks "how can this be prevented in the future?" Councilman Hill states there is no real direct, but an indirect way of monitoring the person that is in the position.
 - Janice Janitz presents the individuals that have delinquent accounts still on the books that could be cleared off according to the IC Code, that states you can do a write-off policy for \$40 or under. There is a 6 year limitation with collection agency. If you go through an attorney there is no limitation.
 - Councilman Hoskins motions to remove \$35.44 from delinquent accounts, seconded by Councilman Harris. All in favor, motion passed.
 - Paperwork presented to Council from London Witte Group to complete fixed assets for Town, and Utilities. Councilman Hoskins, motions to approve London Witte Group to complete fixed assets, seconded by Councilman Harris. All in favor, motion passed.

- With no further business to discuss Councilman McKinney motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilman Harris, all in favor, motion passed at 8:23 p.m. Next regular council meeting September 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM with location to be at the Advance Volunteer Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President