

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE TOWN HALL

March 12, 2018

7:00 PM

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Council Members: Matt Johnson, Melody Fry, Dale Thompson, and Jim Caldwell

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshal: Brad Thomas

Attendees: Council Members: President Matt Johnson, Melody Fry, Dale Thompson, and Jim Caldwell

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Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson (absent)

Others in attendance: David Gregory, Jeff Hopper, Dan Bewley, Lisa Henry, Molly Whitehead and Keith Cromwell

President Johnson called to order the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A Moment of Silence for Deputy Pickett, Sydney Foster, Lance Oldham and Alyssa Melton

President Johnson thanked PD and FD.

Rules of Order read by President Johnson

President Johnson discussed the Benefit Dinner/Ride to be held on April 14, 2018

Molly Whitehead, Executive Director, Boone EDC spoke

Ms. Whitehead is a lifelong resident of Boone County residing in Lebanon. The EDC is a public and private funded non-profit organization. The goal of EDC is to increase the assessed value of properties while keeping property rates low by bringing businesses to the community.

In April, she and Ben Worrell would like to check out properties in Advance, to bring businesses; big or small and get a shovel ready game plan developed.

The EDCs involvement depends on the Town including attendance to Town meetings and being involved in the Town.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2018. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Police – Brad Thomas, Marshall

Marshall Thomas discussed success of after school program and need of more space. Submitted BIDs for grants to update the Conservation Club in conjunction with local churches.

Interdiction class will be attended in May to stop drug traffic and generate revenue to Town.

Police Truck to be completed soon and costs of outfitting discussed.

Councilman Caldwell requested backlog time to complete.

President Johnson discussed a structural engineer assessed Town building to repair stairs and there was a column shifted but not a critical issue. Council awaiting engineers report.

Speed signs are gone and speed has not changed.

To make the restroom ADA compliant would be \$1500.00.

Town to purchase a Con-Ex box for equipment in the Conservation Club and equipment needs to be moved.

Request to Travel: Initial request by department was for \$2500.00 and new request was for \$3223.40. Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the request to travel for \$3223.40. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

President Johnson stated that the budget will be gone over with CT Johnson.

Discussions ensued.

Claim filed for missing radio for \$4000.00.

Clerk-Treasurer – President Johnson

No comments were presented on Fund or Appropriation reports.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the adjustments in the amount of \$322.26. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Councilman Caldwell abstained.

Internal Controls are still being worked on.

Answering Services are still being researched.

Still awaiting Exit Conference with SBOA.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to receipt back in check #10855 to Menards for \$26.87. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to pay INDOT for the SR 75 Project in the amount of \$49,900.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Ray's Trash attempted to increase billing in Fuel Surcharge. No notification was given to the Town and no response has been given. Discussion ensued that there was no fuel increase lately. The solid waste was attempted to be increased and per contract this could not be increased. The Contract expires in August. Until clarification of this billing is made, the prior rate will be paid by CT. If any further issues arise with Rays the Council will address in the future. Discussion ensued.

UMAC- President Johnson read report

Water usage for February was 758,000 and billed was 825,717 gallons. President Johnson is awaiting the Cross Connection Ordinance for IDEM. The fire hydrant meter was delivered.

The sewer plant experienced a lot of flow/over 100,000 gallons and plant is rated at 39,000.

Mr. Elless is checking with Gary Ladd on clarifier issue.

ISC – President Johnson read report

Work done in February: 4 service requests and two poles engineered for replacement. No emergencies were in February. Trees are being evaluated.

Having ISC here in Utility building is leading to quicker response times for issues.

Hopper- President Johnson read report

Discussion was held on catch basins.

Work done in February: Septic checked/pumping, utility shut-offs, parts moved to Town building water leaks repair and American flags hung.

AIM dinner was successful and contacts were made with SBOA.

Councilman Caldwell gave an update on the Solar Park including tax abatements.

Park – Dan Bewley

The closing of the Library needs to have a date that works with everyone.

The restroom work would begin Saturday March 17, 2018/electrical.

The parking lot lights were still not working. Park Logo was voted and approved and will be branded into equipment.

President Johnson questioned who would be mowing. Mr. Bewley stated that as of now, Hopper would be ok unless anyone would bring a quote to review.

President Johnson stated he wanted a budget from the Park Department and the approved budget was \$38,000 for 2018.

Shelter rental fees are in the works as well as bi-laws.

Fire – Keith Cromwell presented

For the month of February there were 8 EM, 2 MVAs, 1 Fire, 3 alarms and 1 public.

Councilman Caldwell discussed ISO ratings being done.

Claims:

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the claims for March 12, 2018 in the amount of \$131,723.66. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Old Business:

Changes to the Employee Handbook were tabled.

Agreement for water and tap fees were tabled. Discussion ensued.

Employee Insurance Stipend was tabled.

Discussion was made regarding Deputy utilizing personal vehicle to do meter readings. Councilman Thompson questioned how many miles the Deputy drove. Deputy Kellogg stated she keeps a mileage log of miles driven.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve mileage expenses be paid to Deputy Kellogg for any Town purposes at the State mileage rate of \$.38 per the AMC. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

BIDS opened for lease of ground at the Water Tower. President Johnson opened one BID from IMPA and read BID.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to accept BID for \$505.87 annually to lease the 2.13 acres at 303 W. Wall St. for 50 years with five renewal terms with earnest check of \$25.00 given with the BID. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Police department requested \$1707.77 to outfit the new police car not including a computer and base.


Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve purchase of police equipment for the new truck at \$1707.77. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.


Councilman Caldwell stated a contract needed to be made with whoever harvests hay for the town at the sewer plant. Discussion ensued would be tabled until the following month.

Billing Disputes

No billing disputes presented.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:31.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President