

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE TOWN HALL

October 9, 2018

7:00 PM

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

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshal: Brad Thomas

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

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Others in attendance: David Gregory, Jeff Hopper, Dan Bewley, Lisa Henry, Nancy Hopper, Keith Cromwell, Linda Randle, Gerald Randle, Ed Charleton, Troy Elless and Matt Stumm.

President Johnson called to order the Council Meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Rules of Order**

**Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 18, 2018 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Police – Marshal Thomas**

Marshal Thomas stated the WAM Report would be moved to another area and reported separately.

A recall was placed on the Police Truck and that is being addressed.

38 runs were completed in September and 13 were animal related. Hannah with BCSD assisted with some of the runs. 11 runs were with one resident, others were fraud, harassment, civil, medical and papers served. No property or violent crimes committed. He feels Advance is a safe place to live.

Discussion ensued regarding specific resident in town.

Pastor Ed Charleton spoke regarding WAM and he thanked the Town, Councilman Caldwell and the AVFD. September 10 was open in the Conservation Club. Attendance weekly averages 40/50 each day. Need volunteers and training will be on 10-16-18. October 28, 2018 will be an open house from 2 – 5 p.m. Grant monies were received from Boone REMC for a bus shelter and approvals will be completed.

Discussion ensued regarding a bus shelter.

M. Thomas stated 4 volunteers attended suicide training.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to advertise the lease for the average of two appraisals once CT receives. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson**

No comments were presented on Fund or Appropriation reports.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve adjustments for -276.25 for September 2018. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Internal Controls are still being completed and security cameras are in to be placed. Office is still researching phone answering services.

REACHAlert: please sign up if you haven't yet.

The Community Crossings Grant application was submitted September 27, 2018.

The Clerk-Treasurer's office will now close at 3:30 on Mondays.

Mr. Babyak paid back the \$1300.00 to the Town for work not done on 10-09-2-18. President Johnson commended Mr. Babyak for returning the money and that it spoke to his character.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve Hopper invoice for \$2193.50. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Troy Elless – UMAC:**

The Town had an IDEM pop-up inspection.

Mr. Elless presented skirting quotes. JC questioned who would be recommended. Mr. Elless stated stainless.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the stainless quote for \$6241.00 and the Smart Manufacturing quote for \$9576.00 for a total of \$15817.00, with additional costs to Hopper to keep location dry. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Councilman Thompson abstained.

CT Johnson stated Councilman Thompson will need to complete a Conflict of Interest form.

Mr. Elless will do an end of year loss report. Samples that came back from water testing have been good. Flow tests were completed, chlorine is working well, and boil orders have come back satisfactory. President Johnson questioned how IDEM inspection went, and Mr. Elless advised ok and they are aware of the skirting issue.

Mr. Elless presented the lab supplies from the Town for \$500.00 including glassware, Idex sealer, incubator and scale.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to sell lab equipment for \$500.00 to UMAC. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Hopper - Keith Cromwell:**

In the month of September, mowing and movement of equipment to Connex Box was done. Line locates, work orders, septic pumping, attended a meeting, disconnect of service and repairs of Calumet errors were completed.

Discussion ensued of moving road grindings ensued.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to have millings placed on Sewer plant road, Oak Street and the Park entrance, pending what monies are in MVH/LRS to pay remainder. Councilman Thompson seconded.

Discussion of Hopper rolling the millings concurred.

**IMPA/ISC – President Johnson read report:**

In the month of September, 4 service requests were completed and 2 poles were engineered. Work at Co-Alliance was completed as well as three services were added or removed per customer requests. Tree trimming was completed. Plant growth management: contractors have been contacted and there is minimal growth. Trimming is to be done the end of 2018, beginning of 2019.

**Fire – Keith Cromwell:**

For the month of September the Fire Department had 13 EM, 1 MVA, 2 Standby and 1 SRT Standby.

**Solar Park Update:**

Councilman Caldwell advised the Solar Park ribbon cutting would be October 24, 2018 beginning at either 1 or 1:15 for the elementary children to meet the school schedule.

President Johnson read the sign placement proposal from IMPA.

Councilman Thompson made a motion for IMPA to install Solar Park signage as recommended by IMPA, located at the fence and driveway. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Park – Dan Bewley:**

Mr. Bewley presented Eagle Scout, Dylan Petro, will be placing a concrete pad at the concession stand and is awaiting funds to lay the pad.

The RC Park is still awaiting dirt for the track(s). The oval track has been staked off.

CT Johnson advised the Additional Appropriation was approved.

The 9 hole golf course is on hold.

Fundraising with Papa Johns is being researched. Twenty pre-sale pizzas will give the Park a 30% of sales. Lisa Henry stated they wanted to wait until the SR 75 Project was done. Councilman Caldwell stated the project was to wrap up by December 1, 2018, but he would get clarification regarding that.

A wedding was held on October 6, 2018.

Regulations for events will be evaluated.

On October 27, 2018, Halloween will be held in the Park from 7-9 p.m. with festivities including; food made by Marshall Thomas, a bonfire, trunk or treating, and a terror trail run by the local Boy Scout troop. The BCSD gave glow sticks to all communities in Boone County.

Upcoming meetings for the Park Board are October 22, 2018, and November 26, 2018 and no meeting for the Park will be held in December.

**Claims:**

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the claims for October 9, 2018 in the amount of \$73170.74. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Discussion was held regarding the onboarding of Therber, Brock and Associates, LLC. President Johnson stated in light of the situation of the utilities to bring on Steve Brock.

Councilman Caldwell stated he felt like Mr. Brock made a lot of promises he couldn't deliver and it needed to be highly controlled. President Johnson stated CT Johnson was the steward of the funds and would monitor and Mr. Brock came highly recommended from Gary Ladd and others.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the contract from Therber, Brock and Associates, LLC. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion was held to consider New Focus, an HR company to assist the Town with HR regulations. Councilman Thompson questioned why this needed to be done and thought the costs were too high. Councilman Caldwell stated this would be tabled until needed.

CT Johnson stated that no reviews have ever been done on any of the Town employees, and it's the Council's job to review the Police Department and the Council will need to determine how to do that.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve Budget Ordinance 2018-07. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Councilman Caldwell abstained.

ITRON agreement is still pending.

President Johnson began discussions regarding Code Enforcement. Marshall Thomas stated he wanted to do everything the right way including the Town Attorney. He felt the fines written in the Ordinances were undercharged. He also stated he did not have experience in dealing with this. Marshall Thomas stated he was a community policing officer. Marshall Thomas said it would be hard to enforce the codes all at once, and the Town should focus on one at a time. He also stated that vegetation was past the season to enforce and no need to do that at this time. Discussion of having chickens on property ensued. Residents must have an acre of land to have them.

Councilman Caldwell stated we could enlist help from the Health Department.

Councilwoman Fry stated that the junk cars were a huge issue.

Marshall Thomas just wanted to make sure he was compliant doing it the right way.

President Johnson stated things need to be handled simultaneously, because if one infraction is dealt with, there will be outcry, things will settle down, and then once the next infraction is dealt with there will be another outcry. This can be curtailed to a point. As what was done last spring, the Marshall and Deputy to drive around and see what infractions are there.

Marshall Thomas stated he would first speak to residents and then send a letter, and after these steps have been done, then, tickets would be written.

CT Johnson stated when the codification is done then recommendations from American Legal will be given for fees on tickets.

President Johnson stated, we need to clean up the Town, especially with SR 75 Project halfway done and we need to address infractions and clean up the Town.

President Johnson stated the Codes are not just yard and cars, there are codes for safety and the Town needs this done.

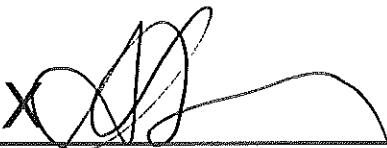
**New Business:**


Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve Gary Ladd PWS reply to Lizton and President Johnson to sign the letter. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**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 20:06.

  
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Clerk Treasurer

  
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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.