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TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE TOWN HALL

July 8, 2019

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 Johnson Melody Fry, Dale Thomspon and Jim Caldwell

Marshal: Brad Thomas

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Dan Bewley, Jeff Hopper, Nancy Hopper, Joe Watts, Lisa Henry and JR Shelton

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rules of Order

**Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 18, 2019 Council Meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept the Special Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2019 meeting. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Police – Marshal Thomas:**

Marshal Thomas stated there were 20 runs in June, 3 were animal related. Seven calls were from one woman in town the Marshall believes to have dementia. Three sex offender checks, two warrant checks and two drive-bys. Marshall Thomas stated again "Advance is the safest town in Boone County."

Code Enforcement is working on a plan with discussion on parking.

June 17<sup>th</sup> is the Public Safety Day from 4-7p.m. for families. Discussion ensued about events.

WAM is increasing power to 200 AMPS.

**Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:**

No comments were presented on Fund or appropriation reports. On the Fund Report, the water utility is close to being out of the red from the beginning of the year being \$-43,000.00 to \$-9500.00. June Water Tower payment comes out July 1, 2019 which is around \$14,000.00.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the CT adjustments for -\$295.95. Councilman Caldwell abstained due to the AVFD adjustment. Councilwoman Fry seconded. President Johnson voted yea. Motion passed.

Internal Controls are in progress. The ADA Compliance Report is with the Council to review and consider at the next meeting.

CT Johnson stated she attended a Cyber Security Training and will be meeting with DLGF to begin the budget process.

Discussion was made for the budget hearing and adoption dates. CT Johnson advised DLGF stated that the sooner budgets can be received, the sooner they can be approved.

The hearing meeting will be September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the budget adoption meeting will be October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

CT Johnson stated she was having issues forwarding calls. She would be ordering new phones to try and remedy the issue.

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

In the month of June with one service requests which was tree trimming with no outages in June. Century Link is still pending. Councilman Caldwell stated a radiation hazard sign needed to be placed including a disconnect point. Wireless is a radiation hazard. This is for the safety of the ISC workers. Everything is still pending with Century Link. No poles were replaced in June. There are two pending to be placed in the future.

Mr. Becker presented a halftime report. To date, 11 poles have been replaced, 99 service requests were completed and 40 power outages occurred. Tree trimming is one of the best processes to do to reduce liability. Mr. Becker stated the town is trending down on outages.

IMPA is checking with Duke on the meter point to address line loss and then checking the meter points with large customers to pin point line loss.

Service requests that were most requested have been security lights and line maintenance and this is common with most communities. The largest culprit for outages was fuses. Mitigation of tree trimming and animal control would help in outages.

Mr. Becker stated monitoring equipment for all communities would show IMPA where outages are and any issues and this is an area IMPA is working towards.

The report only showed outages for the Town's system and not any outages related to Duke Energy. The average outage time is 1.5 hours. CT Johnson questioned if the GIS mapping would assist in the future because of someone being sent out to an emergency and not knowing the Town's system would delay the outage. Mr. Becker concurred.

A future metering system being considered would send notices to IMPA of an outage before the Town would call and a team would already be on the way.

In 2020, three poles are scheduled to be replaced beginning with three phase poles. Tree trimming, as needed, will be done.

Discussion ensued.

A new Operations Manager, Tommy, is replacing Joe Schmidt.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the Assessment Overview with IMPA and authorize President Johnson to sign. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**UMAC – President Johnson read the report:**

For the month of June 2019 reports were unavailable to provide water loss report. The leak at the Water Tower was fixed, a gusset had pulled away. Insulation will be replaced.

A Cyber Security class was attended with CT Johnson.

The Waste Water Plant is running well.

**Hopper – President Johnson read the report:**

In the month of June line locates were done. Weed spraying, mowing and pumping of resident septic systems were done.

Upcoming jobs are to change a meter pit, move a stop sign, burn brush and locate the tile at the Town building.

The Claim with Calumet is still pending until Hoppers investigate.

**IMPA Commissioners Report – Jim Caldwell:**

IMPA is trying to invest in Solar with the goal of 200 megawatts installed as soon as possible. With solar there are no transmission or fuel surcharges. In the next 10 – 15 years, coal may be eliminated. An agreement with IMPA through 2060 may be needed. Five year processes occurs due to regulations. If we sign for the future it will secure our grandchildren having power. Discussion ensued. President Johnson questioned when the new agreement would be available.

**Park – Dan Bewley:**

Mr. Bewley advised cameras should be installed by August 1, 2019. The August meeting was being moved from the 22<sup>nd</sup>, to the 29<sup>th</sup>. The RC Track and scout project are on hold.

**Fire – Councilman Caldwell:**

For the month of June 2019 the Fire Department had 10 EMS runs, 2 MVAs. The tanker report was attached showing training..**Claims:**

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the claims for June 18, 2019 claims in the amount of \$110,867.53. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

ITRON agreement is still pending and iCloud are still pending.

Employee Handbook recommendations were tabled.

Century Link contract is on hold.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion for T.M. Wells to conduct the Capital Asset Ledger for the Town not to exceed \$8500.00 and to provide a detail of services. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to ratify Gary Ladd Engineering Agreement. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Fry motioned to approve engagement letter with Heather James of Ice Miller for the WWTP Project. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**New Business:**

CT Johnson stated the bottom of the stairs from the bottom of the wooden staircase at the Town Hall needed to be repaired.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to get a quote to fix the concrete at the base of the outside stairs at the Town Hall for under \$5000.00. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

President Johnson discussed meeting with Town officials from Thorntown and Jamestown, Dax Norton and Huck Lewis for the Stellar Project Grant. This grant would encompass the western part of Boone County. Considerations of this grant would be considered for a trail, revitalization of downtown, new sidewalks, projects at the Park and a new community center for example. P. Johnson stated any ideas were welcome and this grant would be in the future of 2020. CT Johnson stated regionalization projects/trails would be considered. Discussion ensued.

P. Johnson requested a date for a town informational meeting. The meeting was determined to be July 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at the AVFD. CT Johnson would place an ad in the paper.


**Billing Disputes:**

No disputes were presented.

**Request to Speak:**

No requests to speak were presented.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:00.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019 (**Budget Hearing**) at 7:00 p.m. at the Advance Volunteer Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.