

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE TOWN HALL

October 7, 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 Thompson and Jim Caldwell

Marshal: Brad Thomas

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Dan Bewley, Jeff Hopper, Nancy Hopper, Joe Watts, Lisa Henry, Matt Bowen, Lindsay Hurless, Jason Hurless and Sam Mitchell

President Johnson called to order the Council Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2019 meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Public Hearing Meeting minutes will be drafted for the November meeting.

**Police – Marshal Thomas:**

Mr. Thomas advised there were 23 runs in September and a breakdown of the runs with 10 being calls related to dogs and 3-4 runaways and issues with vandalism of properties.

The previous night there was a drunk driver who went off road and driver had to be tracked in town.

The laptops have not been connected. President Johnson questioned if his paperwork for his working status had been turned in. Councilman Caldwell questioned could he do the job without physically being hurt. M. Thomas stated yes. P. Johnson stated Mr. Maye needs to give the town documentation of what his restrictions are. M. Thomas stated he would get those. Councilwoman Fry stated there were specific questions that could not be asked. M. Thomas is still working to find a deputy but having difficulty finding someone who can pass the background check but he is being particular on who he hires.

CT Johnson stated that DLGF would have information for the Council to review to compare salaries to other municipalities.

M. Thomas questioned about licenses for the cars. M. Thomas checking into air cards with Verizon.

CT Johnson stated she needed job descriptions to be able to run ads in the future.

**Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:**

No comments were presented on Fund or appropriation reports.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve CT adjustments for -\$157.45 for the AVFD. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Councilman Caldwell abstained.

Legal Counsel is reviewing ICs.

CT advised with receipt of SRF Funding a current audit needs to be done and is forthcoming.

Cyber security is up and running.

The Town Hall is closing to complete document purge.

T Johnson read the Budget for 2019-06. Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the Budget for 2019.

Gary Ladd, town engineer, presented a quote for repair at a bridge/ditch, south of town. Due to the timeliness of receipt, CT advised this item would be tabled.

CT advised reduction of MVH presented on news.

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

For the month of September there was repair to the water control system and received a new meter for WW plant and waiting on installation. A deficiency was found on a vacuum breaker and loss report will be presented in October's report as the Clerk's office/billing cycle did not have numbers ready yet.

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

In the month of September, there were 8 service requests, 4 street lights placements and two repairs. Two meters were replaced. There were 0 poles replaced and 0 outages.

**Hopper Excavating- Jeff Hopper read the report:**

Leaks were fixed, mowing, shut offs, WWTP borings, line locates, leak checks, meter installations and septic tank pumping.

Upcoming work is on storm drains.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to repair storm drains across from the Fire Department and at 213 E. Wall for \$3000.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Calumet donated 2 storm drains valued at \$5000.00 each.

A work order needed to be placed to move the utility pole at the town building.

The drain tile was found at the Town building.

Keith Cromwell stated the dump trucks needed to not travel on roads because it's caused deterioration of roads.

Councilman Caldwell presented the IMPA commissioners report. Discussion of diverse renewable power sources and contract extensions ensued.

**Park – Dan Bewley:**

The tracks are done and poles are needed and IMPA needed to be contacted to obtain poles. Requested names for tracks and can be done on FB.

A building permit is being obtained for the driver's stand. If there are donations, can signs be made? It was determined yes. The scout project for pouring the concession stand pad is still pending. The culprit for getting in the trash was a 40 pound dog.

CT had inspector out at park with Ms. Henry to check out equipment. Equipment will be fixed as it can. CT stated extra railings needed to be placed for safety.

Truck-or-Treat is to be held on October 26, 2019. Plans are to have a K-9 present, the scout terror trail and people with trunks.

A grant is pending with Solid Waste.

**Fire – Keith Cromwell:**

For the month of September 2019 the Fire Department had 11 EMS runs, 3 MVAs, 5 Fires, 2 alarms and one lockout.

**Claims:**

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the claims for October 7, 2019 in the amount of \$80,632.23. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

ITRON agreement is still pending and ICloud were tabled.

Employee Handbook recommendations were tabled.

Century Link contract is tabled.

Councilman Caldwell discussed work done for Mr. Ward approved for the town to bill Mr. Ward for all of Hopper Excavating hours spent at property.

**New Business:**

Ed Charleton stating that a recycled bench from the solid waste was received by WAM and requested the book station be relocated and the bench be placed in the green space behind the Town Hall under the tree. The Council consented.

**Billing Disputes:**

CT requested P. Johnson address utility concerns at 210 N. Main. St. The residents at the time, kept delaying assistance meetings and utilities weren't shut off.

**Request to Speak:**

Keith Cromwell stated Advance Community Christian Church would be in concert on October 20, 2019 at 10:20. There are flyers and CT stated to place the flyers at the hall.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:44.

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Clerk-Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2019 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the Advance Volunteer Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.