

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE TOWN HALL

February 10, 2020

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 Fry, Matt Johnson, Dale Thompson and Jim Caldwell

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Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Jeff Hopper, Nancy Hopper, Steve Brock, Keith Cromwell, Ed Charleton, Dan Bewley and Lisa Henry

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 22, 2020 meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Police – Marshal Thomas

Marshall Thomas advised in the month of January, there were 15 runs, 6 were related to a custody issue. Other runs included theft and animal runs.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

CT advised fund and appropriation report will be presented when adjustments are made and year is rolled over.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve adjustments for January in the amount of \$-5590.08. Councilman Johnson seconded. Motion passed. Councilman Caldwell abstained.

CT Johnson requested any recommendations for the codification be sent to her by the end of February.

The SRF Loan did not close due to IDEM not granting permits for the WWTP project. Mr. Ladd is submitting amendments for the project.

There are utility write-offs that need to be done, but CT Johnson wants to review them, before presenting to the Council.

Councilman Thompson approved the Clerk-Treasurer's request to travel for the ILMCT Spring Conference in Muncie for the estimate of \$938.32. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson stated she and Councilman Johnson attended the OCRA awards presentation.

President Fry stated the Town Hall needed to be remodeled. CT Johnson agreed, but the roof leaking needed to be fixed before work could begin.

Internal Controls are still pending.

UMAC – President Fry read the report:

For the month of January usage was 823,000 and billed was 657,240 leaving a difference of 165,760 gallons or a 20% loss. More generator issues/damage arose. A water loss report will be due by August with AWWA. No issues to report and there have been no violations.

Discussion ensued about handling power outages and backup generators.

Hopper Excavating- Keith Cromwell read the report:

Hanging wires were cut off of utility poles. Shut-offs, locates, septic pumping, salt and plowing of roads, town hall hallway lights repaired and fixing a meter pit were also done. Future projects are cleaning and rising of meter pits.

IMPA/ISC – President Fry read report:

In the month of January, there were 3 service requests. De-energized lines were removed. Security lights were replaced. No utility poles were replaced in the month of January. There was one outage at 1808 S. SR 75 with a downed power line and power was restored.

IMPA Commissioner's Report – Councilman Caldwell:

Legislation is going back and forth on electric and long range goals were discussed for reductions.

Park – Dan Bewley read:

The Park is working on a logo for the AC Park. A driver's stand needs to be built and proper permits need to be obtained. Races in May are anticipated.

A Gator had been found for the Park with 153 hours of use for \$5500.00 and a hitch is on the back. CT Johnson questioned the gator purchase as discussions had ensued last fall for all departments and a cab on the top for the deputy to read meters. President Fry questioned why the Town couldn't have their own gator.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion for the Park Board purchase a gator for \$5500.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

To get the track open in May, purchases such as rollers and rakes will need to be purchased.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For the month of January 2020 the Fire Department had 13 EMS runs, 1 fire alarm, 1 fires and 1 power line down.

Claims:

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the claims for February 10, 2020 in the amount of \$127,559.74. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Old Business:

ITRON agreement is still pending and ICloud were tabled.

Employee Handbook recommendations were tabled and due by April 2020.

Century Link contract is tabled. The Town is awaiting reply from Century Link for Pole Attachment rates.

The Capital Assets project is still pending.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the IMPA Tracking Factor for the first quarter of 2020 of .003457. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

President Fry discussed violation letters going out by the end of the month for code enforcement.

Dan Bewley with the Parks Department stated there had been a leak in the new building, and that was being addressed.

New Business:

Marshal Thomas requested permission to occupy his new restaurant while it is being remodeled. He stated the fire marshal, Mike Baird, gave him an occupancy notice but M. Thomas could not cook in the location yet. Rachel Cardis, with the APC, wouldn't accept his permit because blueprints weren't done yet. Councilman Johnson questioned that the Fire inspector stated he was "good to go", but the health department stated it couldn't be occupied, and permits from the state to put in the kitchen? M. Thomas stated all people were doing was eating in the restaurant.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion for Jawbone LLC to occupy his building until permits are in from the health department. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve EDC contract for \$1000.00 for 2020. Councilman Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion for President Fry to be signatory for EDC agreement. Councilman Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Billing Disputes:

None requested.

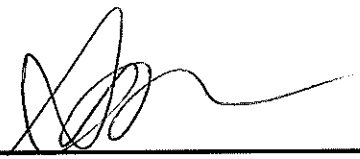
Request to Speak:

Ed Charleton requested to upgrade the attic insulation and replace vents.

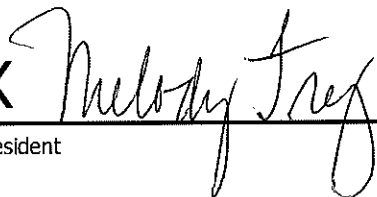
Councilman Caldwell made a motion to for WAM to insulate and rework fans. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding swing sets being installed.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:37.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2020 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the Advance Volunteer Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.