

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE TOWN HALL

October 13, 2020

7:00 PM

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Council Members: Melody Fry, Dale Thompson, Amanda Lyles and Jim Caldwell

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshal: Brad Thomas

Attendees: Council Members: President Fry, Amanda Lyles, Dale Thompson and Jim Caldwell

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Others in attendance: Carla Kellogg, Courtney with SBNS, Lisa Henry, Dan Bewley, JR Shelton, John Demaree, Keith Cromwell, Jeff Hopper, Shawn Hitch, Joe Watts, Elise Neishalla and Mike Luciani.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

President Fry questioned if anyone had any concerns about the 2021 Budget. No comments presented.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget for the Town of Advance. Amanda Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the Purchase Order for Anixter for \$57,160.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor motion passed.

****Councilman Thompson left the meeting due to illness. A quorum still presided****

Elise Neishalla - Boone County Council

Councilwoman Neishalla presented a map of (weight rated) culverts that are going to be improved near the Advance area. This work will take place in the next 7-8 years.

C. Neishalla stated she was working on visiting each municipality during the fall.

CT Johnson asked many questions. She questioned if Boone County partook in the Wheel Tax and if not, why?

Councilwoman Neishalla stated Boone did not participate and that the tax was regressive and not an indicator of wealth. CT stated she was questioning due to the town's small revenue base ways to increase the town's revenues.

C. Neishalla stated Boone County has the lowest tax rate in the state. The maximum growth quotient is at 4.3% and that the county is growing at a faster rate. Assessed values are growing at a faster rate and can only collect a rate based on last year's revenue and this in turn pushes the rate down. County worked to appeal for revenue and fell short. A debt service levy will be assessed.

CT Johnson questioned if the County participated in the TRECS program? She was advised yes and Councilwoman Neishalla will forward information regarding. Mike Luciani, introduced himself and will be running for County Auditor.

CT Johnson swore in John Demaree as Reserve Deputy.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 14, 2020. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the invoices and payment from SRF for Ladd Engineering of \$2515.00 and OCRA funds release for \$142,247.10 for Graves Construction. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to change appropriation numbers on Resolution 2020-02 from 101001395 to 101001394. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Fry read Gary Ladd's engineering update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant and on the Wells Ditch Project.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve claims for October in the amount of \$120,632.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

UMAC: President Fry read report

For September, the gallons pumped were 1,053,000 and billed gallons were 791,473 leaving a difference of 261,527 gallons or 25%. The water work south of town contributed to this. The generator repairs are complete at water plant. Boil orders were completed and The Well Head

Protection Plan has been submitted. The lift station south of town has been having issues and it is being worked on.

Hopper Excavating- Jeff Hopper read the report:

Locates, septic pumping, mowing, patching holes, turning on utilities, jetted manhole, met with INDOT on punch list were completed in September.

IMPA/ISC, President Fry read:

For September, there were no work requests, no poles placed and no power outages.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For September, there were 9 EMS, 1 fire alarm, 2 MVAs, 3 Fires, and one Public Assist.

Park – Dan Bewley:

RC tracks are complete. Driver's stand should be delivered on before the 24th. An estimate was obtained for an ADA compliant sidewalk from concession stand to driver's stand.

EDC Day of Service brought Ken's Foods out to the park to partner in cleaning up the park.

The Terror Trail would be done again by Boy Scouts on October 24, 2020 with trunk-or-treating and food. Non-scary hours would be 6-7 and scary would be 7-9.

The park had hoped to give cash prizes to category winners and CT stated she didn't know the regulations with a cash base and SBOA. M. Thomas questioned if the cash prizes be donated and CT Johnson stated she would donate the funds for the prizes.

CDC regulations were discussed.

Mr. Bewley stated Home National Bank wanted to donate money to the park.

Mr. Bewley asked if funds were available for cameras and CT Johnson stated next year. The poles will be set for the cameras now and purchase cameras later.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve a sidewalk be put in at Park if the funds are available. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion that whenever the utility building sells that ¼ of the proceeds be donated to the Parks Department. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Police – Marshal Thomas:

Marshal Thomas presented 14 runs were done in the month of September with more serious cases being run. There is a runaway M. Thomas is trying to catch and filed a warrant. (from August cont'd.) Presented to prosecutor and this situation was 6 of the 14 runs for the month.

Batt's checks were confiscated and tracked down.

M. Thomas is contacting Whitestown for sale of another Tahoe to the Town for \$10.00, and it needs to be approved.

Reserves will participate in ride-alongs with other police departments to get exposure to things that they may not see in town.

M. Thomas requested to send Reserve Shawn Hitch to FTO school in Delaware in 2021. President Fry stated mileage would need to be included.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to pay for Reserve Hitch to attend FTO school for \$495.00, and \$96.00 a night. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Letters have been sent out for Code Enforcement and M. Thomas questioned the Council: what is enough to clean up yard to satisfy the Council? Discussion ensued.

IMPA Commissioner's Report – Councilman Caldwell

Councilman Caldwell stated that carbon emissions need to be reduced. IMPA generates 5.2 million tons of carbon. The Clean Air Act is going to add \$15.00 a ton costs by 2025 and \$15.00 will be added each year after. This would increase utility rates at 60 to 70 cents a Kilowatt.

IMPA has plans to reduce carbon rates using solar power, purchasing wind, turbine generators (green hydrogen using wind and hydrogen to produce energy) or natural gas. IMPA is looking for updated technology to improve and working to shut down coal plants.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

CT presented Ordinances to the Council that were found that were missing do and requested that codification be paused until the clean-up done.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to allow changes to codifications including costs. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

No discussion regarding Fund or Appropriation Report was presented and the Fund Report has reached over a million in revenues. Funds were read and discussed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve adjustments of \$-677.92 for September. Councilman Caldwell seconded. President Fry voted aye, and Councilman Caldwell abstained on the fire adjustment but approved others.

Internal Controls pending, unpaid utility bills and write offs

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to repair the Post Office restroom floor and the middle room in the town hall to place files for \$2500.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson presented concerns of the angled parking by grass lot and the hazards. Marshal Thomas stated it shouldn't be a problem and if parking became a problem, the lot would be reviewed at that time.

CT Johnson presented the IPEP AD & D benefits for all town employees. Keystone reports would be used if there was ever a claim made to verify employment. No information needed to be given to IPEP.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve Hopper invoice of \$4010.00 to remove the sidewalk in the front of the town building and be billable in 2021. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the amended invoice from Trent Heat and Cooling for \$6121.85 and for President Fry to sign. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Old Business:

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to accept the \$4500.00 fees due from Century Link for back payments on pole rentals. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion ensued. President Fry stated she would email legal counsel regarding.

New Business:

President Fry questioned if signs-ups were needed for the trunk-or-treat. Mr. Bewley stated they could show up. Trick-or-Treating was discussed. President Fry suggested trick-or-treating on the 31st would be from 5-7 p.m. and follow CDC Guidelines. President Fry stated she would place information on the chatter pages about both days.

Billing Disputes:

None were presented.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:14.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2020 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the Advance Volunteer Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.