

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE TOWN HALL

November 9, 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: Keith Cromwell, Jeff Hopper, Dan Bewley, Lisa Henry, Aaron Johnson and Shaw Traub with Hoosier RC Racers

President Fry called to order the Council Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 13, 2020. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the invoices and payment from SRF for Ladd Engineering of \$2515.00 and Graves Construction Services for \$156,890.00 and OCRA funds release for \$65,480.85 for Graves Construction Services. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve payment to TSW for \$76,805.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve and for President Fry to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Wells-Ditch Project. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

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

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve claims for November in the amount of \$172,320.70. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Park – Dan Bewley:

Mr. Bewley thanked everyone for supporting the Trail of Terror and there was a great turnout.

The driver's stand was delivered and sidewalk completed. Two clubs contacted the Park's Department about the RC Track and donations.

The Park Department is anticipated to hold a Grand Opening Race in May.

The Home National Bank donated \$5000.00 to the Park.

Work to be done: install more cameras, get slides repaired, stone for parking lot, a fencing system with treated posts/chains and have trees cut down.

President Fry has ability to get millings for the park if they would want to utilize it. Discussion ensued.

Discussion returned to the RC track. There would be no charge to use the track unless there is a sanctioned race.

Mr. Bewley discussed all the improvements and work the Park board has done since 2017.

Councilwoman Lyles questioned if kids could be taught how to build the cars. Aaron Johnson and Shaw Traub from Hoosier RC Racers discussed how they work with the community and the kids to grow the RC Hobby. Discussion ensued.

UMAC: President Fry read report

For October 2020, the gallons pumped were 899,000 and billed gallons were 762,106 leaving a difference of 136,894 gallons or 15%. A new valve is needed at the plant. WWTP is moving forward. For the Well-Head Protection Plan, an annual meeting needs to take place to maintain compliance and make the 5 year report run more smoothly.

CT Johnson discussed the Well-Head Protection Plan and cost involved. She stressed per conversations with Mr. Elless, that annual meetings to discuss the Well-Head would help completing future reports.

Hopper Excavating- Jeff Hopper read the report:

Locates, septic pumping, mowing, turning on utilities, disconnects, raised manhole and valve boxes for paving and installing a keypad at the Town Hall were completed in October.

IMPA/ISC, President Fry read:

For October, there was one work request; replacing a security light. No poles were replaced and there was one partial power outage restored on 10-16-2020.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For October, there were 12 EMS, 3 MVAs, 6 Fires, and one Public Assist.

IMPA Commissioner's Report – Councilman Caldwell

Councilman Caldwell stated not much was changing with his report.

Green cars are being considered as well as types of charging stations.

Councilman Caldwell discussed the sale of the Utility Building. The appraisals done listed the building at \$165,000.00 and \$152,500.00.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the appraisals and list an advertised amount of the average of the two for \$156,250.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion of a tax abatement for the building ensued.

Police – Marshall Brad Thomas

There were 13 runs in October and most were on one individual. There were no runs with violent tendencies. Fire alarms, warrants, dog runs and a suspicious person.

Uniforms have been purchased.

The training academy has not responded to calls.

President Fry read Resolution 2020-04.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2020-04 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-04. Councilman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Marshal Thomas discussed the new Tahoe had a motor fan issue which caused water to stand in the Tahoe and this needed to be repaired.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve repairs on the new Tahoe for approximately \$1000.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

No discussion regarding Fund or Appropriation Report.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve adjustments of \$-298.35 for October. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Fry voted aye, and Councilman Caldwell abstained on the fire adjustment but approved others.

Internal Controls, unpaid utility bills and write offs tabled.

Councilman Thompson questioned payment and completion of ADA Transition Plan. Discussion ensued that many funding sources may not grant funds if reporting requirements aren't met.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve Ladd Engineering Agreement for the Town ADA Plan for \$4500.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve Keystone Agreement for 2021 in the amount of \$7255.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Agreement for Joint Use of Poles with Century Link and for President Fry to sign the agreement. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding the Town utilizing natural gas.

CT Johnson advised 1782 Notices would be sent to several Council members and should be arriving any day.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion for the Town to transfer Bank accounts from State Bank of Lizton (SBL) to North Salem State Bank (NSSB) with consideration of the bank obtaining the water tower loan at a cheaper interest rate. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson discussed TRECS and advised more information would be forthcoming.

Old Business:

CT Johnson questioned where the demolition of the trailer stood. Discussion of Don Starcher completing the teardown ensued. Councilman Caldwell requested the CT to contact legal counsel to see if a reasonable amount of time passes and no progress is made, if the town could tear down the trailer and chargeback the landowner.

A brief discussion ensued regarding an increase of a trash rate to cover the costs of weekly removal and the annual heavy trash day; as well as discussion of Smith's Trash recommendation for the Park to obtain a dumpster.

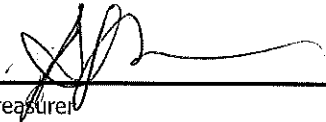
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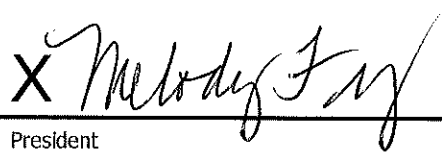
Nothing presented.

Billing Disputes:

None were presented.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:11.

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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.