

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

January 11, 2021

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

Marshal: Not present

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Gary Ladd, Jeff Hopper and Marshal Thomas attended via Zoom

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order – President Fry did not discuss as no additional residents attended.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson swore in Councilman Caldwell and Councilman Thompson for another term.

President Fry closed the Council Meeting and opened the Public Hearing to read BIDS presented timely for the hearing regarding the sale of the Town's Utility Building on South Street. Councilman Thompson made a motion to open the hearing and Councilwoman Lyles seconded.

IMPA was the only presented BID. Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept the BID of \$158,750.00 from the Indiana Municipal Power Agency and the enclosed required payment of 5% towards the sale of \$7937.30. President Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the purchase agreement from IMPA and for President Fry to sign the agreement. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Public hearing was closed by President Fry and the regular Council meeting was reopened.

Gary Ladd – Ladd Engineering:

Mr. Ladd gave a progress report for work done by Graves at the WWTP and the project is ahead of schedule with effluent running, walls were insulated, and pipe supports done. Discussion regarding laterals that Nathan Reed, former Water/WW Superintendent, said they lines were done. Mr. Ladd stated he would verify with Mr. Troy Elless, Water/WW Operator, if he has record of work being done.

Councilwoman Lyle made a motion to approve Jeff Hopper, with Hopper Excavating to inspect manhole covers and inspect any areas in fields for potential leaks. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding if the Town had an Ordinance that spoke to sump pump connections and the town having authorization to inspect these areas.

Mr. Hopper stated once Graves installed a fire hydrant out by the sewer plant, a shut off valve would need to be placed. And the estimated cost would be \$1000.00. Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the purchase of a shut off valve for \$1000.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. Councilman Thompson voted aye, and Councilman Caldwell abstained. Motion was carried.

Discussion was carried on what the Council would like to have done at the plant if there were contingency funds remaining. Discussion of a new generator at the plant, a new generator for the lift station at the elementary school, and a fence placed at the South Street lift station.

President Fry moved billing disputes up in the agenda-

Brad and Jennifer Bucy presented the board with an outstanding bill due to a leak at the East Wall Street Christian Church and asked for a forgiveness on the portion due. Discussion of the Town's proactive measures to notify the Bucy's the day it was discovered during readings. Hopper Excavating checked on lines on the Town's side for a leak and found none. Concern was raised that the town did their due diligence early with the leak but no contact had been made with the office until shut off day to rectify the issue.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve an estimated average of water and sewage and forgive the overage. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. Councilman Caldwell voted aye and President Fry voted nay. Motion carried.

President Fry stated that the Council needed to stop giving sewer credits due to the sewer project happening and to cover rates.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 28, 2020. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the invoices and payment from SRF for Ladd Engineering of \$2515.00 and Graves Construction Services for \$61043.00 and OCRA funds release for \$42419.15 for Graves Construction Services. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for, 2020 in the January 11, in the amount of \$89,151.03. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Park:

No report was presented as Park Board did not meet in December.

Hopper Excavating – Jeff Hopper:

Work completed in December was a leak fixed, line locates done, intersections salted and read meters. Councilwoman Lyles asked about removing snow when the state snowplows go through and Mr. Hopper advised it could be done.

IMPA – President Fry read report:

For December, three service requests were completed: 2 security lights and 1 low hanging wires. One pole was replaced due to outage and there were a total of three outages.

UMAC – President Fry read report:

In December 737,000 gallons were pumped and 883,943 were billed for a gain of 146,943. A new valve will be installed in February. The water loss audit was completed. DNR reports will be due in March. Items on contingency have been discussed with Gary Ladd, Project Engineer.

Fire – Councilman Caldwell read report:

For the month of December, the fire department had 5 EMS, 5 MVAs, 1 Fire, 1 Co-detector, and 2 were cancelled.

Councilman Caldwell discussed that a food pantry was going to begin on January 18, 2021 called, AVFD2 (squared). Advance was mentioned in the IMPA newsletter.

IMPA Commissioners Report – Councilman Caldwell stated there was nothing to report, and the town is moving forward with the AMI Meter installation.

Councilman Thompson stated that the Acton house would need the transformers reviewed at that location.

Police – Marshall Brad Thomas:

M. Thomas stated that for the year 2020 there were 197 runs, and many were animal control that Hannah from the Sheriff's department responded to. Discussion ensued on what types of runs happened in 2020.

Discussion regarding Reserve Hitch attending FTO (Field Training Officer) in Delaware ensued. CT Johnson questioned the Council if a travel request could be presented?

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve a request to travel for Reserve Hitch to attend FTO Training in Delaware for \$1624.00 and use the Town credit card for food purchases and hotel expenses. President Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

CT Johnson stated she was working to make all corrections and roll 2020 over.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve adjustments of \$-469.75 for December. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Fry voted aye, and Councilman Caldwell abstained on the fire adjustment but approved others.

CT Johnson requested an additional meeting in January for all the work to be completed. January 25, 2021 was scheduled.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest form for Councilman Thompson, owner of Smart Manufacturing, to build and place new handrailing at the Town Hall for \$4313.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to ratify funds spent out of the CCD Fund to cover earnest money needed for the closing of the trailer at 111 S. Main Street in the amount of \$500.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

All other items were tabled.

Old Business:

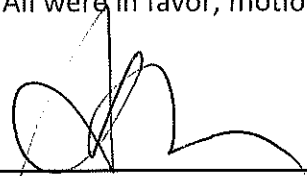
New Business:

Wants for the Town were discussed, and President Fry stated she would like to see NO SOLICITATION SIGNS placed on either end of town.

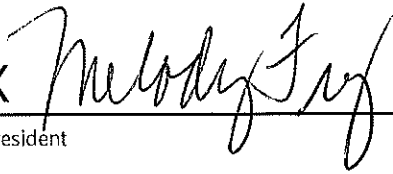
Billing Disputes:

See above documentation.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:24.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2021 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN. (if the county remains in an orange status, the TC Meeting will be held by Zoom and Council will meet at 112 N. Main Street).