

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

May 10, 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

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Others in attendance: Linda Randle, Jody Gietl, Aletha Lumpkin, Dan Bewley, Lisa Henry, Gary Ladd, Joe Watts, Linda Ranney, Jeff Hopper, Nancy Hopper and legal counsel, Amy Noonung.

President Fry called to order the Council Meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Jodie Gietl of the Boone County Community Foundation:

Ms. Gietl gave a brief history about herself and discussed a grant received from Lilly Endowment for \$150,000.00 for leadership. Half or \$75,000.00 is dedicated to leadership and \$75,000.00 will be used to paint murals in the western municipalities in Boone County.

Jamestown will have a mural painted on the auto parts store and the mural for Advance will be on the Batts building. Mr. Batts' request was that the theme was patriotic. The artist who painted on Titus donuts building will be doing the painting of the mural.

Painting would hope to begin in July with residents being able to take part and paint portions of the wall and a party will be held once the mural is completed. Ms. Gietl requested any ideas for the mural be sent to her to cumulate a mural. CT advised town was established in 1872.

Maintenance and upkeep need to be discussed with the artist. CT Johnson stated that she has wanted a mural done in town for years and how exciting it will be.

Gary Ladd, Ladd Engineering – Update on WWTP:

Mr. Ladd stated that not much was going on at the plant because Graves is waiting on equipment. The sludge pump and mixer were started on April 2, 2021, and it is working well.

Graves was requested on the electrical conduit to present information. Upgrades to the plant lift station was \$56,671.20. These upgrades would include pumps, control panel, guide rails, pressure washing and cleaning out, 5 horsepower and control pumps.

Councilman Caldwell stated at that the last meeting, how could costs go from \$5,600.00 to \$56,000.00 and Mr. Ladd stated that was only the cost of the pump.

Councilman Caldwell questioned how much was left in contingency funds? CT Johnson stated \$17,000.00 was left. Councilman Thompson stated it was not right to install less horsepower to the plant. C. Caldwell questioned how long the council had to decide.

Councilman Caldwell stated we needed to have the funds. CT Johnson stated discussions needed to be had. CT stated larger municipalities would get the money by May 11, 2021, and other municipalities by the end of the month. Discussion ensued regarding uses for ARP funding.

Councilman Caldwell stated that the town food pantry could receive funds but not sure how much yet and the council agreed.

Councilman Caldwell questioned if we did not have the money, how long could the project wait?

President Fry announced that the town receive the CCM Grant!

Councilwoman Lyles questioned about residents parking on a new sidewalk on Wall Street where work would be done. Many stated this has been a long-time discussion.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to accept Gary Ladd's BID of \$5,500.00 for CCMG design and bidding phase and \$4,500.00 for the construction phase and for President Fry to sign all documentation with the project. Councilman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussions ensued regarding contractors for project.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the invoices and payment from SRF for Ladd Engineering of \$3265.00 and OCRA funds released for \$122,634.15 to Graves Construction for a total of \$125,899.15 and authorization for President Fry to sign. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 12, 2021. Councilwoman Caldwell seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for May 10, 2021, in the amount of \$213,030.89. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

President Fry read Ordinance 2021-04: An Ordinance to Establish an American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund 176).

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2021-04 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-04. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Park - Dan Bewley Presented:

Mr. Bewley advised the first sanctioned race would be the upcoming weekend at 11:00 a.m.

A rules sign has been made and electricity is done at the concession stand. The lumber WAM had was used for the benches and a water spigot was put in and the park is still waiting on a dumpster.

The Reporter ran an article on the park. On race days, concessions will be run by Jawbone.

The Park did not receive the park paving grant. Councilman Caldwell stated that with the sale of the utility building, some funds could be used to assist in paving. Per legal counsel, no bids need to be received but a modified quote to include the street paving and if the bids are over \$50,000.00 needs to be writing.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to accepts bids to pave the road to the park, pave the park parking lot and stripe the lot. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Bids are due to CT's office by noon on June 14, 2021, at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. CT received clarification of not needing a public notice and all her responsibilities are receiving quotes.

CT spoke with Amy Nooning, legal counsel, and received clarification about the sale of the utility building and no resolution was needed and percentages need to be done to receipt the money into the General fund (land), Utilities (building).

UMAC – President Fry read report:

For April, total gallons pumped was 936,000 and billed consumption was 660,741 for a loss of 275,259 gallons. (last month, had a gain of 133,488). Hydrants were flushed and flow tested. Sludge disposal system was installed at WWTP. Work will be done on approval to haul waste to landfill including testing of sludge. We will need an account set up with a bagging company. New UV system was installed and working well. The consumer confidence report will be done within the week.

Hopper Excavating – President Fry read report:

Work completed in April was line locates, disconnects, and reconnects, check for water leaks, installed meter lid, moved phone lines, fixed cleanout and septic pumping.

Mr. Hopper stated that the construction site was a mess and Councilman Caldwell advised Mr. Ladd needed to be

IMPA – President Fry read report:

For April, four service requests were completed: Disconnect and reconnect for electrician, inspect tree close to service lines, raised low hanging cable crossing SR 75, inspected installation of a new meter/ran new service line to home. No poles were replaced and there was one outage (tightened loose connection at transformer to restore power).

IMPA Commissioner’s Report – Councilman Caldwell:

Councilman Caldwell stated that IMPA was working to keep costs down on kilowatts.

Councilman Caldwell discussed IMPA has a new logo.

President Fry announced that Councilman Caldwell was announced on APPA’s Honor Roll due to his commitment to the Town as Fire Chief and on the fire department for over 30 years. Being on the Town Council and a Commissioner for IMPA. He was also an integral person in getting the solar park installed.

Meter installation – Councilman Caldwell stated meters are being exchanged. The issue with the water meters is they are not truncating the meter size to read into Tantalus. This issue is being worked on and the benefits of having this system installed.

Council considered IMPA agreement to perform a rate study for the Electric Utility.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Bev Matthews with IMPA to do the town’s electric rate study. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion for President Fry to sign the IMPA agreement to do the Town’s Electric Rate Study. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Fire – President Fry read report:

For the month of April, the fire department had 12 EMS, 2 MVAs, 1 Fire, and one power line down.

Police – Marshall Brad Thomas:

M. Thomas presented in April 10 runs in April: welfare stop, sex offender checks in, a traffic stop and a trespassing call.

Elise Nieshalla with the Boone County Council, met with M. Thomas and visited WAM and if the program assisted with issues in the town and compared and it was better due to community policing. Discussion ensued regarding runs.

Reserve Demaree and Reserve Pershal will be attending a 5-day pre-basic training. Deputy Hitch will then hold an FTO program for the officers. 2020 was difficult training, as it was on-line and many areas need in-person training.

Rachel Hanson with the BCSD has applied for a grant for the western municipalities. Again, M. Thomas stated he wanted medically trained Reserves/deputies. Other uses for the grant would be training funds and completing the shooting range. Membership fees were discussed that would include insurance through the NRA.

A complaint was raised by a resident that Co-Alliance has been driving in yards. M. Thomas requested a children playing sign be placed to deter this happening.

The 3rd Tahoe is ready to be striped and the cost will be \$800.00. CT requested a quote be received.

CT requested a written report from M. Thomas as all other departments present one, and it would be beneficial to refer to past reports should information be requested.

President Fry requested M. Thomas start citing residents for not upkeeping yards and ordinance violations. CT stated the rank weeds and vegetation need to be addressed due to health issues.

Legal Counsel would be sending a letter to the Roark Street trailer.

CT questioned if a quote for 2023 would be permissible for ammunition.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

No concerns were presented for the fund or appropriation report. CT is hopeful the town will be out of a deficit in the sewer funds within the month.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the adjustment for April in the amount of \$-2501.60. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Fry voted aye. Councilman Caldwell abstained for AVFD adjustment.

Utility policies were presented to the Council to review and make recommendations.

CT advised a representative from SERVline would be at the Council meeting next month and how this policy would work.

CT advised TRECS program is successful for Town to recoup unpaid electric and water bills.

Gail Ford, whose mother used to be Clerk-Treasurer and Postmaster for the town, offered to

Upcoming work the CT is working to complete policies for Gary Ladd and AMP, ADA Transitions Plan, Codification and Electric Rate Study.

Old Business:

President Fry read synopsis on Sewer Use Ordinance. Mr. Query from HWC Engineering will present at June meeting and Ordinance tabled 2021-03: Town of Advance Sewer Use Ordinance.

President Fry read Resolution 2021-02 Dormant Fund Transfer of Dormant Fund Balance.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2021-02 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell discussed items in the bay and items either needed to be declared surplus or thrown away. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to surplus items of no significant value. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Linda Randle and Aletha Lumpkin discussed the food pantry in town. In January, 18 families were served for 86 people; February 22 families and 108 people; in March 41 families with 95 people and in April 45 families with 124 people. A need is being answered. Ms. Randle stated that there were CARES funds and any help from the town would be appreciated. A need exists of refrigerators, freezers, and shelving. The organization serves Advance and surrounding communities. Gleaners and Love INC. has partnered with them. Discussion ensued. Councilman Caldwell helps maintain funds. CT Johnson requested information to place in the newsletter.

Billing Disputes:

None presented.

Request to Speak:

None presented.

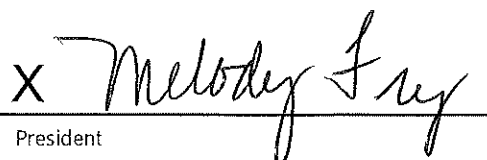
Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:58.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2021 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN. (if the county returns in an orange status, the TC Meeting will be held by Zoom and Council will meet at 112 N. Main Street).