

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

January 11, 2022

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, Jim Caldwell, Amanda Lyles and Dale Thompson

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Others in attendance: Keith Cromwell, Jeff Hopper, Linda Randle, Gerald Randle, Ed Charleton, Gary Ladd, John Demaree, Deputy Marshall Hitch, and Matt Bowen.

President Fry called to order the Council Meeting at 19:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Ladd Engineering Report– Gary Ladd:

Mr. Ladd advised there are many Federal Funding opportunities coming and for the town to be ready when they become available. CT Johnson, Councilman Caldwell, and Mr. Ladd met to discuss funding considerations.

Areas of consideration; CCMG first round to complete East Wall Street paving and sidewalks and West Wall with round 2.

ARP from County for generators for the WWTP and a portable generator with county funds.

Expanding capacity of WWTP for future growth.

After discussions, Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve standard engineering agreements with Mr. Ladd to move forward with the CCMG first round, generators, and expansion of the WWTP. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve invoice from Ladd engineering from November 1, 2022, in the amount of \$7500.00 for work on the Town's AMP. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Request to speak moved: AVFD2 – Linda Randle:

Ms. Randle gave an update on the town's food pantry. When this service began, January 19, 2021, 19 families were served. As of December 21, 2021, 57 families were served. The space used has increased from a 4 x 8 area to a 12 x 8 area at the fire department. Support and information are shared from other local food pantries, and she thanked all volunteers and community for help. The program has also extended to kids back pack program at Wells Elementary.

WAM – Ed Charleton:

Mr. Charleton stated in 2021 swings were installed behind town building and funding has increased over the last 4 years.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the lease with WAM from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2024. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2021. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for January 11, 2021, in the amount of \$319,294.88. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed. CT Johnson advised that increase in claim total was due to transfer to electric depreciation per ordinance in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Park – Park Board President, Matt Bowen:

Mr. Bowen advised at the park meeting; a 5 year plan was completed for state deadline. Plans are coming for a community building. Mr. Bowen stated the park is interested in pursuing a 501C3 status. Mr. Bowen requested contacting the Town Attorney regarding. The park board is looking to host craft fairs and farmer's markets in the upcoming months. CT stated she would verify insurance coverage for these events.

UMAC – President Fry read report:

For the month of December, 755,000 gallons were pumped and were sold for \$646,000 leaving a difference of 109,000 or 14%. There are issues with the new blowers and BL Anderson is looking into this. Graves came out to look at alarms, which are still having issues. The plant handled high flow well. Well Head protection is being worked on. Water samples for PFAS will be collected which is a state requirement and state will be paying for testing.

Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell read report:

Work completed in December was line locates, disconnects, and reconnects, septic pumping at school, IMPA sign repaired, shut off corporation cock at 400 S & SR 75, repaired pilot light at town hall, and jet outlet.

Mr. Hopper requested a work order for meter pit repair that was approved at the December meeting.

IMPA – President Fry read report:

In December, 7 service requests were completed. No poles were replaced and there were 2 emergency calls.

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IMPA Commissioner’s Report – Councilman Caldwell:

Councilman Caldwell advised Raj Rao, President of IMPA, will be retiring on April 1, 2022. His replacement will be determined by February 25, 2022.

Many grants will become available this year and IMPA will assist communities with writing these grants.

Councilman Caldwell requested the Council pursue improvement to the Town’s electric system from 4K to 12K.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to move forward with a system upgrade from 4K to 12K. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire – Keith Cromwell read report:

For the month of December, the fire department had 4 EMS, 1 Fire, 4 MVAs, and 8 cancelled.

Police – Marshall Brad Thomas:

For the month of December there were 11 runs. Discussion of runs ensued. Deputy Hitch is still working on training and FTO training for reserves, (30 hours).

The truck had a warranty issue that cost the town \$40.00.

Discussion of Carlos Trincada, retiring officer with IMPD, wished to be a reserve with the town.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve hiring Mr. Trincada as a reserve. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried. President Fry advised Marshall Thomas could hire who he wanted for his department.

Marshall presented purchasing a tablet for the police department and wireless headsets. Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the purchase of a tablet for the police department for \$780.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Marshall Thomas to purchase wireless headsets for the police department at an estimated cost of \$1100.00 for five sets. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT Johnson presented a Conflict of Interest form for Deputy Hitch.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest for Deputy Hitch. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

No fund or appropriation report were presented, and transfers were tabled until February.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of December 2021, in the amount of \$-185.32 for the fire department. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Fry voted aye. Councilman Caldwell abstained; motion passed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the MOUs with IHEDA for resident assistance with electric and water. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to ratify the approval the Cyber Security Policy for \$2700.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Presentation of BIDS for new garage doors for the Town Hall. Councilman Thompson questioned why the doors were being replaced and he was advised the door were antiquated. He requested Trent Poppewell be contacted before BIDS are considered. Item tabled until February.

Old Business:

New Business:

President Fry read Resolution 2022-01.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2022-01 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

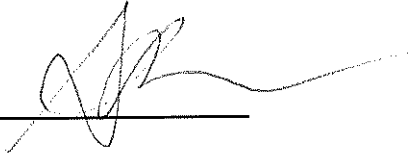
Billing Disputes:

Request to Speak: (priorly discussed)

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:04.

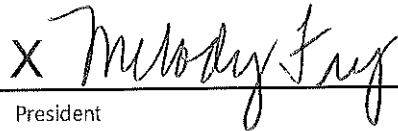
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Clerk Treasurer



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President



The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 8, 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.