

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

June 12, 2023

7:00 PM

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Council Members: President Jim Caldwell, Dale Thompson, Amanda Lyles and David Lumpkin

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshal: Brad Thomas

**Attendees:** Council Members: President Jim Caldwell, Dale Thompson and David Lumpkin

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Scott Roby, Doug Meissel, Deputy Shaun Hitch, Keith Cromwell, Tammy Plutchel, Linda Randle, Gerald Randle, Eric Bearmann, John Horner, and Sarah Froderman .

**President Caldwell called to order the Council Meeting at 19:15.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Rules of Order**

**Engineer's Report, President Caldwell:**

Mr. Ladd's agreement was presented for work and submission of the second round for the Community Crossings Matching Grant.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the engineering agreement for \$900.00. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**President Caldwell closed the meeting and opened the public hearing.**

CT asked if there was any objection to the additional appropriation.

CT explained Additional Appropriation Resolution 2023-06.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2023-06 on its first reading. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the Council meeting. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Linda Randle – WAM:**

Mrs. Randle stated that WAM lost their board chairman in May. Mrs. Randle was vice-chairman and has stepped into the role of chairman.

WAM had requested the park lot for safety day on July 12<sup>th</sup>, and WAM has cancelled this event for 2023 due to unforeseen circumstances; however, WAM is looking to have a kickoff on August 14<sup>th</sup>, including food and registration.

**Councilman Caldwell made a motion for WAM to use the South parking lot for their program kickoff. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

CT questioned the time of the event. Mrs. Randle stated the event would be around 4:00/4:30 to 6:00 p.m. CT questioned if Councilwoman Lyles was doing hair that day, and she advised no, because she was doing that at another event; however, Mrs. Randle stated it would be a good idea. CT advised she would check with Councilwoman Lyles.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2023. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for June 12, 2023, in the amount of \$173,246.18. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

The council signed off on reconciliation for May. CT advised that reconciliation normally would take her 1-2 hours, however; with the conversion done at the bank on May 5<sup>th</sup>, issues arose, and reconciliation took two days.

**Park – Scott Roby:**

Mr. Roby presented the park report for May/June events. The past weekend had a community yard sale event. Officially had 8 register but had more participate.

Mr. Roby asked about the broken camera in the park and CT advised the information was given to the park to address. There is still no resolution. CT also advised the budget needed to be discussed for 2024.

The park board is still working towards a fall festival. The corn maze anticipated may or may not happen. CT questioned if the park board was still wanting a food permit and she was advised yes.

**UMAC – President Caldwell presented report:**

President Caldwell advised the water report noted a 54% difference between what was pumped and what was billed. CT requested water reports from Mr. Elless for the year. The report findings showed inconsistent data to support a leak. If a leak was present, the pumped levels would stay high, and they are not. The reports would show several days of normal consumption then a one day spike. CT stated Mr. Elless advised putting a meter on the south end of town because the further out the line goes from town, the harder it is to detect leaks. CT stated she met with Sherri Winters, formerly of Alliance of Indiana, and Mr. Elless and Ms. Winters concurred a meter on the south end of town would be a good idea. CT advised if the council would like a meter installed, she would have Mr. Elless draft a quote for installation. Discussion of water loss ensued.

Keith Cromwell said if gallons went up a day, that was a leak. CT stated a leak would have several consistent high days.

**Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell read report:**

In May, work completed were line locates, turning off water, meter pit repair, mowing, and septic pumping.

Upcoming work filling pot holes, raise water meter, and spraying weeds. CT questioned that weed spraying was part of mowing. She said she would verify with the contract but didn't feel a work order was needed.

**IMPA – CT Johnson read report:**

In May there were 6 service requests, one pole replaced, and one outage.

**IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:**

President Caldwell discussed the halftime report. Reductions seen were outages, line loss, and reduction in response time for outages. There have been so many improvements with the system once ISC took over.

President Caldwell Commissioner's Report stated The Federal Government keeps changing their minds on energy generation and how it's produced. The coal fire plants are working on solutions for carbon capture.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter IMPA tracking factor of \$.014902 that will increase billing by \$3.83. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve W.W. Williams service proposal for generator maintenance of \$1250.00. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Fire – Keith Cromwell read report:**

For the month of May, the fire department had 1 EMS, 1 Fire, 3 MVAs, and 2 Storm damage, and 3 Cancel in route.

**Police – Deputy Hitch:**

There were 9 runs in May. Runs were discussed. Lebanon donated 7 tasers to the town: however, no batteries were given with them. The APD will be purchasing batteries for each at \$50.00/a piece.

**Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:**

Fund and appropriation reports were presented without comment. CT advised the trash fund is almost in the positive.

CT stated the sewer operating has gone down due to the PER done.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of May 2023, in the amount of -38.22. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion passed.

TRECS update: there is one payment coming in and then TRECS will be done for the year due to changing systems.

CT advised deputy was on vacation this week and reminded Council the July meeting was moved from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> due to her scheduled surgery.

**Old Business:**

President Caldwell advised the tornado siren was tested today and worked, and a second test will be done by county on Friday.

Seth from ilines reached out to town and BREMC would be working on lines being run with and Councilman Thompson was ok with the explanation of what they would be doing. CT expressed concerns that the agreement with ilines has not been amended since 2007 and the town needs to receive revenues on sales that ilines generates. She advised the attorney will not be back until the end of June.

**CT read Resolution 2023-08.**

President Caldwell explained he and CT Johnson attended County meetings and this plan must be approved and done every 5 years for the town to be considered for funding in a disaster from FEMA.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2023-08 on its first reading. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-08. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**New Business:**

CT stated she had reached out to SBOA and it was recommended that the town adopt a Resolution to preview claims prior to a meeting.

CT read Resolution 2023-07.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2023-07 on its first reading. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

CT Johnson presented the amended Fixed Asset Ordinance 2023-06 and advised the changes made were the useful life of items in the Ordinance and minor language changes.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2023-06 on its first reading. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

President Caldwell discussed resident complaints regarding the town not putting up flags in town on Memorial Day. He stated the town received numerous complaints regarding how the old flags would be laying in streets and shredded. The Town is looking into banners.

CT stated Ms. Linton, park board president, had mentioned placing mini flags along 75, and Mr. Roby stated discussions were still being conducted among park members.

Indiana IOT was discussed and changing over emails. The cost is \$5.50 a month. CT stated she felt it was a secure being state and the cost would not increase.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to change over email to IOT for \$5.50 a month. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Billing Disputes:**

**Request to Speak: Tammy Plutchel**

Ms. Plutchel, property owner of Cherry Street and Oak Street, questioned why she couldn't place trailers on her properties. Councilman Caldwell stated she couldn't be due to ordinances and the ordinance was established in 1985 or 1986 and the properties needed to be single family residences, or zoning changed for apartments.

President Caldwell stated there needed to be 5 mobile homes to be a mobile home park. Ms. Plutchel stated she just had lots and questioned if the ordinance could be changed and

President Caldwell said, "no, absolutely not." He also stated that within the last few years, the town has cleaned up 5 lots and removed run down trailers.

Ms. Plutchel stated she didn't think she would change the Council's mind but wanted to state her case. She has been in the business for 30 years and doesn't want renters. In addition, Ms. Plutchel wants homeowners and wants offer affordable housing and fill a need. She stated she would take care of the properties. Ms. Plutchel stated she wanted to look at multi-family homes and talk to the Council more, and she wanted to see the town's vision. President Caldwell stated if she wanted to place apartments, the Council wouldn't oppose and would have to have the APC change zoning, and the Council could work with her on that.

She asked what size of apartments the town would want, and Mr. Thompson stated one or two bedrooms. Ms. Plutchel questioned modular, and President Caldwell state probably yes. She stated she would discuss it further with the Council. She stated one trailer would be moved off and the other lot she wants another place to live, and she wanted to bring in another trailer.

President Caldwell questioned Mr. Cromwell, and he stated Ms. Plutchel will do what she says she will do.

President Caldwell reiterated that the Council wouldn't have a problem with a modular home.

Ms. Plutchel questioned the Council about an easement on Oak Street. President Caldwell stated the town gave up the easement a long time ago as there used to be a house trailer there.

CT stated there were maps included in the Council packets. President Caldwell stated he felt that was worked out with Hoppers. Ms. Plutchel stated she would like to do something on the lots and she needs to figure it out.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:10.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 6, 2023 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN. (Meeting originally scheduled for Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>).