

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

September 11, 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, Amanda Lyles, David Lumpkin, and Dale Thompson

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Scott Roby, Deputy Shaun Hitch, Keith Cromwell, Bill Stombaugh, John Horner, Kristen Linton, Jesse Linton, JR Shelton, Jeff Hopper, and Doug Meissel.

**President Caldwell called to order the Council Meeting at 19:00.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**A moment of silence was held for remembrance of 9/11.**

**Rules of Order**

**President Caldwell closed the public meeting and opened the public hearing for the 2024 budget. CT Johnson presented the budget estimate and explained shifts of funds to MVH for future projects and circuit breaker credits. The park board had misconstrued CT's recommendations in a prior meeting for next year's pay of \$500.00 a quarter, the \$500.00 was put in the budget for 2024. No comments were presented.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to close the public hearing and open the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Engineer's Report – Asset Management Plan Agreement, Paser Rating for CCMG**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Ladd Engineering's AMP for streets of \$800.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Troy Elless of UMAC discussed generator issues.**

**Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2023. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for September 11, 2023, in the amount of \$123,484.95. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**The council signed off on reconciliation for August.**

**Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:**

Fund and appropriation reports were presented. The trash fund is in a + cash balance.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of August 2023, in the amount of -\$493.09. Councilman Thompson seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion carried.

President Caldwell stated he, Councilwoman Lyles, CT, and Deputy Kellogg went to a Cyber Security class at IMPA presented by IOT. Additions to the town's system is additional firewalls and Multi-factor Authentication (MFA). CT explained if the town didn't have in.gov established, the town may not qualify for federal grants.

President Caldwell requested a motion to change to in.gov website for \$100.00.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to move to in.gov for website services. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Park – Kristen Linton:**

President Caldwell stated a date/time needed to be established for Halloween. Trunk-or-Treat and trick-or-treating will be on Halloween night from 5-8.

RC races were held, and more events will be held in 2024 and food sales were good.

Movies in the park will be upcoming.

Discussions ensued.

**UMAC – Troy Elless:**

Mr. Elless stated a water tower inspection was completed by Dixon Engineering and tower painting will be needed in the next few years. Mr. Elless recommended Mr. Ladd be contacted to review and send out specs for work. The water loss has decreased and was only 19%. M.E. Simpson presented a leak detection quote. Discussion ensued. Councilman Thompson requested a spreadsheet for electric use of pumping, not payments but usage. President Caldwell stated the town had the money to paint the water tower. CT questioned if the work would be spread out, or done all at once, and Mr. Elless advised all at once.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion for Gary Ladd, of Ladd engineering, to write specs for the water tower. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Lastly, Mr. Elless presented a meter quote, of 4" meter for material of \$6,000.00. to be placed on the South end of town. President Caldwell tabled this project after all other recommendations have been exhausted.

CT stated Sherri Winters presented an agreement for the lead and copper work to be done and this still needed to be reviewed by the attorney.

Letters need to be sent to residents to inspect sump pumps in residences.

#### **Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell:**

In August, work completed were line locates, manhole inspections, mowing/weed-eating, septic pumping, water disconnect, septic tank inspected, and checking a meter pit.

CT advised a work order for Oak St. was sent in the fall and in the spring and South street would be completed using millings.

CT also stated that with work orders, work is automatically being done and estimates would be needed. The water tower will have upcoming expenditures of \$150,000.00 and spending needs to be diligent. The sewer fund is not improving, and she needs to be diligent on what is being spent. Mr. Hopper stated he cut back on septic pumping to help the sewer fund. A heated discussion ensued with Mr. Hopper and CT. She stated she did not receive an estimate for blacktopping until this report. Mr. Hopper stated the Deputy wasn't sending work orders. CT advised they were being sent. Mr. Hopper stated he couldn't give estimates until he got into the work. President Caldwell stated there needed to be better communication between Hopper and the office. CT stated work is approved but she is not consulted about funding. CT stated she is accountable in an audit, and Councilman Thompson stated they were accountable too. CT advised she would be the one who would be written up.

#### **IMPA – President Caldwell read report:**

In August there were 4 service requests, no poles were replaced, and there were no outages.

#### **IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:**

President Caldwell stated the EPA wants by 2030 all carbon producing facilities shut down. This can't be done now. Public utilities across the US are suing the EPA to stop this order. The EPA doesn't have this right, to do this, only Congress. The Coal Fire plant in southern Indiana will be shut down and are in the process of building a turbine generator.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Tracking Factor of .013149. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Fire – Keith Cromwell:**

For the month of August 2023, the fire department had 2 EMS, 1 MVA, 1 cancelled en route, and 1 search for a person.

**Police – Marshall Thomas:**

There were 4 runs in August. Runs were discussed.

Complaint of dump trucks speeding through town.

Mr. Perisho is almost done with FTO and needs ride alongs.

Code enforcement was discussed. One resident will be taken to court. Dogs have been issue with attacks.

M. Thomas requested a security camera for \$6,500.00. CT stated she would need an estimate of cost to do an additional appropriation.

M. Thomas stated he didn't want to trade in the police truck. He wants to research and keep the current truck. President Caldwell stated a Tahoe could be traded in and not the truck.

Discussion ensued.

Councilman Thompson made a motion for CT to do an additional appropriation once a quote is received. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

President Caldwell stated there is a weed issue behind Batts.

**Old Business:**

Ilines Agreement – tabled, attorney ill. The ilines agreement has not been reviewed since inception.

Salary Ordinance – tabled.

**New Business:**

Resolution 2023-09: A Resolution Declaring Items Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition of Surplus Items was read.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Billing Disputes:**

**None presented.**

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles 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 Tuesday October 10, 2023 (Budget Adoption), at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.