## MINUTES-REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – August 16, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC PRESENT**: Jake Bethel (Perry County News), Larry Wittman and Steve Goffinet

<u>COUNCIL & EMPLOYEES PRESENT:</u> Jane Efinger-Hayden, Sharman Jarboe, Jay Oliva, Brandon Kleeman, Adam Hoffman Linda Crawford, Chris Goffinet and Pudder Linne

ABSENT: NONE

The public was asked to sign in and get an agenda which advised the meeting was being recorded.

The meeting began with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Time sheets were previously signed by Linda and returned to Jane.

Linda Crawford, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Agendas, mail, correspondence, financials and minutes were distributed.

A motion was made by Jay to accept the Consent Agenda, which included the previous month's minutes, current agenda and current financials. Sharman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS:** Larry Wittman had received a nuisance letter from our attorney. Jane advised she had received two calls regarding his boat 'blocking' the neighbor's view of the river. He advised he can move the boat up or back and will be having it in storage in the winter. \*\*\*Steve Goffinet, too, had received a letter from the attorney regarding trees/debris in the yard, advised he is still working on that. \*\*\*Jake advised he took a new position at Princeton, so this will be his last meeting with us. The News has not hired a replacement yet.

## **PUDDER--**

**FIRE:** 0 runs this month. Engine #2 and the Bounce House were taken to the National Night out at Perry Central on 8/1/17. It was very well attended.

**ELECTRIC:** Upgrades on 545 and Troy Ridge Road continue, but not on Hwy 66. He received a bid from 5Star and Electricom. The Low bid was Electricom for 46,047.52. This bid will be accepted. This is for 9 poles and materials.

**WATER:** Meeting with Midwestern on Friday to start finalizing the RD grant. A setback has occurred regarding a group of local Indian reservation decedents that have made an inquiry. This is regarding environmental and archeological studies. On 8/25 hopefully we will finalize and submit. We are on target. \*\*\*Had issues with lightning hitting the incoming chlorinator. The meter is fine, but we need to satisfy the state's requirements. A new ACT PAC will be 5,500.00. Water pressure is controlled by these meters.

**SEWER:** The 8" forced main on Water Street to Main and 545 by the RR tracks is completed and they laid 840 feet of C900 pipe.

**INDOT GRANT:** Jane advised she checked the website today and still no word.

INDIANA 15: No meeting until August 28th of 2017.

**CHRIST OF THE OHIO SIGN:** Need to order a new directional/information sign. \*\*\*Pudder advised we had electrical issues at the park, but they are now fixed.

**SIGNS:** Pudder advised we have now 6 NO PARKING signs on McDaniel near KKIL. Linda advised Cynthia did not know about this. Trucks have been parking there overnight causing issues. The Marshall will continue to address this issue.

IMPA: Pudder, Jane and Sharman will be attending IMPA's tour and meeting this Friday in Washington.

**OFFICE WORKER:** Pudder advised that he, Jane, Sharman, Laira and Lavonne interviewed a lady, Alisha Brown. She is willing to work part-time and will begin training later this month for two days a week and will work on Mondays and cover for illnesses, maternity, etc. She will begin at 10.00 per hour. There will be a 6 month probation period. Jane will call her in the morning. Adam made a motion to hire and Jay seconded. Motion carried.

LINDA: Linda, Chris, Jane, Pudder and Betty will be meeting on the 31st to discuss unifying the trailer court regulations. \*\*\*Linda asked Chris about Norman Poehlein's refusal to comply with DNR and Town stipulations making us in violation with DNR. This is in regards to the camper licensing and not being mobile in the required amount of time. Chris will write a letter to Norman. \*\*\*Regarding Nuisance letters. Jane and Linda are on LISTSERVE and get emails from other Towns regarding questions with issues. Wanted to know if IN Code superseded local law. IN Code takes precedence. Abandoned vehicles have 20 days to be moved and/or licensed. Advised we needed to make the Kleeman burnt home a priority. Chris advised he has a conflict of interest with the Splater home. He will look into turning this over to a different attorney. The yellow house on 545 did not sell in the Sheriff's Sale. We will need to have Tanner check the residences on the list. The homeowners are responsible. They will be in ordinance violation. We may need to mow some properties and charge them. If they do not pay their fines or their bills, they will be turned over to small claims court. They have until the 21st of this month from the 2nd letter date issue. We will have Charlie mow and send a bill. Chris advised you can charge 20.00 per inspection, per letter and charge for materials and labor, etc. or just have a set fee. \*\*\*Advised Cynthia said the contractor is behind on paving. The  $18^{
m th}$  they should have the base layer finished and the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, they will be done. There continue to be dust complaints and Linda relayed the message. \*\*\*Jane advised it is time to consider salary increases. Just wanted to give a head's up. Need to get in the budget for the Town, but utilities not due until December, but wanted to get both done at same time. Will send the board information and they can get back with Jane by the 4th of September. \*\*\*The board signed a Funds Transfer of 151.19 from cemetery maintenance to office supplies in Town fund. \*\*\*Advised of a memo where IVY Tech is looking for instructors. \*\*\*Linda asked the board to consider signing a truck nuisance letter to send to Alvin Evans and she will hand-deliver regarding the increased truck traffic and the overloaded heavy trucks causing disturbances on 66 and 545. Advised Waupaca possibly ramping up from a Chamber breakfast she attended which will only increase truck traffic. \*\*\*The board president needed to sign a Lincoln Hills vendor letter (Non-Collusion and Acceptance) stating we are a valid/qualified letter to receive payment. \*\*\*Advised we need to hatch a plan and start on the playground situation. Jane will make part of the board in the meeting room a playground section and put up the drawing plans that Pudder came up with and email to Linda. \*\*\*Wanted me to advise Pudder need gravel/asphalt by trailer park by Mick's. Jane will advise.

**SHARMAN**: Was wondering about the status of the stoplight at 66/545. Seems to be working now. Was non-functional for a long time and noticed workers there several times. \*\*\*Her Church at Spring/Walnut needs to put down some gravel and eventually pave a part of their walk. The church owns it. The board agreed and Jane will advise Pudder.

**BRANDON:** Jane showed Brandon and the board photos she had taken at Grandview and had a sample of their tag and envelope. He and Adam advised they could look into building a box and have it 'donation only'. \*\*\*Brandon advised he is still in the process of the boat ramp repairs.

**ADAM**: Wondered why Charlie and Wade use their personal vehicles for trash. Is there something wrong with Town trucks, if so needs to be fixed and don't want them to tear up their personal vehicles. Jane will look into this.

JAY: Nothing to report.

JANE: Advised the August Yard of the Month went to the St. Pius Church. \*\*\*Gave the board previously the letter from INDOT regarding a 'radar sign'. They don't do this anymore, need to be purchased. \*\*\*Gave the board previously a flood plain seminar email. Linda advised this particular one does not really pertain to us. \*\*\*The Grant writing seminar is still on the table. Linda advised sending the new hire. Jane will advise her. \*\*\*Advised there is a PCMH breakfast in the morning regarding healthcare costs. \*\*\*Jane needed a motion to accept a Driving Policy per our insurance company. Adam made a motion and Sharman seconded. \*\*\*Advised the board of a retirement party for Lisa Bryant of Franzman on 9/1. Gave them a flyer.

TANNER: Advised he got the light bar and siren fixed. \*\*\*Was not able to attend National Night Out. \*\*\*Will be attending the Battle of the Badges and Jane will be gone and asked him to represent Troy and take the canned goods donations from the office. \*\*\*Got the new decals on the car. \*\*\*Received his laptop charger. \*\*\*Has an 800 portable radio, but not one for the car, will continue to check with Steve Hauser. \*\*\*Has applied for a grant for an AED. \*\*\*Jane inquired for a grant for the breathalyzer kit. \*\*\*Received 2 safety 'police' vests from Pudder for the police dept. \*\*\*Ordered his new personal vest. This one is outdated and does not fit. \*\*\*Had an OWI, a warrant and a disorderly conduct arrest this month. Also had approximately 10 tickets and 2 VIN checks. \*\*\*He is still in the Academy and will graduate in November. Doing criminal law, firearms and rifles this week. \*\*\*The board brought up, and were all in agreement they want to purchase a newer vehicle. This one has been wrecked and has many miles on it. Wants a newer than 2009. Tanner and Adam will look into this. There is a place in Plainfield that specializes in police vehicles. \*\*\*Also advised he has no rear radar.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Jay. The next meeting will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., CST.

Linda Crawford, President

Sharman Jarboe, Board Member

Brandon Kleeman, Board Member

Jay Oliva, Vice-President

Adam Hoffman, Board Member

ATTEST: Jane Efinger-Hayden

Clerk/Treasurer