

**MINUTES - REGULAR**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 13, 2023**

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Adam and Kathy Hoffman, Jane and Dan Hayden, Bill Cotton, Caron Crossley, Nancy Cassidy (Fulton Hill representative) , Darin Bettag (Finch Newton water representative).

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Roger Fella, Tina Gerlach, Brandon Kleeman.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Danny VanConey, Bret Kleeman

**Town of Troy Attorney:** Chris Goffinet present

**APPROVE and SIGN:** Consent Agenda which includes: Minutes, Agenda, Financial Report:

**MOTION:** Brandon Kleeman

**SECONDED:** Tina Gerlach

**MOTION CARRIED:** ayes 3 nays 0

**Clerk-Treasurer –** Linda Crawford

**Public Meeting for Budget Introduction.** Notification was published in newspaper and online as required by Department Local Government Finance (DLGF).

Linda noted this was the introduction of Public Meeting for 2024 Town of Troy Budget. She handed out a Town of Troy Annual Report that detailed all General Funds budgeted amounts from 2021 thru the current 2024 proposed Budget. This is a side-by-side financial comparison for each department in the General Fund we budget each year. Also attached is a “FUND DESCRIPTIONS” to help understand what funds are used to pay. She noted that the three changes for this year was increased amounts for Marshal pay , new Parks and Recreation fund and new Building and Zoning Standards fund. We requested these amounts for increased operating cost for marshal department to support two marshal’s pay and a fund to support the updated Nuisance/blighted properties ordinance. As a reminder we take a designated amount Marshal salary from Refuse Fund per the ordinance approved years prior.

The amount we requested was \$64,000 more than previous year. We requested it and received it. She asked if anyone had any questions? (none)

She noted if anyone has questions or change request this must be changed before next meeting October 11, 2023 scheduled public meeting. Public Meeting Introduction to 2024 Budget Closed.

**TVFD FIRE DEPARTMENT :** none

**UTILITIES:** Pudder Linne - absent

**ELECTRIC-** none

**WATER** – none

**ZONING-** none

## **7. STREETS- JEFF EVERLY –**

**Jeff Everly said :** I have a message to read from Pudder Linne- He wants to know about the 800 Troy Cop radio that was stolen from the meeting room. Pudder wants to know who took it and if a police report was filed and if charges were filed?

### **Roger Fella asked Linda Crawford to comment on Pudder Linne accusations?**

Linda Crawford said the radio has been missing for a while and it was assumed to be in the totes that were packed up during construction of Marshal office. The first time it was brought up since Stephan Poehlein was deployed the first time two years ago. Per the meeting minutes Daniel Bickford was in charge of the reserves while Stephan was deployed. Daniel Bickford had the 800 Radio therefore it was never stolen. When Daniel Bickford was contacted by the Perry County Emergency Service personnel Daniel Bickford said yes, I have it and Steve Hauser picked it up from Daniel and notified Pudder Linne that it was located. Steve Hauser was getting a count of the old radios so they did not get confused with new radios and Steve Hauser said there was never an issue with the 800 Radio being missing? I have not heard any conversations about it being stolen? Jeff said Pudder thinks he should get a written apology from the person who said it was stolen? Linda asked who accused someone of stealing it? Jeff said he did not want to say a name? He does not want to name names ? Chris Goffinet Town Attorney said how can we get an apology if we do not know who said it was stolen? Roger Fella said how can we have someone give a written apology if you do tell us who accused someone of stealing it? Jeff said it was Marshal Stephan Poehlein who Pudder wants a written apology from?

**Jeff Everly-** I spoke to Jeremy Ramsey about the Shelter House and he gave us a check for \$5,000.00. This amount should get us started.

**Jeff Everly -** I need our attorney to send a letter to Jason Linne owner of the Business located on Hwy 545 Industrial Park Drive next to Mervis? This letter is from Street Superintendent -The road entrance to his business is being damaged by trucks going in and out of his lot, he needs hard surface asphalt into the parking lot – we have road damage occurring approximately 20 feet on the road, heavy trucks are tearing up the Town Streets – we need a hard surface into the parking lot at least 75 feet. Chris Goffinet asked so we want Jason Linne to pave the street he damages? What does he do with large trucks? Jeff said he rents his business lot to a trucking firm to keep semi's that run for local businesses. Chris Goffinet said he would like to look at the zoning ordinance to see what is said about this issue before we send a letter? It was annexed and at the time it was under another ordinance? We will need to look at zoning and nuisance ordinance to see where this situation would be found.

It was noted that we sent him a letter awhile back to clear/clean up his business property per our Nuisance ordinance violation. .

**Jeff Everly** -We also need to send a letter to Fisher Mobile home Park to repair their pot holes so we can get up them to pick up trash. Currently it is un safe for our workers on the back of trash truck due to jarring caused by large pot holes. Chris Goffinet said he will speak with Jerry Fisher and let him know about the issue. If not repaired Mobile home park residents will need to bring trash to end of street at Mobile Home Park entrance for pick up.

**Jeff Everly**- I would like to change the normal Heavy Trash pickup to the second week instead of the previous third week as years past? Board agreed to this change.

**Chris Goffinet, Troy Town Attorney** – We issued a bond ordinance to do some updates to the Troy Electric substation. Today we need to pass the ordinance so that when the additional work needs completed, we will have the ordinance in place to proceed. If you recall we summarized this 41-page ordinance in a prior meeting so now we can proceed to approve and sign. Chris Asked Linda if the Board has copies of the Ordinance? Linda said they were given copies in the meeting when it was introduced. Chris said the ordinance is set up with a bond not to exceed \$2.5 million dollars. This would allow work to begin when ready and cost we know will be under the \$2.5 million dollars but this is a blanket ordinance not to exceed so that we can work on project as needed to completion.

**MOTION:** Brandon Kleeman

**SECONDED:** Tina Gerlach

**MOTION CARRIED:** ayes 3 nays 0

**Chris Goffinet**- stated a few meetings back we talked about how bad(blighted) some properties have gotten here in town – Linda gave me an ordinance Building Standards examples of nearby towns similar to Troy size. So, I researched these and came up with an updated version to 92-7 ordinance we have. The existing nuisance ordinance we have will remain in effect but this new Building and Zoning Ordinances gives us a defined criteria for actual issues to be resolved. This ordinance enhances the zoning ordinance that has been on the books for a long time. The existing ordinances 92-7 describes who and how to establish a committee to enforce the blighted properties. This would give the right to issue citation and give you the right to order property owners to vacate the home if they fail to comply with citations. The property owners can appeal to court but if they lose, they would be required to pay all your court cost and attorney fees. It has more information for what outside of building would look like, this not requiring a perfect home but keeping home safe and reasonable attractive. We have had home with tarps on roof for years, maintaining portable residences outside of the home that are unsafe.

Brandon Kleeman asked if the current ordinance covers all this and if this ordinance is needed?

Chris explained that zoning ordinance covers what type of house but state laws do not cover after the house is built -what you can and cannot do? This ordinance will be more specific for getting homeowners to maintain their property. It also states about safety and uninhabitable of the home. This ordinance just adds teeth to current ordinance. The goal is to encourage people to fix their property. The next step is to form a committee according to the current 92-7 ordinance states.

**MOTION:** Brandon Kleeman

**SECONDED:** Tina Gerlach

**MOTION CARRIED:** ayes 3 nays 0

**Chris Goffinet** – I have drafted a handicap parking ordinance which details who has the authority to regulate parking along streets and alleys. You have a copy let me know if you have questions?

**MOTION:** Brandon Kleeman

**SECONDED:** Tina Gerlach

**MOTION CARRIED:** ayes 3 nays 0

**Chris Goffinet:** We have the Finch Newton (FN) Water contract completed after several wording changes, this is a long-term agreement they will be subject to rate study increases like your current residents/customers are, As stated in previous meetings Pudder feels we have the capability to provide this service to FN. The Finch Newton representative will sign it and we will vote to approve it.

**MOTION:** Brandon Kleeman

**SECONDED:** Tina Gerlach

**MOTION CARRIED:** ayes 3 nays 0

**Chris Goffinet** - We have an update to the Side by side /golf cart ordinance. This change just puts us in sync with Tell City fees every 36 months versus the yearly as we have it now. Brandon Kleeman asked if we could issue a special tag for businesses to test drive new or repaired side by side?

Chris Goffinet said you want to approve it with changes? Council agreed.

**MOTION:** Brandon Kleeman

**SECONDED:** Tina Gerlach

**MOTION CARRIED:** ayes 3 nays 0

**Marshal-** Stephan Poehlein- provided a summary sheet.

**CITIZENS:** Nancy Cassidy – Representing Fulton Hill.

Nancy stated that the owner of Fulton Hill sends his greetings. She will be managing the Fulton Hill venue and the home rental property associated with it. The owner would like to know if Troy has any suggested uses for the facility? The facility has been updated and looks very nice.

She also stated the Troy Indiana Community Association has started up and will be holding their meetings there. She invited everyone to attend the meetings. One of the goals is to start the Trojan Fest again. She will give more details as she has them. She said questions about the Fulton Hill Venue rental can call her . Her number is 812-608-0686

**Citizens-** sign in sheet attendees

**Adam Hoffman-** he wanted let the marshal know there is a young boy riding a mini bike around the post office area.

**Cathy Hoffman** – none

Jane Hayden – Wants to know if there is an issue with a board member serving on the non-profit Troy Indiana Association Board? Chris Goffinet said there would not be an issue.

**Bill Cotton** – None

**COUNCIL Members:**

**Roger Fella** –. None

**Brandon Kleeman** none

**Bret Kleeman** - ABSENT

**Tina Gerlach-**

**Danny VanConey** – Absent

**LINDA CRAWFORD-**

- I met with the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) last week at AIM Training in French Lick and asked them if our town money over \$250,000.00 (FDIC) in one bank was secure? They showed me online where to find the State of Indiana Finance Fund that secures all money in one bank. It covers all government entities.
- We have confirmed the Friday ,October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 date for the dedication of the Troy Veterans Wall. Due to limited parking, we will need volunteers to shuttle visitors the event.
- The office is closed October 09, 2023 for Columbus Day.

- I had a question for Bret Kleeman about using Christ of Ohio Fund ? we have a quote for \$2000.00 to replace the plaque at the Christ of Ohio. Brandon Kleeman said it will be ok to proceed with that project.
- We made changes to the Veteran Wall plaque form to reflect that anyone can purchase a plaque for any Veteran. See updated form. Also reposted on social media and our website.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**Any Correspondence: none**

**ADJOURMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Brandon Kleeman and seconded by Tina Gerlach to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm . All in favor. Motion carried.

**Next meeting October 11, 2023 6:00pm CST**

Roger Fella, Board President

Roger Fella

Bret Kleeman, Board Member

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Brandon Kleeman, Board Vice President

Brandon Kleeman

Danny VanConey, Board Member

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Tina Gerlach, Board Member

Tina Gerlach

ATTEST: Linda Crawford, C/T

Linda J Crawford