MINUTES-REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – December 12, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jim Dixon, John Wetzel (Midwestern), Vince Luecke (Perry County News)

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

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 (2 sets) were distributed. Adam made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Sharman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Linda asked if anything out of the ordinary was on the financials. Jane advised that the IMPA bill had not yet been received.

CITIZENS: John Wetzel—had a handout regarding part 1 (plant) and 2 (meters). There were 5 bids on part 1 and 2 on part 2. C&HM has been around since the 90's and are part-time farmers. He saw no reason not to recommend them. There was a conference call earlier today. Closing for the Indiana Bond Bank will be on 2/20. They have 90 days for a pre-construction meeting. We will have a special meeting on 2/21. London Witte considered another rate increase. This will be reviewed, not ruling it out at this time. The RD rate will be 2.125%, and was originally based on a 3% rate, so this will be to our favor and the community's. Part 1 will be for C&HM and Part 2 will be for EJ Prescott for recommendation. Will be sent to USDA and funds closing for it to be official. Adam made a motion to accept these bidders. Jay seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Linda had to sign 5 copies. These will be assembled and sent to us in a binder. In January we will have to do a Bond Ordinance and a Rate Ordinance. Construction should begin in March or April, weather permitting. Craig McGowan did not attend, nor Chris Goffinet. Jane asked about possible government shutdown. This could affect the plan if goes more than 3 months into 2019.

Jim Dixon—was concerned he was not able to acquire a letter from the state (copies) regarding the sign placement. Linda advised the only copy we have is how large the sign is. She will look into having our attorney send him information. There was a lot of back and forth regarding it being a public document, etc. Jay advised they had previously spoken about this and when he advised he had engaged an attorney we were no longer going to get into this with him and would have our attorney discuss with his attorney. We also advised other optional locations for this sign is limited and if he just wants it mowed, the Town will oblige. He went on about having an abstract and right-of-way and the land has been in the family for 130 years, etc. Ended with Linda advising she will contact the attorney.

FIRE: Advised there were 4 runs. 1 structure fire last Saturday a little after midnight. The others were false alarms. The structure fire was deemed electrical.

ELECTRIC: Pudder advised SENSUS does elec. and water meters. EJP was the only one that does both for a better price. This will include the meters, software, reading equipment, 3 phase and single phase. If we buy in bulk, we will get the handhelds free. We will need to start over with the computer system and they are compatible with Keystone. They will replace ITRON as we will no longer have support from them after 06/19. We will not be paying a renewal fee. They will be having a trial package come through and work a pilot program to work out all the readings, software, etc. These are drive-by style. Electric are above ground and water-underground. The package is for 49,036.00.

WATER: See Midwestern and above paragraph.

SEWER: Linda asked about the permit process. Pudder advised Duane Johnson has been hired to help. We have to have a certified operator on staff. He works in TC and other plants. We will have a work agreement for 100.00 per month. They have provided all the needed insurance papers. Also the first report to be submitted will be in January of 2019.

MICAH: Advised he was notified he would be receiving a grant for a little over 2,000.00 from the PCCF. ***Regarding the No-Shave November, his donation will go to the Crossley family for the fire. ***Jay asked if he would be patrolling during the holiday, he advised yes. ***The Town list was addressed regarding the Poehlein structure being off its foundation. Linda will contact Chris regarding this issue. ***Another issue not on the list is the house on Market Street-there is a possibility of trash being put in the cellar. This will be looked into. Jay says there is a possible buyer and he will contact the office for info. ***Advised the insurance has been settled with the damage from the wreck to be done by Dauby's Body Shop. It was just under 3,000.00. Waiting for check.

JANE: Advised annual board checks will be cut tomorrow. ***Advised 1782 notice came in. Additional 12,000.00 of cuts were issued. ***Needed Linda to sign annual dispatch agreement. Will get signed by TC Mayor and returned with Firing Range information agreement. ***Advised have CD's coming due and will be discussing with Pudder and Betty what to do with funds.

LINDA: Advised they are still working on the PCDC 'Troy" sign from Pick Perry. ***Discussed Street Department position. Advised we had a 2nd app. Do not have to interview. Had already interviewed. Checked with attorney, came in after due date. Adam advised he had a vehicle now. May have a phone issue. Will be put on payroll in January. Linda mentioned getting a company phone for him. Adam advised he has a place to stay now. Jane will contact him tomorrow and start paperwork. All board members who had interviewed were in agreement to hire Tim Burnett. All in agreement at board meeting. No vote. Jane will order his shirts. ***Regarding Cole basketball insurance situation. Jane gave all board members a copy of the results. Not in favor from insurance company to pay. Spoke with Micah, advised this is actually a misdemeanor and we should perhaps have an ordinance to this effect, as there are others in Town too. She did not come as we had anticipated to discuss this situation. Therefore, no further action at this time. ***Brought up the car bid for the Crown Vic, 2009 old police car. Received 1 bid. Opened bid. Was from Adam Hoffman for 200.00. Jay made a motion to accept the bid. Brandon seconded. Adam abstained. All in favor. Motion carried.

SHARMAN: Nothing.

BRANDON: Nothing.

ADAM: Advised the salt spreader was in and installed. Also got a pallate of salt, is stored and up off the ground. Will be a 50/50 mix of sand and salt. *** Also advised that we will need new tires on that truck, at least 10-ply. Will get 2 estimates for this.

JAY: Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. A motion was made by Jay and seconded by Adam. All in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on January 16, 2019 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