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REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | FEBRUARY 25, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Rick Whetsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Larry Below	Dan Connor	John Dierksheide	Rachel Dissauer	Jared Capelle	Linda Krotzer
P	P	P	A	P	P

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting.

1st: Jared C. 2nd : Linda K.
All in favor (yes) Motion passed

MOTION: Pay voucher #'s:13712 to 13746 For \$13,464.05

1st: Linda K. 2nd John D.
All in favor (yes) Motion passed

MAYORS REPORT – Rick Whetsel, Mayor

- Mayor outlined 3 ordinance and 1 resolution that will be up for discussion.
- Recovery plan meetings post and take minutes. Post to Village site. Leader to organize.
- Mayor instructed council to do grant searches in your free time that correlate with planned projects. Gena will aid in any way to gather information. She however at the current time is limited in availability. Mayor Whetsel added he is looking into roads and streets currently. He advised to branch out and not overlap efforts. Not to look at any more playground equipment, and try to stick to infrastructure needs. Mayor Whetsel also mentioned he has reached out to the Park District waiting to hear back.
- Mayor expressed his need for council to do what they are elected to do.

GUESTS – Earl Morse – SW Ambulance

- 2 months operational with 43 calls in 58/59 days.
- If you missed open house he urged council to come on out and take a look.
- The SW Ambulance district is on budget and is responding promptly at 1.5 minutes out the door and little over 4 min. to respond.

GUESTS – Justin Spencer – Risingsun Little League

- Small remodel of the ball building (passed around pictures).
- Ball is around the corner and enrollment is down, he asked to please spread the word.
- He is forced to look into additional organizations as the Southwood League is dying.
- 5 grants applied for and has heard back on 2. Look for fields to be redone in red clay and scoreboards to become operational. Looking into redoing fencing as well.
- All coaches are background checked and the league does not pay any positions. (coaches, treasurer etc.) They are paying all of their bills.
- Opportunity to think about for council. June 12-14 Memorial Tournament utilizing all three fields with designated parking. He is offering council the opportunity to work the parking areas and allow the town to accept a percentage as a donation.
- A cancer benefit dinner is also on the table to raise funds for a donation.
- Looking at doing a further remodel to the ball building in hopes of using the facility year round.
- Opening day ceremony is in the works details to follow.
- Rick and Justin will get together to discuss park outside restroom facilities.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk

MOTION: Accept reports and financials from January 2020.

1st: Larry B. 2nd Jared C.
All in favor (yes) Motion passed

QUESTIONS: Nothing to report.

STREET DEPT.: – Mike Shultz

- Phase 2 of the Street Light Project Proposal. Phase 2 would cost \$5,589.00 for 27 lights.
- The 1st Phase cost \$9500.00 for 21 lights the cost of the lights has dropped from \$344./light to \$207./light.
- Phase 3 will be the remaining 23 lights estimated price of \$4,761.
- We will need to pay first to get the lights ordered and on the schedule.
- After completion, there will be 71 old lights with 2 new lights one at 23 and Main and one at the park making the total streetlight count 73 lights.

MOTION: To approve \$5,589.00 for Phase 2 of the Street Light Project.

1st: John D. 2nd Larry B.
All in favor (yes) Motion passed

ZONE REPORTS:

- Zone 1 (Dan Conner): Nothing to report
- Zone 2 (Larry Below): Nothing to report
- Zone 3 (John Dierkesheide): Nothing to report
- Zone 4 (Linda Krotzer): Nothing to report
- Zone 5 (Jared Capelle): High St. Property spoke with them and asked about clean up from the recent move out. Mayor Whetsel said we will get the police out to look and possible cite the owner.
- Zone 6: (Rachel Dissaur): Absent

OLD BUSINESS:

- Old police car needs gone by next week.
- CDBG out for bid. Looks like sidewalks came in at \$40,000, \$20,000 less than thought. County will decide where the additional \$\$ will be spent. All costs for this project will be paid by Poggemeyer from the grant funds.
- Organizations using Park Building for free. This will continue as we allow for this if the schedule permits.


NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution 2020-001 Temporary Appropriations in the fire fund from 30,900.00 to 41,400.00 due to a 10,500. carry over from 2019 not brought forward to pay for BWC Grant items.
1st: Jared C. 2nd John D. All in favor motion passed.
- Ordinance 2020-001 Municipal Code Book Update (Administrative Code)
1st: Linda K. 2nd Larry B. All in favor motion passed.
- Ordinance 2020-002 Municipal Code Book Update (Traffic Code)
1st: John D. 2nd Larry B. All in favor motion passed
- Ordinance 2020-003 Municipal Code Book Update (General Offense Code)
1st: Linda K. 2nd Jared C. All in favor motion passed
- Route 23 property: John D. investigated the parcels and found that yes the town was granted an easement for the property back when it was purchased in 1913. Council has given Rick permission to get with the previous buyer to see if the interest is still there. If so, we will proceed with selling the parcels to put back into the General Fund. Council has asked that all fees associated with the sale be put out to the buyer.
- Police Chief to give us a heads up on admin vs patrol time. Council wants to see him patrol more.
- Mayor Whetsel wants the council to question things to learn and be on top of them as well as put forth the effort and time to do what they were elected to do.

MOTION: To Adjourn 1st Larry B. 2nd John D. All in favor (yes) motion passed.

Next Meeting: March 24th @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall Building


Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk


Rick Whetsel
Mayor