



# Village of Risingsun

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## REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | JUNE 28, 2022

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

John Dierksheide	Jared Capelle	Dan Conner	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanietta Rodriguez
P	P	P	P	P	P

**MOTION:** Accept minutes from previous meeting May 2022. Juanietta brought up a change to the minutes needed to change Maple St. to Main St. under New Business.

1<sup>st</sup>: Juanietta R. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Earl M.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

### **MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Rick Whetsel**

- Cindy McCafferty from the State Auditors was unable to make it to this meeting.
- Moving July 26<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting to July 12, at 6:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- 3 Ordinance tonight in New Business
- Todd Morel a citizen will be doing 1 day of community service which was mandated by his employer. The community service is companywide, they feel their employees should give back to their communities.
- Spent numerous hours on phone with Century Link to get a limb removed after the storms. We were put on a priority list. A technician should be in town with in the week. The mayor expressed that they would be responsible for limb removal. Also, an emergency number was established for the village to contact them direct and save time going forward.
- Jared asked if the Verizon issue was handled Rick stated yes, the bill is back down and everything is on track.

**GUESTS** –David Feahr: Wanted to address issues with his properties in the 200 block of Main St. David expressed he is getting things accomplished and is awaiting permits from the county for one project. He is painting and fixing the porch on one property. He stated he can only work after work and that everyone is quick to complain. He also addressed the issue with housing chickens within the corporation limits he feels that they are not noisy and are in a controlled area. Mayor and council were supportive and thankful for his efforts. John D. also added keep up the good work!

Betty Linkey, Darlene Jennings, Carol Wollam: Were in to show the plaque that they designed and had made to put at Central Park in memory of the old Risingsun High School. The alumni association seems to have aged out and therefore are disbanding the association. The Alumni also donated a check in the amount of \$2,704.68. The Alumni stated it would be up to council to decide where to best spend the funds. Mayor Whetsel asked about their thought on using it to restore the canon at the park. The guests also stated that when the post was ready to hang the sign they would like a small ceremony if possible. They also stated that Wyatt Keckler was going to install the post and to please pay for that with the funds. Mayor Whetsel expressed his gratitude for such a nice gesture. Jared C. brought up security cameras and Mayor Whetsel stated that Chief Beckley was looking into a completely new system that would serve the entire village.

### **FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – *Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk***

**MOTION:** To accept emailed reports/financials.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jared C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan C.  
All in favor (yes) Motion passed

### **ZONE REPORTS –**

- Juanieta R. relayed a few concerns from a citizen about some vehicles that appear to not being used on Union St. (227 & 349). Some discussion was had and council feels that these vehicles are of no concern. John D. expressed if they have plates on them they are within the boundaries of the zoning ordinance. Mayor Whetsel expressed that complaints need details and to not try to be anonymous we are working together.
- Jared C. expressed someone's concern about a pool on the corner of Pearl and Salem that they claim it is not fit for any person to be in. Jared expressed that council couldn't do anything and Mayor Whetsel stated that it is an issue that can be taken care of by calling Children's Services. Jared C. will investigate and report back. Mayor Whetsel also stated that this property has had complaints of this nature in the past.

### **STREET COMM. – *John D.***

- Nothing to report.

### **FINANCE COMM. – *Jared C.***

- Nothing to report.

### **ARP COMM. – *John D.***

- Nothing to report. Need to schedule meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Robin Hindall court case. July 5<sup>th</sup> will be the next court date we were informed she will make a plea at this time. Can go to court even if not subpoenaed.
- Gutter work should be started in the next couple weeks.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Ordinance O2022-003 An ordinance to adopt tax budget for fiscal year 2023.

**MOTION:** To approve the Tax Budget for 2023

1<sup>st</sup> John D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl M.

All in favor (yes) Ordinance will be posted for 10 days for review before being

passed as an emergency.

- Ordinance O2022-004 An ordinance to amend O2021-016 as supplement to the 2022 annual appropriations.

**MOTION:** To approve pass O2022-004

1<sup>st</sup> John D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl M.

All in favor (yes) Motion Passed

- Ordinance O2022-005 An ordinance authorizing the use of blanket purchase orders for expenditures and setting the dollar limit and other criteria for such.

Discussion: was had amongst Council, Mayor and Fiscal Officer. It was stated that the norm was between \$25,000. And \$50,000.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance O2022-005 and set the limit at \$30,000.00


1<sup>st</sup> John D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jared C.


All in favor (yes) Motion Passed

- Catch Basin bids are coming in waiting on Whitta Construction. Mayor feels that this bid may be a bit pricey. They are wanting to relocate some of the basins. The approaches off 23 are not being held up due to this issue.
- Paving on Bays Rd. Mayor and Council expressed that they would have liked to worked with them to have Main St. resurfaced to the railroad. Earl M. stated that the County Engineers were working on that project.
- Discussion on a cat litter issue Mayor Whetsel feels it has been handled.
- Historical Plaque for the Town Hall has been delayed again looks like fall will be the installation and ceremony.
- Mayor Whetsel expressed the need for help to get the additional "informational" display sign installed at the park.
- Earl M. enquired about the Fire Dept. using the old bathrooms for training at the park. Mayor Whetsel stated he had not heard anything further.

**MOTION:** To Adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> John D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Juanieta R. All in favor (yes) motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting July 12, 2022 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall

  
Gena Rathburn  
Fiscal Officer / Clerk

  
Rick Whetsel  
Mayor