

**Commissioners Meeting  
October 18, 2022**

**Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa Bunner**

**Property Management Hearing / Autumn Winkler**

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 2:30 P.M.

Winkler presented a property complaint located at 4124 N Old State Road 245, Grandview, Indiana. On July 25, 2022 a property inspection report was sent by mail and email to the property owner. On July 28, 2022 the property owner responded and stated he would work on the property. Winkler followed up with four (4) re-inspections and three (3) emails. The property owner appeared at the public hearing today to explain why the property has not been cleaned up yet. Due to work schedules and time restrictions, he has not had the time to complete the work but promises to take care of it. **Brown motioned to provide a thirty (30) day extension. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Winkler provided an update on the current list of complaints she is working on. There were thirty (30) received for Hatfield. Half of those went to Todd Hays / Building Inspector. On her half, almost all of them have made progress.

**Gries made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:41 P.M.**

**Commissioners Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 3:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

**Brown made a motion to approve minutes for October 4, 2022. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Correction / Update to October 4, 2022 minutes. The fuel prices listed were the correct prices bid; however, those fuel prices did not get locked in. The prices the County got locked in are as follows:**

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| 87 E 10:          | 3,003 Base + Taxes | 1/2023 – 12/31/2023 | 34,000 gallons |
| #2 On Road:       | 3,622 Base + Taxes | 1/2023 – 12/31/2023 | 22,500 gallons |
| #2 Dyed Off-Road: | 3,625              | 1/2023 – 12/31/2023 | 22,500 gallons |

**Claims**

**Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 5065, 5066, 5068, 5069, 5070, 5071, 5073, 5074, 5075, 5076, and 5079. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Health Department / Mindy Spinks**

No report.

**VSO / Butch Meredith**

For week of September 19, 2022, the total Veterans assisted this week was 86 and phone calls totaled 109. For week of September 26, 2022, the total Veterans assisted this week was 97 and phone calls totaled 114.

November 4, 2022 from 11am to 2pm the Veterans Office will be hosting an event in the Courthouse.

**Assessor / Jane McGinnis**

McGinnis came to discuss the April tax bills that were sent out with a zero balance. General housekeeping needs to take place with properties. For example, any properties that have a zero assessed value needs to be deleted. These properties that have a balance cannot be deleted. She is going to provide a list and work with the Auditor to see what options there are to get these properties cleaned up in our taxing system.

**Town of Chrisney / Kim Likenhus - Clerk Treasurer for Town of Chrisney, Teresa Criss-Hartwig – Commonwealth Engineers, and John Graham – Utility Superintendent for the Town of Chrisney**

All three (3) came to present a request for the ARPA funding. The request is for the improvements to the Towns wastewater infrastructure. The Town is requesting consideration from the County to fund all or a part of their match for the OCRA Grant. The amount requested is \$482,500.00. The Town must have their match secured before they submit their application to OCRA in early 2023.

**Rob Schulte**

Schulte came to present his request for ARPA funding. Rockport and Roll LLC submitted a request for \$275,000.00 for plans to construct 25 condominiums / duplexes. The road is ready to go. Estimating eighteen (18) months to complete project.

**Contracts / WTH & SIHO**

The WTH contract covers the "Monthly Parcel Split Updates" for November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023. The cost is going from \$500/month to \$750/month.

**Brown motioned to approve this contract. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

The SIHO contract was discussed at the July 5, 2022 meeting. The contract needs to be signed.

**Burn Ban**

Lindsey discussed the Emergency Proclamation Burn Ban dated October 13, 2022. **Gries motioned to extend the burn ban until the next meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Legal Report**

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2022-08 "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2008-10 and 2009-06 Regarding Travel And Conference Expenses Incurred By Spencer County Officials And Employees". **Brown motioned to approve this ordinance. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. This ordinance is adopted at first reading by unanimous vote.**

Lindsey provided an update on the codification project for the ordinances and resolutions through American Legal. He is requesting to have a work session with the Commissioners to go over it within the next two (2) weeks. All agree and a work session will be scheduled.

Gries would like to review the ordinance on subdivisions. Lindsey suggested this be discussed in the work session as well.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**


Auditor Bunner provided an updated list of the 2023 Holidays and Pay Schedules for their review.

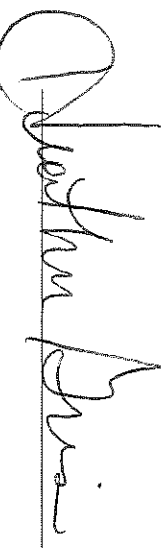
**Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.**

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President

  
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Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

  
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