

TOWN OF ADVANCE

REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT

APRIL 10, 2017 7:00 PM

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Council Members: Matt Johnson (President), Melody Fry, Dale Thompson, and Jim Caldwell

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshall: Position Vacant

Attendees:

Council Members: Melody Fry, Dale Thompson and Jim Caldwell. Matt Johnson absent.

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Town Marshall: Position Vacant

Legal Counsel: Amy Nooning

Others present: David Gregory, Keith Cromwell, Lisa Henry, Clay Becker, Anthony Petro, Troy Elless, Rick Combs, Joyce Jones, Michelle Reed, Pat Hinshaw, Nancy Hopper, Russ Voils and Dan Fry.

**Councilman Caldwell called the meeting to order at 19:00.**

Councilman Caldwell read Rules of Order/conduct for meetings.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from the March 16, 2017. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Keith Cromwell gave an update on the Hazardous Mitigation Committee**

First meeting of three and asked what material was hazardous for clean up.

Councilman Caldwell stated if a disaster happened, we could receive a grant.

**Police**

**Position still vacant**

Councilman Caldwell gave an update on the Police Department and stated the background checks were completed and he would be meeting with Brian Stevenson of BCSD.

Marshal Russ Voils of Thorntown stated he had spoken with a Council member from Thorntown, and their position to contract with Thorntown was favorable.

Councilman Caldwell stated the Council is reviewing all options that would be the best for the Town of Advance moving forward.

**Clerk**

CT Johnson asked if the Council had any questions regarding the Appropriation and Fund report. None were given.

A restoration company finally came out and calked the windows of the Clerk's and Postal Offices. No leaks occurred. Improvements for the two offices could now be completed.

CT Johnson questioned Council when she should begin payment to Park Board as they started mid February.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to begin pay for the Park Board in the first quarter of 2017. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Attendance was made at the AIM Legislative dinner and received great recommendations from the speaker for Town improvements at minimal cost to the Town. CT Johnson proposed the painting of ceiling tiles by residents for the Town Hall. The theme of paintings requested, would be patriotic, military or Indiana History themed.

Heavy trash day would be April 29, 2017.

INDOT meeting would be attended by CT Johnson for Community Crossings on Thursday.

## **Utilities**

**Troy Elless of UMAC** - Hydrant flushing would be May 17, 2017. The Consumer Confidence Report would be completed the second week in May and CT Johnson stated her office would mail out the reports.

Quotes were received for three alarms for power fails in Town. Councilman Caldwell questioned when this needed to be completed. Mr. Elless stated it would need to be completed before next inspection. The quote for \$3333 was the cheapest bid from BBC Pump.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept the quote from BBC Pump for \$3333. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Digester Pump was down 18,000 gallons and Hopper's could do for \$3500.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept Hopper's bid of \$3500 to fix the Digester Pump. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell presented** report. Meters were read and rechecked. Water meters would be fixed (4). Turned Co-Alliance Water on, difficult to turn on and their meter will eventually need to be replaced. Several houses don't have digital meters and do not have shut off valves, and this will pose a problem if there is a leak at locations.

Discussion was made regarding upgrading of ITRON system. No parts are available. CT Johnson stated that ITRON Customer Service was contacted to get through getting reads. Town can upgrade system to FCS for no fee. Training would be the only fees incurred; and training would be better done on new system than paying for training twice on old and new systems.

**IMPA - Clay Becker of ISC** presented that two services calls were completed, street light changes and service re-routed. Trees were trimmed.

New service hook up clarification was made.

Four poles are scheduled to be replaced.

An offer was made for materials. Councilman Caldwell stated materials need to be put up for bid.

Line locates were discussed and who would handle? Councilman Caldwell stated because of Hopper's work load, that UMAC should continue to do.

Councilman Caldwell stated that the Town will conduct a Working Session to see what needs the Town has over the next 5-10 years on April 18, 2017. CT Johnson questioned time of meeting and convenient time for everyone. Discussion ensued.

## **Park**

Lisa Henry stated there was not a report for the month.

Councilman Caldwell stated when information is to be presented, CT Johnson needed to have a report for Council before meeting.

Resident Pat Henshaw stated that the trail in the Park had many holes. Councilman Caldwell stated that the trail needed to be rolled and reworked. Park Board needed to meet with CT Johnson to discuss catalog items and funds.

Dan Fry commented about the loose dogs is an issue with Code Enforcement. Councilman Caldwell stated once a marshal is hired, this will be addressed. BCSD supposed to be assisting.

Jeff Hopper questioned if holes on street to Park should be filled. Councilman Caldwell stated if they need filled to do that. Discussion ensued.

### **Fire**

Michelle Reed reported the Fire Department in the month of March 2017 had eight EMS runs and three fires.

### **Claims**

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the Claims for April 10, 2017 in the amount of \$79947.27. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was made for the Fire Contract to be amended and paid monthly with the LIT Public Safety Funds. CT Johnson stated accounting would be better for Audit purposes if paid monthly and DLGF approval of the additional appropriation was received that day.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to amend the Fire Contract to pay the Department monthly. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Councilman Caldwell abstained.

Legal Counsel stated she would draft the new contract.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion for Hopper Excavating to fill Town pot holes. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson read Resolution 2017-04.

Council Thompson made a motion to suspend the Rules and consider the Resolution on its first reading. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-04. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson read Resolution 2017-05.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the Rules and consider the Resolution on its first reading. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-05. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson read Resolution 2017-06.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to suspend the Rules and consider the Resolution on its first reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-06. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Another INDOT offer is still pending once the agreement of totals are made.

Joyce Jones stated she was upset that the security light fee was increased \$.75. Councilman Caldwell stated this was in regards to the rate increase. He explained in September and October discussions were made and a public hearing was held in regards to the increase on November 30, 2017. Ms. Jones stated she wanted to keep her light, but it was dirty. Councilman Caldwell stated to call the Clerk's office so a work order can be made. Clay Becker of ISC was asked how long turn-around was and he stated turnaround is quick. Councilman Caldwell empathized with Ms. Jones being on a fixed income with Social Security as well.


Legal Counsel advised BIDS need to be gotten for the Trash Contract and voted on in May.

Advance Community Christian Church would be holding the Good Friday procession through Town again this year.

## Billing Disputes

No billing disputes presented.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting  
adjourned at 20:15.

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Clerk Treasurer

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