

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE TOWN HALL

August 10, 2020

7:00 PM

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Council Members: Melody Fry, Dale Thompson, Amanda Lyles and Jim Caldwell

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshal: Brad Thomas

**Attendees:** Council Members: President Fry, Amanda Lyles, Dale Thompson and Jim Caldwell

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Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Jeff Hopper, Keith Cromwell, Ed Charleton, Shawn Hitch, Lisa Henry, Dan Bewley, JR Shelton, Patricia Shelton, Lisa Bowen, Matt Bowen and Ashley Blythe.

President Fry called to order the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order were dismissed.

The Council made recommendations for the open council seat.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to appoint Amanda Lyles, as she was a business owner in town. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson swore in Ms. Lyles.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 13, 2020. Councilman Caldwell seconded. President Fry votes aye, motion passed. Councilwoman Lyles did not vote, as she was not present at the last Council Meeting.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for August in the amount of \$88841.71. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

### **Police – Marshal Thomas:**

Marshal Thomas presented 13 runs were done in the month of July with 1/y having 28 runs. A new reserve was brought on the department, Shawn Hitch. Marshal Thomas stated again that it was hard to find quality officers and that the deputy position is harder to fire than an at will reserve.

M. Thomas also stated that he “gave back” \$24,000.00 to the General Fund. He also reported the same as the July report that he is wanting to hire 4 more reserves.

Code enforcement was addressed. M. Thomas explained the ticket system again for cleanup.

Discussion ensued.

### **Park – Dan Bewley:**

Mr. Bewley stated the Park Department had come up with an alternative way to have a driver’s stand at park. The Park wanted to purchase a bungalow for \$6600.00 and have dirt work done for \$750.00.

Councilman Caldwell approved the purchases and any additional appropriation that might be needed to cover the costs to complete the driver’s stand. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor motion passed.

Mr. Bewley discussed the REMC grant of \$2800.00. He stated the building would take 9 weeks to build and the dirt work would be done in 2 weeks. Discussion also ensued regarding a sprayer being placed on the gator. No reserving of shelter had been done due to COVID. New boards are needed for the benches and new cameras are needed.

### **Request to speak - Ed Charleton:**

Mr. Charleton requested to place a swing set on the Town’s grassy area behind the Town building. He also spoke regarding the solid waste management grant and requests made. Next, Mr. Charleton discussed the floor jack need in bay and a door lock. Councilman Caldwell asked when these would be done to CT. CT advised, she could not lift boxes and that she would welcome help to move these boxes in back for placement of jack. Councilman Caldwell pressed the answer, and she stated hopefully after a purge day scheduled that Friday and reiterated help to move boxes would be welcomed.

Lastly, discussion regarding pill caps being collected to assist WAM in getting a recycled bench were being collected ensued. CT stated this info could be placed in the Town’s newsletter.

### **Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:**

No discussion regarding Fund or Appropriation Report was presented.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve adjustment of \$-293.67. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the July adjustments of \$-350.60. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding accounts that were delinquent due to Governor's Moratorium and COVID-19. Councilman Caldwell stated that residents were given letters and opportunities to get assistance.

Councilman Caldwell motioned that beginning with August bill due September 4<sup>th</sup> that the current month's bill would be due in full. The invoices past due would have 6 months to pay the back charges divided by 6 to have six equal payments due, in addition to the current month's charges. Should one payment be missed, then the agreement to repay utilities would be void and the entire amount due with being subject to disconnection. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson discussed the Day of Service in conjunction with the Boone County Economic Development Corp. CT requested suggestions of those who could use assistance in town, or projects needing done in town.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the water tower generator repairs by W.W. Williams in the amount of \$3514.13. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT explained to Council damage to generator caused by mice eating wires and that insurance would not cover. She recommended a Terminex agreement as the town already had an agreement in place with them.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the agreement with Terminex for \$2061.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the IMPA third quarter tracking factor of \$.003824 per kw. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT discussed programs with Alliance and will present more information to Council in upcoming meetings.

**UMAC – President Fry read the reports:**

For the month of June usage was 1,514,000 and billed was 703,659 leaving a negative difference of 810,341 gallons with a 53% difference. No issues to report. For July, 1,042,000 were used and 879,664 were billed leaving a 162,335k difference or 16%. Water testing was done and meeting with Terminex for the external suggestions at the water building.

**Hopper Excavating- Keith Cromwell read the report:**

Shut-offs, locates, septic pumping, mowing, and burning brush was done in July. Future work is fixing leaks, meetings and valve repair.

**IMPA/ISC, President Fry read:**

For July, one service request was completed and there no power outages. No poles were replaced, but engineering will schedule.

**IMPA Commissioner's Report – Councilman Caldwell:**

Councilman Caldwell reported more solar and wind was being pursued and the shutting down of coal fire plants. IMPA is working to keep rates low to users.

Councilman Caldwell discussed that resident who purchased solar panels are ready to hook up to the town's system. CT stated that a dollar for insurance needed by resident needed to be considered by the Council.

Councilman Caldwell stated \$1,000.000 Certificate of Liability would be needed from resident's wishing to tie into the towns solar panels/system. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Fire – Jim Caldwell:**

For July, there were 6 EMS, 3 fires and 3 MVAs.

**Old Business:**

Discussion continued regarding condemned properties. CT advised she would ask Abby Messenger with the health department. M. Thomas said if town took next steps, fees would be attached to taxes. Councilman Thompson stated the town will own the properties.

ITRON agreement is still pending and ICloud were tabled.

Employee Handbook recommendations will be presented to the Council at July's meeting as this is part of the Codification process.

Century Link contract is tabled. Councilman Thompson recommended to back-charge Century Link for unpaid fees.

The Capital Assets project is still pending but almost completed.

**New Business:****Billing Disputes:**

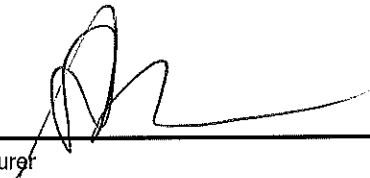
Ashley Blythe disputed bill because property owner failed to repair a broken water pipe. CT advised that first month water was 30,600 gallons used and the next month 70,700. The property owner was advised of a leak in May. These were the last two month's consumption.


Councilman Caldwell made a motion to bill Ms. Blythe for the average consumption based on prior usage history for the last two months. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor motion passed.

Discussion ensued to work with property owner for recovery of charges.

New business owners in town who purchased Kitty's House of Glamour, Renee and Kyle introduced themselves as new business owners in town. Discussion ensued about grants/loans for small business owners.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:39.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2020 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the Advance Volunteer Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN. **(Budget Adoption Meeting)**