

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

December 14, 2021

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, Jim Caldwell, and Dale Thompson

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Others in attendance: Keith Cromwell, Jeff Hopper, David Gregory, Mike Gass, Lexi Gass, John Demaree, Deputy Marshall Hitch, JR Shelton, Matt Bowen, and Legal Counsel, Amy Noonung.

President Fry called to order the Council Meeting at 19:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Bill Whalen – NFP: Presented Town Insurance Policy Renewal for 2022

Mr. Whalen stated the policy had a 12% increase, \$1986.00 over L/Y due to Astra Property Values and increase in police officers. Workman's Comp did reduce by \$451.00.

Mr. Whalen advised that he had not heard back from the insurance company in regard to the Cyber Security policy. He also advised that there is a possibility of the policy increasing by \$2000.00 - \$4000.00 as more ransomware is occurring.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Insurance Policy from NFP for the year 2022. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Ladd Engineering Report– Update on WWTP and other work in Town, President Fry read:

Graves is to dig up the old water service and shut off service at the corporation stop. Line locates have already been done.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2021. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve claims for December 14, 2021, in the amount of \$162,050.13. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Park – Park Board President, Matt Bowen:

Mr. Bowen advised at the park meeting; a 5 year plan was completed. Their next meeting would be the second Tuesday in January at 7:00. CT advised until March, the Town Council would be meeting on this date and time.

UMAC – President Fry read report:

For the month of November, 759,000 were pumped and 619,000 were sold for a difference of 140,000 or 18%. The portable generator was repaired and working. Omnisite alarms are working again. On 12-10-2021, it was found the south lift station was not working, as Graves did not hook up battery backup was not hooked up after work done on 12-09-2021 and power was not turned back on. If these had been done, alarms and high levels would have gone off. IDEM was notified on 12-13-2021 of the occurrence.

Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell read report:

Work completed in November was line locates, disconnects, and reconnects, check for water leaks, septic pumping, moved pumps, install septic lids, and winterized Park building. Septic pumping at elementary school will occur over winter break.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to repair meter pits at Co Alliance, and two residences. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

IMPA – President Fry read report:

In November 1 service request was completed.

No poles were replaced and there was one outages.

IMPA Commissioner's Report – Councilman Caldwell:

Councilman Caldwell advised Raj Rao, President of IMPA, will be retiring on April 1, 2022. His replacement will be determined by February 25, 2022.

Reducing carbon emissions is still in the forefront of concerns, and solutions to reduce are still being reviewed.

Fire – Keith Cromwell read report:

For the month of November, the fire department had 4 EMS, 4 Fire, 2 MVAs, and 5 cancelled.

Police – Marshall Brad Thomas:

For the month of November there were 14 runs. Deputy Hitch is still working on training and FTO training for reserves. Reserve Bewley is still conducting elderly check ins.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

No fund or appropriation report were presented with yearend. A Rainy Day Resolution will be presented in January.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of September 2021, in the amount of \$-185.32 for the fire department adjustment. Other adjustments had already been approved and just needed signature. President Fry seconded. Councilman Caldwell abstained; motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy bonds for 2022. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve 26 pays for d2022. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT Johnson advised TRECS had been uploaded to site and requested TRECS send out clearinghouse letters on the town's behalf for \$2.00 each letter.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve TRECS to send clearinghouse letters for \$2.00 each letter. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to send a letter of request for funding to the County. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Projects completed in town during 2021 COVID Pandemic: 4 trailers removed from town, old cars and grass removed. On West Wall new paving with new sidewalks were completed with assisted funding from CCMG. The WWTP project was completed. The Town Hall was remodeled and storm drains were replaced and repaired.

New Business:

President Fry read the Salary Ordinance 2021-09.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2021-09; An Ordinance Setting Salaries for Calendar Year 2022 on its first reading. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-09. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2022. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Anti-Nepotism forms were signed. CT would contact Councilwoman Lyles for signature.

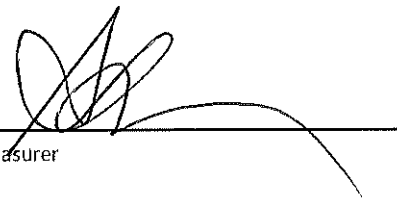
Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the January IMPA Tracking Factor for Quarter 1, 2022 at .001504. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.


Councilman Thompson made a motion for Melody Fry to be Council President for 2022. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Billing Disputes:

Request to Speak:

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:07.

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Clerk Treasurer

X 
President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 11 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN. (if the county returns in an orange status, the TC Meeting will be held by Zoom and Council will meet at 112 N. Main Street.