

TOWN OF ADVANCE
MEETING MINUTES
LOCATION: TOWN HALL

January 8, 2024

7:00 PM

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Council Members: President Jim Caldwell, Dale Thompson, Amanda Lyles and David Lumpkin

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshal: Brad Thomas

Attendees: Council Members: President Jim Caldwell, Amanda Lyles, and David Lumpkin

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Deputy Shaun Hitch, Keith Cromwell, Kyle Schnoor, JR Shelton,

President Caldwell called to order the Council Meeting at 19:00.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Mr. Ladd, Town engineer, requested a month-end meeting be held for accepting CCMG BIDS to allow the Council enough time to timely secure a contractor. Council will hold a meeting on January 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Advance Volunteer Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.

Advance Food Distribution AFD Squared – Linda Randle:

Mrs. Randle gave a 2023 year-end update to the Council. Highlights of report:

Founded 2021/Sponsored by AVFD. In 2023 served were an average of 59 families per month, an increase of 9 families per month from 2022. The food pantry is held the third Tuesday of each month. A cost breakdown of savings to families and sponsors was discussed.

Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution – Aletha Lumpkin:

Dinner has been held for 7 years. The first year of the dinner served approximately 30 people and this year the dinner served 142 meals.

WAM – Linda Randle:

Mrs. Randle updated the Council on the success of the WAM program sponsored by Old Union Church will celebrate their 6th anniversary on 02-04-2024. Numbers of students have improved since COVID. WAM lost Pastor, Ed Charleton, in May 2023. Many volunteers stepped up to the need after this loss. Student participation was down in 2023. The Board will revise the 2024 program. Events and programs were discussed. Student attendance averages 20-25 students.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2023 Council Meeting, the December 21st, 2023 Executive Meeting, and the December 21, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for January 8, 2023 in the amount of \$140,769.72. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The council signed off on reconciliation for December 2023.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

Fund and appropriation reports were presented. No comments were presented. CT stated that the trash fund was in a positive balance as well as the Sewer Fund.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of December 2023, in the amount of \$-4829.32. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion carried.

TRECS is being uploaded.

CT advised after review of December minutes a motion to suspend rules for Ordinance 2023-05 was needed.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to ratify the suspension of rules for Ordinance 2023-05. President Caldwell seconded. Councilman Thompson abstained. Motion carried.

CT Johnson advised that she is to set up and maintain all accounts on behalf of the Town.

CT requested those to attend the AIM Legislative Dinner. President Caldwell (stated maybe) and Councilman Lumpkin advised he would like to attend.

A bond for the Marshall and Park Board volunteers was purchased, advised by CT.

Department Heads (M. Thomas, and Kristen Linton) were given ST-105s for 2024.

Park – Scott Roby:

Mr. Roby thanked the Fire Department for showing movies at the Fire Station. Discussion selling of concessions and future movies to be held at the fire department ensued. The concession stand is closed and winterized. The next movie to be held is on January 27, 2024 at

6:00 p.m. Mrs. Randle stated that WAM would be distributing popcorn coupons to the kids. Coupons redeemed by the kids at Park movies will be reimbursed by Judge Shein.

The Park is interested in lights and decorations at the town hall. Tree lighting will be considered for the next holiday season.

Kristen Linton requested the parking lot at the park be salted. P. Caldwell stated there is a contract with Hopper for snow/ice removal. CT stated as long as Hopper knows, they will do and have separated on the invoice.

UMAC – President Caldwell read:

Response from Gary Ladd was sent to IDEM for the Warning BAN and requested suggestions be offered to improve flow. In November, the flow was at 68%, and the plant is running great and within range.

Hopper Excavating – President Caldwell:

President Caldwell advised Mr. Cromwell that no meeting reports were needed for the next few months due to circumstances.

IMPA – President Caldwell read report:

In December 2023 there were 2 service requests, no poles were replaced, and there were no outages. The IMPA sign was blown over with high winds and CT advised she would handle it.

IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:

System analysis at \$4.00 per meter is being pursued by a grant from IMPA and would predict outages before they happen. The grant could cut the town's commitment by half. Look to the second quarter for this to be considered. CT questioned if the \$4.00 would be per month, and P. Caldwell thought per year or possibly a onetime fee.

CT presented information to Councilman Thompson. The information collected was not what he was looking for. She stated she would get the information to him.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For the month of December 2023, the fire department had 9 EMS, one fire, and one false alarm. The Park Board has volunteered to take down the Christmas lights in town.

Police – Marshall Thomas:

There were 9 runs in December. Runs were discussed.

The camera is in, and the account is switched over to AT&T. CT interjected she is excited about the change and having a local representative. M. Thomas stated he still needed a static IP for the camera. Both trucks were serviced. The truck will be considered in February. New range targets are in and being utilized. Jamestown is using the Town's firing range.

One officer has training to complete.

Reserve Demaree purchased two radar signs for \$730.00. CT stated that is better than \$16,000.00. One just need parts. CT asked if R. Demaree needs to be reimbursed.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve M. Thomas to get parts to repair radar signs up to \$1000.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

P. Caldwell stated the signs will improve speeders. M. Thomas was not sure if the signs will record data. R. Perisho resigned.

M. Thomas stated R. Perisho requested to purchase his firearm and possibly his night stick, and Jamestown wants to purchase his vest. The vest was purchased for \$1000.00, and M. Thomas wants to sell it for \$800.00. Legal Counsel Noonung stated a surplus resolution needed to be done. Costs of equipment: Night stick, \$200.00, gun \$411.00, and \$800.00 for the vest.

Jawbone is considering holding a murder mystery during the eclipse and donating the proceeds to the park. A meeting will be held the upcoming Friday at Jawbone. Discussion of locations ensued. Councilman Lumpkin questioned if there would be glasses and CT advised they are on Amazon.

Old Business:

Trent Heat and Cool are to come to Town Hall and review ducts at WAM restroom. CT advised the heater for bay is in and they will be in to install.

New Business:

Discussion of the vacant lot ensued, and Legal Counsel stated the average of two appraisals would be needed, a publication in the paper done.

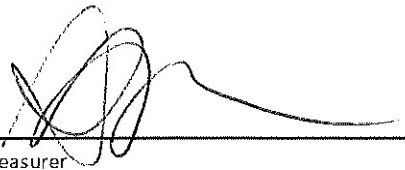
Discussion of the lot by the Batts building ensued and needed to declare that lot surplus and Legal Counsel advised it needed to be appraised. A resolution could be done before the appraisals.


The insurance was questioned if the park restroom was fixed on the policy.

Billing Disputes:

None presented.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:48.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday February 12, 2024, at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.