

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

July 6, 2023

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, and Dale Thompson

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Scott Roby, Deputy Shaun Hitch, Keith Cromwell, Bill Stombaugh, John Horner, Kristen Linton, JR Shelton, Jeff Hopper.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Engineer's Report – none presented. CT advised the town was #73 on SRF's priority list. Will try next year for funding.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2023. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve claims for July 6, 2023, in the amount of \$106,972.56. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The council signed off on reconciliation for June.

Park – Scott Roby/Kristen Linton:

President Caldwell stated there were complaints with flags prior due to poor maintenance. The park board stated they were taking over the flag maintenance for the town. Flags purchased were \$349.30. There was positive replies regarding them being up.

Councilwoman Lyles stated there was correspondence for the eclipse day with the county and a meeting coming up and she wanted events to be kids centered.

CT Johnson stated she had reached out to the Boone EDC to be part of the Community Day where a Boone business partners with the town. The town may need to purchase supplies for work needing to be done. CT advised she would reach back out to EDC and share our interest.

Ms. Linton advised that the fencing needs to be repaired. Councilman Thompson stated those repairs are 50/50 with the homeowner. The park is working to have festivals and a corn maze.

President Caldwell stated he had a trailer for the park that was purchased, and the council was advised this trailer may not be the one that was purchased and needs to be reviewed.

Councilman Thompson stated his company would repair the dumpster at the park.

UMAC – CT Johnson presented report:

CT advised there was no water report as billing was just completed today. The tower inspection was delivered to the board. The annual water testing will be done in August. There is a grant from IFA to do extensive testing on the water system and IFA would work with our town engineer on the findings.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve moving forward with the IFA grant for water testing. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson stated concerns having this done and costing the town more money to fix. CT stated it would be proactive.

Hopper Excavating – Jeff Hopper read report:

In June, work completed were line locates, turning off water, meter pit repair, mowing, capping of septic tanks and septic pumping.

IMPA – President Caldwell read report:

In June there were 2 service requests, one pole replaced, the tornado siren was replaced and there were no outages.

IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:

President Caldwell discussed same concerns about shutting down coal fire plants and federal is wanting to be carbon free. Concerns were expressed about business growth and how electricity would be produced. Material backlog is still a concern.

President Caldwell stated a meeting would need to be held to prioritize maintenance on the water tower and schedule work according to available funding.

A water leak adjustment was presented to the board due to minimum fees accrued on account for 103 N. Main St.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the adjustment of \$337.14 for 103 N. Main Street. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire – Councilman Thompson read report:

For the month of June, the fire department had 2 EMS, 1 Fire, 4 MVAs, 1 Lost Person, 2 cancelled en route, and three power lines were down.

Police – Deputy Hitch:

There were 15 runs in June. Runs were discussed.

Night sticks were ordered for the department as well as taser batteries. M. Thomas wanted to purchase 2 new tasers. President Caldwell stated an amount would be needed and CT concurred as she would need to write that amount into the budget for 2023.

Reserves Zac Perisho and John Demaree have 500 FTO hours and will begin riding with the Boone County Sheriff's Department. The shooting range was used to qualify last month. Police were present in the 4th of July Parade for the County.

CT requested M. Thomas get with her before her surgery so she can work tasers into the budget.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

Fund and appropriation reports were presented. President Caldwell questioned the police, water, and sewer and CT advised they were doing well, and the trash would be + soon.

Councilwoman Lyles questioned donations for the town and CT advised she had a special fund and appropriations. Banners were discussed and requested donations for that fund.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of June 2023, in the amount of -72.76. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion carried.

TRECS update: TRECS is done for the remainder of 2023 and will begin again in January 2024.

CT requested the Council consider raises for 2024. Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve a 4% increase for the Council, CT, Deputy CT, Marshal, and Deputy Marshal. The park board can increase up to \$500.00 per quarter depending on what can be budgeted in 2024. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussions ensued.

CT advised at her annual conference she spoke to the auditors and Taylor Hollenback from Indiana IOT. She advised auditors at the conference recommended notifying the auditor of the upcoming surgery and to postpone the audit.

CT shared information regarding the website with IOT and she is meeting with Taylor on July 26th, 2023 to discuss options that would be presented to the board in August.

CT advised auditors recommended a fraud report be placed for missing pressure washer, and modification of our internal control be done.

Discussion of videoing meetings ensued.

CT advised the CCD rate was approved by DLGF and re-established.

President Caldwell discussed changes in LIT and CT discussed opioid changes to county.

Old Business:

The ilines contract has not been reviewed since 2007 and should have been reviewed every 5 years. Amendments need to be made.

Discussion ensued.

President Caldwell discussed the surplus of WWTP generator and tornado siren. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to surplus generators and the tornado siren. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

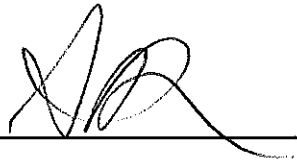
New Business:

Billing Disputes:

Request to Speak: Eric Bearmann (did not attend meeting).

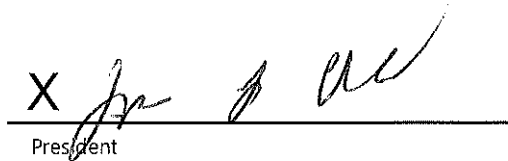
Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:46.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2023 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.