

TOWN OF ADVANCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
LOCATION: TOWN HALL

July 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, Dale Thompson, and David Lumpkin

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Deputy Shaun Hitch, Keith Cromwell, JR Shelton, Marshal Thomas, Scott Roby, David Gregory, Kyle Schnoor, Nate Scott, Mike Adams (ISC), Philip Lopresto (ISC), and Aletha Lumpkin.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Rules of Order**

**Mike Adams – ISC:**

Mr. Adams stated he worked for the operations component of IMPA/ISC, and Philip Lopresto worked on the engineering side. Mr. Adams was at the meeting discussing the dilemma of the new customer building at 50 S. adding 2 ½ to 3MVA of load. This work will be north of town and Duke's substation is south of town. The delivery point south of town is a 4KV transformer, Duke gives us 12KV system. Over 5 years is to try and develop the town from a 4KV system to a 12KV system. This will reduce losses, and the system will be prepared to handle more load, level up to 12KV to 50 S. and operation at 50 S. can use bigger loads and not smaller motors; therefore, the idea is to take a temporary 12KV system from Dover (REMC), to get power situated to 50 South. IMPA is working with Duke Energy from that point on to upgrade the system south of town and run a line to the delivery point. Higher loads will be able to be taken off that system (556 conductor size). The

quickest way to convert our system is to do a flyover line (over existing 3 phase line), and this will be converted over a 5 year timeline.

President Caldwell stated the estimated cost to hook into REMC is approximately \$108,000.00 to provide service to 50 South. The cost of the transformers would be the responsibility of Mr. Smith.

Mr. Adams stated they are working to determine the value of the system to the town, as the system will only be used part of the year.

President Caldwell stated the usage would be comparable to what the entire town uses. The money generated from that would help cover the cost of the system conversion. Mr. Adams stated he had not looked at rates to see if the town has demand charges, and that the town may want to look at implementing that as well as the power factor. Mr. Adams also stated that the town needs to look at a zoning and a master plan.

President Caldwell interjected that the cost of the flyover would be approximately \$450,000.00 and Mr. Adams concurred. The town could apply for an infrastructure grant.

Discussion ensued regarding the grant application and converting the system stating everyone would be upgraded and the power generated could accommodate anyone. The goal would be to have work done over 5 years. Mr. Adams concurred.

There is a joint transmission group including Duke Energy, IMPA, and Wabash Valley. They all own assets of the transmission system, and conversations are happening with each group to apply power to Advance to the south where substation is located.

As IMPA provides power to Advance, they will be the holder of the meter location and an agreement will be made with Boone REMC.

The goal is to have power to 75 and 50 South by summer of 2025. President Caldwell stated all contracts between all parties will have to be reviewed. Mr. Adams stated that Lebanon just went through a similar scenario with the LEAP district. President Caldwell stated this conversion will accommodate growth.

Discussion of current three phase entities ensued. President Caldwell stated there was a lead time up to a year for transformers and that we are in the beginning phases of this process.

Councilman Lumpkin questioned costs and President Caldwell reiterated what was previously discussed.

Mr. Adams discussed a Wheeling Agreement and the components which includes a rate for local distribution services, real power losses, reactive demand charge, and a reserve capacity limitation. These charges will need to be placed in the rates. Mr. Adams stated this was all temporary because the idea of a flyover would remedy the ancillary charges until the town is ready to do the conversion.

Mr. Lopresto stated when placing the temporary metering point some areas would need to be rebuilt coming back into town, but that would only need to be rebuilt once. President Caldwell questioned if the town would need to increase the size of the conductors. Mr. Lopresto advised not at the present time.

President Caldwell expressed that IMPA was valuable to the town and assistance with this process as the town could not do it alone. Mr. Adams advised it takes many at IMPA to work through these processes as well.

CT Johnson questioned what would be a good time frame to do a rate study for electric? P. Caldwell stated we have issues that will need to be addressed in the next rate study.

#### **Engineering Report – :**

CT Johnson presented the Pay Application #1 to the Council for the CCMG work done by All Star Paving.

**Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve the Pay Application #1 from All Star Paving in the amount of \$108,812.48. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve President Caldwell to sign the commitment to CCMG 25% local match of \$70,593.75 for the next funding cycle. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

CT Johnson wants to utilize this grant as long as possible as the increase of electric cars could affect the revenue.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2024. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for July 8, 2024 in the amount of \$131,127.13. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

Discussion of busted curbs on Wall Street ensued. CT stated she would discuss with Mr. Ladd.

**The council signed off on reconciliation for June 2024.**

CT advised revenues were over 2 million.

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

Fund and appropriation reports were presented. No comments were presented. CT advised that negative balances were reconciled, and she is moving forward with the budget process.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of June 2024, in the amount of \$-182.73. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion carried.**

No TRECS Update to present.

CT advised President Caldwell authorized paying claims through the end of June to have better numbers for the budget.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to ratify claims paid through the end of June authorized by President Caldwell. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **Park – Scott Roby:**

Mr. Roby advised he had met with CT for a 5 year plan (2 ½ - 3 years discussed) and grants that are available to apply for some of the projects. The board is working to open the concession stand. The first movie in the park is upcoming.

In addition, vandalism has occurred in the park. Mr. Shelton discussed a bench has been moved to the back of the park and trees were torn down and placed in the ground. The entrance of park on Roark, needs a chain and lock. President Caldwell directed M. Thomas to investigate. Other incidents were also discussed.

Discussion of camera placement in the park ensued. P. Caldwell questioned M. Thomas if the sheriff's department had trail cams. M. Thomas stated we may need to get some and that it wasn't kids in town.

Mr. Roby stated the 501C3 had success with the polo match generating \$6,594.73 for their non-for-profit.

CT is working on a motorcycle ride to benefit park and hopefully the ride will become an annual thing to help other groups as well. A date will be established at the next park board meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

The issue of the parking lot being used for car repairs was discussed and CT advised the certified letter was signed for on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. M. Thomas stated he didn't have a copy of the letter or that it might be in his inbox and CT advised she would get him one.

President Caldwell stated that too much work had been done for the park to have vandalism done.

CT advised 180 in Color grant has been resubmitted as the scope changed. P. Caldwell stated there is a grant with the Solid Waste for \$10,000.00. JR Shelton said to utilize the grant, the playground equipment must be made out of recycled materials. CT stated to Mr. Roby to reach out to Jennifer Lawrence at Solid Waste to advised what the park is considering and where they were in the process. P. Caldwell stated if the park wouldn't use it, the fire department would.

CT also shared that she had obtained a catalog of Christmas lights at her conference (local to Indiana) and had ordered a catalog for the park board. CT stated the 501C3 could purchase larger pieces.

CT updated the board, that the grant for murals had to be resubmitted and wanted \$60,000.00 for the grant and a \$30,000.00 match. She advised the town didn't have enough places to put \$90,000.00 worth of murals.

Nate Scott stated there was some exercise equipment that needed to be removed. Discussion of the condition of the equipment ensued.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to surplus and remove damaged exercise equipment at the park. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried. CT stated the town attorney would write a surplus resolution for the park exercise equipment.**

**UMAC – CT Johnson read report:**

CT advised with the way dates on the billing cycle fell, a water loss report would not be available to the Council.

For the month of June (report says May), the WW Plant ran at 94% capacity. No violations for the month. Surveys sent to Sherri Winters to update our lead/copper inventory. Two quotes were presented for generator maintenance. Water samples for lead and copper, due every 3 years will be collected this month. Plants are running well.

Quotes were presented for generator maintenance, from Huston Electric to service 4 generators was \$2,470.00 and Evapar quoted \$4,180.00.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the quote from Huston Generator Service Agreement for \$2,470.00 and for President Caldwell to sign agreement. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell:**

Work done in June, were line locates, septic pumping, and mowing.

**IMPA/ISC – CT Johnson read report:**

In June 2024 there were 2 service request(s), 3 poles were installed, and there were two emergency reported.

**ISC Halftime Report – CT Johnson:**

CT presented reduction of power outages, tree maintenance, service requests, and engineering. Discussion ensued.

P. Caldwell stated poles on 75 with solar panels on them are for repeaters for water meters to associate.

Costs at Water Tower – Councilman Thompson stated he cannot decipher anything from the reports.

**IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:**

P. Caldwell stated there has been some questions about the solar park and battery storage. There is no plan to put batteries in, due to the cost on return.

The tree at Wall has limbs in the power lines and a work order needs to be placed. Mr. Thompson stated he would take the tree down once they are out of the power line. CT will have deputy put in a work order for tree maintenance with ISC.

**Fire – Keith Cromwell:**

For the month of June 2024, the fire department had 3 EMS, 1 fire, 1 MVA, 7 cancelled in route, 1 power line down. and 1 haz mat. run.

**Police – Marshall Thomas: (no report presented – verbal):**

There were 10 runs in June. Runs were discussed.

The new police truck should be in anytime.

Code enforcement update was given. 407 moved items to back of the yard and put a tarp up to try and hide. P. Caldwell expressed his displeasure with the Health Department continually providing dumpsters to the property. Council is moving forward with prosecution. Legal Counsel recommended a warrant could be issued to obtain pictures of inside of property.

203 is cleaning up their property.

103 items to remove in 30 days by court order is the suburban, old tractor trailer, and hay bale. Discussions ensued. These issues were left open by the court to be able to revisit issues. Attorneys wanted chance to be given to sons due to family circumstances. Animals are in house at other property in violation.

Deputy Marshal was in an accident and department is working through the claim and hoping to get \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Discussions ensued regarding replacement costs of vehicle. There is a lot of equipment that can be taken out of the police car. M. Thomas stated the town wanted to purchase the car back. CT requested a copy of the police report from M. Thomas. Legal Counsel requested photos be taken of the vehicle.

The training academy in Plainfield are implementing policies, and the department may need to adopt them. Discussions ensued.

G.E.D. update was discussed.

**Old Business - nothing presented.**

**New Business:**

Income Survey will be tabled until the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Billing Disputes:**

**None presented.**

**Request to Speak:**

**None received.**

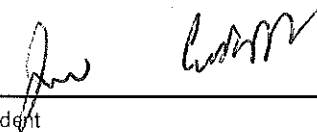
**Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:36.**

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Advance Town Council meeting(s).

The next Council (Special) meeting is scheduled for Monday July 22, 2024, at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.