

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

June 6, 2022

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, Amanda Lyles and Dale Thompson

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Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Keith Cromwell, Jeff Hopper, and David Gregory

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Rules of Order**

**Ladd Engineering Report – No report presented.**

**Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2022.**

**Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for June 6, 2021, in the amount of \$96,325.11. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Council signed off on reconciliation for May.**

Discussion ensued regarding REMC wanting to run fiber lines on Wall Street and South Street. Concerns expressed were that Wall Street was just paved and new sidewalks placed last summer. No benefit to the Town with fiber, only the WAM program. Councilman Caldwell stated REMC would need to request the right away and lines can be placed on poles but a pole attachment rate would need to be done.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to veto fiber lines being through town streets unless the town can receive internet. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Park – No report presented. CT stated she has not received any meeting minutes to establish them.**

**UMAC – No Report as bills were just generated.**

**Hopper Excavating – President Fry read report:**

Work completed in May was line locates, disconnects, and reconnects, septic pumping, repair/replace flags, burn brush, spray for weeds, jetting a line, and mowing.

Discussion ensued regarding upcoming work.

**IMPA – President Fry read report:**

In May, there were no service requests. No poles were replaced in May and there were no outages.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tracking Factor of .002121. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Battery testing for solar plants is expensive, cost and demand.

Councilman Caldwell stated with inflation electric cost base rate could increase, but not as much as Duke or AES.

**Fire – Keith Cromwell read report:**

For the month of May, the fire department had 11 EMS, 7 Cancelled, 1 MVA, an LP Gas Leak Tanker Training.

**Police – Marshall Brad Thomas:**

For the month of May there were several runs. Deputy Hitch went around with new property manager. Sex offenders, suicide threats, vandalism, and domestic animal run occurred. Reserve Trincado would be attending FTO training in Westfield and took the Tahoe back and forth to the training. There are not many runs out in this area and may have to do situational training. CT questioned if there was virtual training and C. Lyles questioned training for school shootings. Discussion ensued.

The cage was complete in the back and training would occur there.

D. Bewley will be attending training in Michigan City and would need reimbursement for meals. CT stated she needed information for the hotel to pre-pay his stay. County Grant will pay for training.

M. Thomas wanted a camera to do interviews for \$150.00. CT expressed concerns that if all the ammunition requested to be purchased and removing all gas expenses leaves \$3,900.00 in the police budget for the entire rest of the year and car maintenance was in a deficit. M. Thomas stated he was going to look locally for ammo. The quote approved previously \$2986.48, but budget would not support that size purchase.

CT had all the letters for Code Enforcement to be signed, and recommended pictures be taken once notices are placed on the resident's door. CT advised that the letters need three copies; 1) Mailed Certified 2) Taped to door and 3) File kept in office.

M. Thomas stated he was going to "hand" letters to residents.

CT advised residents had 10 days from receipt of the letter, to file an appeal. Discussion ensued.

**Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:**

Fund and appropriation reports were presented without comment.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of May 2022, in the amount of \$-318.79. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Fry voted aye. Councilman Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion passed.

TRECS total for year received; \$2004.76.

Codification in final process.

Department head meetings would be happening for budget 2023.

CT requested any amendments to fire and utility contracts. Mr. Hopper stated fuel has increased and CT advised an amendment would need to be done to contract to include that fee.

The generator for the town hall had to be moved. Bollards may need to be placed for generator and fuel tank safety. Councilman Caldwell made a motion to pay for extra incurred charges of the installation of the generator. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

If Katie is extending time for renters, letters will be sent; however, charges cannot keep incurring.

The Legal Contract needs to be approved before budget is set.

Councilman Caldwell requested that dumpsters be purchased for the leasing company. CT stated the town should not cover that expense. Councilman Caldwell stated the town had paid for three other tear-downs. CT explained the initial dumpsters were negotiated with Mr. Carter to tear down a trailer, and the other dumpsters were for condemned properties. Discussions went back and forth regarding the payment of dumpsters.

President Fry questioned what the cost of the dumpster would be. Discussion of payment ensued. Councilwoman Lyles questioned why the company that purchased the property couldn't pay for it? President Fry questioned what would be done with the property and this is a company that can cover the cost? CT stated that the dumpster appropriation could help the police department expenses. CT questioned if the Council wanted to set a precedent by doing this? Mr. Hopper questioned if he wanted his trailer torn down, would the town supply him a dumpster? Mr. Hopper stated he wouldn't ask for one. C. Caldwell stated it was offered to them.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to supply 2 dumpsters to Enhance Property. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Fry voted Nay. Councilman Thompson voted aye. Motion carried.

Increases for cost-of-living, discussion ensued. Councilman Caldwell noted an Executive Session to discuss.

**Old Business:**

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-01. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-02. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Sidewalk Maintenance tabled.

CT requested reports be turned in timely by M. Thomas.

**New Business:**

**Billing Disputes: TRECS Appeals.**



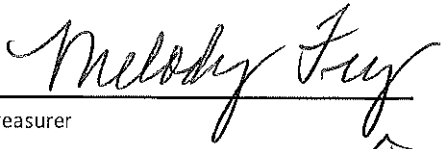
**Request to Speak:**

No requests presented.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:52.

X Melody Fay  
Clerk Treasurer

X [Signature]  
President



The next Council meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2022 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.)