

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

March 8, 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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Others in attendance: Deputy Hitch, Keith Cromwell, Koren Gray, and Troy Elless, UMAC

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Rules of Order – President Fry did not read**

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

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2022. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve claims for March 8, 2021, in the amount of \$57,060.73. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Park – No report presented.**

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion for President Fry to sign the Agreement with Charitable Allies and pay the invoice for services of \$2500.00 to re-establish the Park's 501C3 status. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**UMAC – Troy Elless read report:**

For the month of February, gallons pumped were 702,000 and total billed was 649,980 leaving a difference of 52,020 or 7%. Found that Deputy was giving wrong months for consumption numbers and why previous months were so high in difference. There are issues with the motor on the small blower at the WWTP is going bad and has been ordered. Blowers at WWTP will have 500 service hours and fluids are required to be changed.

Discussion was held regarding the Well Head Protection Plan and potential contamination sites. Councilman Caldwell recommended removing Batts from this list. The Emergency Contact List needs to be updated and any recommendations for the map that Mr. Elless presented (circle around water tower protection area of 3000 feet). Mr. Elless also requested a copy of the sign in sheet be forwarded after the meeting.

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

Work completed in February was line locates, disconnects, and reconnects, septic pumping, Jet service on baffle 304 E. Wall, check water services, salting and snow plowing.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to repair holes on E. Wall St. and hot patch with an estimate cost of \$600.00 - \$800.00. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **IMPA – President Fry read report:**

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#### **IMPA Commissioner's Report – Councilman Caldwell:**

Councilman Caldwell announced the new CEO of IMPA, Jack Alvey, and discussed compensation. Coal fire plants will be closing and alternatives needed for power.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve IMPA's Draft Employment Agreement. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Fire – Keith Cromwell read report:**

For the month of February, the fire department had 5 EMS, 1 Fire, 1 MVA, and Cancelled 9.

#### **Police – Marshall Brad Thomas:**

For the month of January there were 5 runs. Deputy Demaree moved out of town but has intentions to continue with reserves.

Deputy Hitch left the sheriff's department and Marshall Thomas requested the town allow him to use one of the Tahoes to moonlight at another job.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to allow Deputy Hitch to use the Town's Tahoe, for moonlighting, off-duty work. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT advised the Town handbook did not reflect use of a vehicle for other work. Councilman Caldwell requested to amend the Town's Employee Handbook to reflect usage of a town vehicle to moonlight.

Reserve Bewley remains active with the food pantry. A crime watch meeting is being considered.

**Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:**

Fund and appropriation reports with reconciliation were presented for Council to sign and review. No comments were presented.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of February 2022, in the amount of \$-622.38. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Fry voted aye. Councilman Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept appeal for Greg Carney , (TRECS). Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT Johnson addressed that the ARP needed a policy in ways to spend. The Council could use for any purpose and claim losses up to \$10M.

**Old Business:**

Sidewalk Ordinance was tabled until April.

A new valuation quote from T.M. Wells was presented at Tim Wells passed away and Joseph Wells now owns the company.

Councilman Caldwell re-approved T.M. Wells Valuation Services quote of \$1800.00 to update assets. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT advised that product costs increased and the quote from Poppellwell increased.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept the amended estimate from Poppellwells for \$5410.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Billing Disputes:**

Brandon Jones requested a water/sewer credit of \$1337.66 for extensive water leaks. Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the water/sewer credit in the amount of \$1377.66. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Caldwell requested a sewer credit of \$14.60 due to water leak. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the credit of \$14.60. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Fry voted aye. Councilman Caldwell abstained. Motion carried.

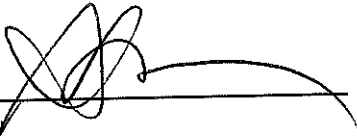
**Request to Speak:**

No requests presented.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:54.

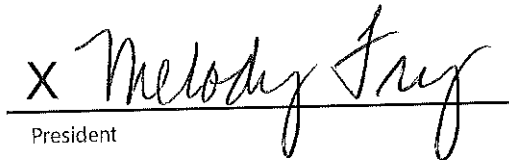
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Clerk Treasurer



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President



The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 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.