

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

May 8, 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, Amanda Lyles, Dale Thompson and David Lumpkin

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Others in attendance: Scott Roby, Doug Meissel, Deputy Shaun Hitch, Reserve Zac Perisho, Reserve John Demaree, JR Shelton; Kristen Linton, Keith Cromwell, Jeff Hopper, Ed Charleton, Kyle Schnoor, JR Shelton, Deputy Shaun Hitch, Allison Gutwein, and Dan Fry.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Boone County APC: Dan Fry area representative:

Mr. Fry advised there would be a workshop at Western Boone HS on Monday, May 15th at 6:00p.m. in the auditorium.

Growth had not been discussed but east and west of the County has been considered.

Mr. Fry presented documents for review.

The APC has a new director, Steve Elkins. Mr. Elkins was concerned with the Town's complaint on the Bob Hill properties.

President Caldwell advised a meeting with the County Legal Counsel, Bob Clutter, Town Attorney, Amy Nooning, the health department, and the APC would occur on May 9th, 2023.

Mr. Fry stated the APC was looking for commission direction on the Hill property. President Caldwell advised that the property on Main Street was under court order to not add junk to the property, and fines were withheld if property to keep it clean.

The Planned Unit Development (PUD) was discussed and the difficulties re-zoning agricultural land. Traffic patterns for the county are being reviewed as well, and what would affect Advance would be Dover and to the east of Dover. An overlay district was also being discussed and what intersections will look like, as well as a traffic study is being conducted.

Discussions ensued.

Mr. Fry commended the efforts of officials in town making improvements to the town.

Engineer's Report, President Caldwell:

CT advised that she and P. Caldwell met on April 25th at 3:00 p.m. to open sealed BIDS for generator connections.

Mr. Ladd presented the Council with recommendations to approve the BID from Brand Electric, Lafayette, IN., for generator work of \$19,250.00. R & M Electric INC., of Danville, IN BID \$29,050.00.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Brand Electric's BID for generator connection of \$19,250.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2023. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve claims for May 8, 2023, in the amount of \$117,664.01. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The council signed off on reconciliation for April. Reconciliation was completed on May 1, 2023. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve April, 2023 reconciliation. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Park – President, Kristen Linton presented:

Ms. Linton presented the Park Board to the Council: President, Kristen Linton, VP. JR Shelton, Secretary/Treasurer, Scott Roby, and Park Board Member, Doug Meissel.

Cleanup was conducted at the park and many residents participated with the Park Board. The Park Board had a proposal for Hopper to work the trail for \$850.00. CT advised the Park Budget was very slim due to the prior Park Board's inactivity and prior inflated budgets. The budget for this year was \$12,350.00 for salaries, maintenance, and utilities. Ms. Linton advised that the concession building needed to be cleaned up.

Ms. Linton advised of standing water and mosquitoes in a portion of the park and P. Caldwell advised the health department covers. The concession stand needs to be inspected, so they can come to review both.

P. Caldwell stated with a short budget, the Park Board would need to pick and choose what they would like to have done and also seek out grants.

Ms. Linton advised the gator can be used by the Town (i.e., meter reads) and other any other needs the town has. The park board did not want the gator to not be driven and sit, thus causing repairs needing to be done.

Mr. Shelton advised the dumpster was owned by the Park's Department and a piece is broken and needs to be repaired. Ms. Linton advised the hot water heater in the concession stand does not work. A quote from Mr. Thompson was requested for dumpster repair. P. Caldwell advised that the filter might need to be cleaned. The spigot on the backside of the building is also broken.

Ms. Linton advised a Junior Park Board would be developed and a community garage sale would be June 9th and 10th. P. Caldwell stated the property adjacent to the park would be cleaned up. (part of meeting with County).

Flat land that was leveled out by RC Racers, and a corn maze is being considered for fall.

P. Caldwell and CT advised they met with the insurance safety representative. CT stated the safety representative recommended; RC racers pay rent on the shed and carry their own liability insurance or place their own shed at the park, RC park needs a designated spectator area, securing benches, purchasing playground equipment, and RC Racers need a COI.

UMAC – Clerk-Treasurer Johnson presented report:

For April, hydrant flushing was done and new flow data to report. The water tower will be inspected on May 10, 2023 and the tower will be out of service for a few days. The generator was delivered to WWTP and awaiting connection. Plants are running well.

CT advised due to billing cycle billing numbers will be presented next month.

Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell read report:

In April, work completed were line locates, inspection of a septic tank, check for leaks, water turned on, and mowing.

Upcoming work: capping of septic tanks, mowing, septic pumping, and repairs.

IMPA – CT Johnson read report:

In April there was 1 service request, no poles were replaced, and there were no outages.

IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:

President Caldwell discussed touring a coal generation plant operations in southern Indiana, how there was zero waste produced by the plant, and the process of how this is done. The plant is working on carbon capture to be completely carbonless. Operations of plant were explained.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 2nd quarter IMPA tracking factor of \$.011075 that will increase billing by \$1.83. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

President Caldwell stated the generators (WWTP) will need to be surplus. Councilman Thompson stated the switch taken out before getting rid of the old generator. Discussion ensued regarding whether this would be feasible.

Fire – Keith Cromwell read report:

For the month of April, the fire department had 1 EMS, 1 Fire, 3 MVAs, and 2 Storm damage, and 3 Cancel in route.

Police – Marshall Thomas:

There were 16 runs in April. Discussion of runs ensued including welfare runs, animal control, and theft.

Code Enforcement: There is a lead issue at 407 S. Main and the health department are involved. 305 E. Wall is working on clean up and the health department is getting a dumpster at this address. Discussion began with Hill properties. Tomorrow, May 9th, M. Thomas, and P. Caldwell are meeting with the County APC, health department, town attorney and county attorney to address properties and get resolutions/timelines.

M. Thomas had discussions regarding grants and stated there weren't many other than training grants at this time.

The County grant of \$4801.03 was approved to go towards the purchase of the laptops. The computers could only be purchased and not leased. The laptops come with a stand. The difference of laptops of \$2228.97 M. Thomas requested Council to pay for. CT stated she needed the invoice to the Sheriff's department in c/o the Town of Advance for the grant to pay and invoiced to the penny. The County would also need a W-9 to be compliant with the grant.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to pay \$2228.97 towards the police computer purchase. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion regarding tasers ensued. Tasers are being retired by the county and replacement cartridges will be \$50.00. Tasers must be qualified each year. Also, \$100.00 per year training per officer is needed for tasers.

Discussions ensued.

M. Thomas stated that writing tickets didn't pay much, and reserves have to take off time to work to go to court and that wasn't feasible for them to do.

Discussion regarding updating the reserve cars ensued.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

Fund and appropriation reports were presented without comment. CT advised the trash fund is almost in the positive.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of April 2023, in the amount of -182.73. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion passed.

TRECS update: there is one payment coming in and then TRECS will be done for the year due to changing systems.

CT advised she is having surgery on July 11th and requested the Council move up the July meeting to allow her to complete billing before the surgery. It was decided the July meeting would be moved to July 6, 2023. CT will post an ad for change.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to CT's request to travel to ILMCT Conference in June with estimated costs to training appropriations of \$1192.80. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT stated she would need to establish meeting with department heads for the 2024 budget.

Old Business:

CT stated engineer's recommendations to not use Veolia for water tower painting.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to move forward with ilines running fiber after an amended agreement is established. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Billing Disputes:

CT requested a ratification of the original approval amount to Erin Higgins in April of \$320.00 to \$255.00 due to the tank inspection invoice not considered.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to ratify the payment to Ms. Higgins from \$320.00 to \$255.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Request to Speak: Ed Charleton – WAM

Mr. Charleton requested to use the Town lot on July 12th from 1-4 p.m. for WAM's Safety Day.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to allow WAM to use the Town lot for Safety Day on July 12th. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT questioned Mr. Charleton in regard to WAM's summer camp. She questioned when the camp would be held. Mr. Charleton advised it would be held Tuesday's and Thursday's from May 30th through August 3rd. CT stated this camp was being held on days her office was open, and kids were above her office most days for the entire time, even in good weather. This was a disruption to her business office.

Secondly, she stated for the safety of the kids, there was no one at the door of WAM to receive the kids, and with active shooters on the rise, this was a hazard for the safety of all the kids participating. M. Thomas stated that maybe they should wear a gun.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:03.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday June 12, 2023 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.