

TOWN OF ADVANCE  
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES  
LOCATION: ADVANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
November 9, 2015  
7:03 PM

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Council Members: Randy Hill, Larry Harris, Daryl McKinney, Kevin Hoskins

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Superintendent: Nathan Reed

Marshall: Ray Hieston

**Attendees:**

Council Members: Randy Hill, Daryl McKinney, Larry Harris, and Kevin Hoskins

Clerk-Treasurer: Outgoing – Lisette Pittman, Incoming – Shari Johnson

Town Marshall: Ray Hieston

Town Employees: Nathan Reed, Chris Sheldon

**Others Present:**

James “Jim” Caldwell, Matt Johnson, JoAnn Hill, Robert E. Hill, Beth Combs, Rick Combs, David Gregory, Bobby Taylor Jr., Jana Taylor, Amanda Slaven, Jacqueline Covington, Mike Caldwell, Lisette Pittman, Dale “Spanky” Thompson.

**Legal Counsel:**

Amy Noonning, Tom Whitsitt

Councilman Hill announces meeting will be held to Robert’s Rules of Order and calls meeting to order at 7:03.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- First order of business: swearing in of Shari L. Johnson, to fill vacancy of Lisette Pittman for the unexpired term of Heather Greenlee. Motion to accept candidate Councilman Hoskins approved motion, Councilman Harris seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Oath given by legal counsel, Tom Whitsitt.

Councilman Kevin Hoskins motioned to approve the town minutes for the Town Meeting dated October 13, 2015 as written, Councilman McKinney second motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Utilities – Nathan Reed/Chris Sheldon Represented**

- Nathan advised there is no report and performing daily routines. No money spent.

**Park – No one in attendance**

### **Library – Amanda Slaven Vice President Represented**

- Amanda advised of new library board: Julie Wilson Wood-President, Amanda Slaven – Vice President, Sarah Bayne - Secretary, and Nancy Hopper – Treasurer. Members at large: Jackie Covington, Warren Baker, Janice Spears, and Pat McHargue.
- Upcoming library activities: coloring contest in November. Pictures to be posted at library week of Thanksgiving to be voted upon. Story time with Santa date in December to be announced.
- Next meeting for library, Monday December 7, 2015 at 5:30. Meeting open to public.
- Nathan Reed questioned whether library was recognized by the state, Amanda advised still working on status of library with 501C3. Nathan questioned board must be a town resident. Amanda also advised per the library bi-laws that the board must have 2/3 town residents, and that she was a resident of Brownsburg.

**Park – no one in attendance.**

### **Police Department – Marshall Ray Hieston Represented**

- Ray advised he will be on vacation from December 21-24, and 28. Advised he will let County know to provide coverage. Deputies laid off, Bobby Taylor and Caleb Otto offered to fill in as reserves which would be no cost to the town and provide 16 hours for the month, each. Councilman Hoskins made a motion to accept recommendation that Deputies move to Reserve status, Councilman Harris second motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Fire Department – Jim Caldwell Represented**

- Eleven runs made in the month of October.

### **Utilities – Nathan Reed Represented**

- Council President Hill advised receipt of letter from IDEM and questioned why the President was not notified when inspection occurred. Mr. Reed advised inspections are random and occur biannually. Council President then asked if an inspection report or any documentation was given to Mr. Reed at time of inspection, Mr. Reed stated he was given no paperwork at the time of inspection and he has not received paperwork to date. Council President stated in the letter received, that the town had been “dinged” on two items and questioned if Mr. Reed was aware of the infraction. Mr. Reed stated he was aware, however; he has not been given authority to sign off on the plant. He advised Astbury is still the operator. Council President questioned if the contract with Astbury had been terminated once Mr. Reed received license. Mr. Reed advised that the contract with Astbury has not been terminated by the town and President Hill advised he would. Councilman Hoskins questioned if follow up was necessary and legal counsel advised town had 30 days from November 4, 2015 to reply. Mr. Reed stated the letter was a notice to comply, and he needed to verify where the funds are coming from to rectify the issues. Councilman Hoskins asked what the issues were and Mr. Reed stated they were a meter and dialer on the lift station. Mr. Reed stated that the issues were being looked at the following day. President Hill requested a copy of the inspection report. Mr. Reed stated DL Anderson would be the company performing

investigation and repair for \$3500. President Hill asked if there was a quote from DL Anderson, and Mr. Reed stated that he would obtain a quote.

Legal counsel advised the council to motion to authorize President Hill to take whatever actions are necessary with Astbury to ensure there is respond with IDEM within thirty days. Councilman Hoskins made a motion, Councilman Harris seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **New Business:**

- State Road Project, LADD Engineering. Gary Ladd had emailed a proposal to President Hill with a recommendation to accept option four. President Hill received a letter dated August 20, 2015, sent to Mr. Aberra and copied to the town stating a recommendation of option 4 at a cost of \$540,000. Option 4 includes a 6 inch water main from W. Wall north to the end of town's existing water main and a 12 inch water main from Wall St. south to South St. The twelve inch size is required to meet 3000 gallon/minute recommended fire flow established by the insurance office at South St. LADD engineering needs approval from council. Legal counsel stated she spoke with Gary Ladd and approval is not needed at Town meeting. INDOT and Gary Ladd agreed to a meeting with council members and legal counsel to make sure the town is aware of their financial responsibility for this project. Gary advised legal counsel that INDOT agreed that the town's responsibility would be 10% of the revenue for the utility. Legal counsel stated that there is an option 2 which is an upgrade and would be the town's financial responsibility. The cost of option 2 is \$200,000, plus additional engineering fees of an estimated \$13,000 - \$14,000. Legal counsel advised delaying decision until meeting takes place. President Hill stated a need for upgrade, to aid the fire department in the event of a catastrophe at Co-Alliance and have adequate water supply. Legal counsel stated that option 2 upgrade could be funded through a grant. Gary Ladd was going to contact town's grant administrator as to starting the grant process. INDOT needs a commitment from the town no later than April 2016 as to which option town is going to select. President Hill stated for clarification that option 2 is a 4 inch line going to a 12 inch line. This is outside of INDOT's construction limits. President Hill advised he would organize a meeting to take place the week of December 14, 2015 including current council as well as a council-elect member. Question proposed about running a line running a line to the elementary school and estimated cost would be \$1 - \$2 million, however; Gary Ladd advised to include in grant process.
- Former Clerk-Treasurer, Lisette Pittman, turned in her keys and garage door opener to newly appointed Clerk-Treasurer, Shari Johnson and President Hill thanked her for her service to the town.
- Rick Combs inquired what council was doing to obtain funds to reinstated the laid off deputies. President Hill advised he looked into the department of local government financing and there is little he can do. Funds can be borrowed from next year's funds but that makes next year's council more difficult. President Hill stated he talked to Marshall Hieston and the town could obtain a grant. Currently the answer is no but funds have been requested in 2016 budget. Mr. Combs questioned if ticketing structure could be utilized to general revenue. Marshall Hieston advised town receives \$4 per violation.

**Claims:**

- Outgoing Clerk-Treasurer, Lisette Pitmann, stated contractual services paid to date.
- Legal counsel advised claim still pending. New claim was sent including all charges due December 1, 2015.
- President Hill motioned to accept claims paid to November 9, 2015. Councilman Harris second. All in favor, motion passed.

President Hill congratulated newly elected council. Advised Melody Fry, and Matt Johnson have three year terms and Dale "Spanky" Thompson and Jim Caldwell have a one year terms. Requested a meeting of outgoing council with new to discuss on-going issues and to include Suzy Bass.

Councilman McKinney made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Harris second. Motion passed.

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Clerk/Treasurer

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President