

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

November 13, 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, David Lumpkin, and Dale Thompson

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Deputy Shaun Hitch, Keith Cromwell, Stacy Sutphin, Kyle Schnoor, JR Shelton and Scott Roby.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

President Caldwell opened the public hearing for annexation into the Town of Advance.

CT advised the Ordinance would be read and next month the Ordinance would be considered by the Council as well as a Fiscal Plan.

CT Johnson read Ordinance 2023-09: An Ordinance of the Town of Advance, Indiana Annexing Territory to the Town of Advance, IN.

No public comment was presented. President Caldwell closed the public hearing on annexation and opened the public hearing for the additional appropriations.

CT Johnson read the Additional Appropriation Resolution 2023-10.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2023-10 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT explained that she had documentation for the additional appropriations that were calculated, and the concession receipts of \$1348.00 and \$144.00 had to be requested in the additional appropriation process as well.

CT requested the Council consider tree trimming for the park be paid from the General Fund.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve tree trimming be paid from General Fund for \$2500.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Engineer's Report – none presented.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2023. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for November 13, 2023 in the amount of \$70,302.59. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT advised claims normally are around \$110,000.00 but with the last month meeting being pushed later, there was not much time between meetings; therefore, the total was less.

The council signed off on reconciliation for October 2023.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

Fund and appropriation reports were presented. No comments were presented.

President Caldwell stated the audit was completed, but no comment could be presented until the findings are published.

CT advised audit costs were increased by the state from \$175.00/hr. to \$400.00/hr. CT advised she got the auditors information quickly to save the town money on audit charges.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of October 2023, in the amount of -74.72 and Sewer Credits in the amount of \$171.33. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the CT bond for \$30,000.00 and Deputy Bond for \$10,000.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT stated that any entity that accepts funds on behalf of the Town needs to be bonded. She made the recommendation of \$10,000.00 for a blanket bond.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve a blanket bond amount for \$10,000.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT explained why the Town bonded employees and the process filing with the State Attorney General's Office.

Training opportunities for NEO Council Members were presented to Councilman Lumpkin and Councilwoman Lyles. CT advised she would register both of them for training in December and January through AIM. Additionally, AIM handbooks were available for order. Councilwoman Lyles requested one be purchased for her.

The Town received the Community Crossings Matching Grant for round 2 of 2023.

CT advised Keystone was now on an auto renewal agreement, and President Caldwell signed the agreement. CT also advised she was dropping Key Assets as Mr. Wells did the Town's asset inventory.

Appraisals are being done for the gravel lot in town so the town can advertise it for sale.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to ratify binding Cyber Insurance for \$2300.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried. CT advised the Cyber costs went down.

Park – Scott Roby:

Mr. Roby thanked the Fire Department for use of the bay for Trunk-or-Treating. Restrooms were winterized at the Park.

The Park Board will continue to hold a monthly movie, and some will be held at the Fire Station.

Stacy Sutphin is working with connecting the park with the polo club.

Hoppers is spraying the trail to make it walkable.

A tree needs to be taken down at the park. This will be done next year due to limited park funds remaining.

CT advised the attorney wanted to meet with the Park Board, the Council President and CT prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting next month at 6:00 p.m.

UMAC – CT Johnson read:

For the month of October, there were no numbers to present due to the billing timing. The UV system was taken offline and stored for winter. Systems are working fine. Ms. Winters is working on lead line inventory. Mr. Ladd will be working on tower painting specs over winter.

Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell:

In October 2023, work completed were line locates, (telephone pole hit) mowing/weed-eating, septic pumping, water checked, and septic tank inspected. The park will be mowed one more time. Work orders pending.

Discussion ensued for upcoming work.

IMPA – CT Johnson read report:

In October 2023 there were 5 service requests, one pole was replaced, and there was one outage. P. Caldwell stated the broken pole should be presented to insurance for payment.

IMPA Halftime Report – President Caldwell:

Dirk Garriott and Mike Adams presented report to P. Caldwell, and Councilwoman Lyles. Work in 2023 was discussed. An analyzation program was discussed; this automated system would help the town being proactive on outages etc.

IMPA Commissioner’s President Caldwell:

President Caldwell stated the EPA wants by 2032 all carbon producing facilities shut down. IMPA is working on multiple plans to produce energy. They are looking into extending coal fire plant extension, and buildings of turbine generators, and bargaining energy.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For the month of October 2023, the fire department had 6 EMS, 3 MVA and one false alarm.

Police – Deputy Hitch presented:

There were 7 runs in October. Runs were discussed.

Code Enforcement was discussed at Walnut Street, there was an LP gas leak.

407 S. Main put over 100 tires in town collection. Discussion of properties ensued.

The camera is being placed to help with security.

Death of resident in the community was discussed.

The firing range is being used for police training. A discussion ensued with the insurance. CT verified currently the range is only be utilized by law enforcement. In the future, the range could be opened to the public but there would be many regulations. Discussion of waivers ensued.

CT asked if M. Thomas has been writing more tickets to be able to present to the attorney.

Old Business:

P. Caldwell discussed meeting with ilines. CT said the service was worked on and finally improved. Cameras/service was also requested in the park. CT advised ilines said something could possibly placed on the shelter in the park.

Salary Ordinance – tabled.

New Business:

Nothing presented.

Billing Disputes:

None presented.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:57.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday December 11, 2023, at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.