Rockville Town Council Meeting

Minutes for August 25, 2014

The Rockville Town Council met on August 25, 2014 for the regular meeting in the Town Hall at 12:00pm. Those in attendance were Debra Olson, Josh Sorrels, Parke Swaim, Steve Waltz and Liddy Dowd Wright.

Council requests to be on the agenda included Representative Alan Morrison to discuss the Food and Beverage Tax. Rep. Morrison summarized the last attempt to pass a Food and Beverage Tax bill. Debra(m)/Parke(2) to direct the Town Attorney to prepare a resolution to reauthorize Representative Morrison, on behalf of the Town, to pursue a Food and Beverage Tax bill. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Liddy(m)/Josh(2) to approve the minutes with corrections from the August 11, 2014 regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Liddy(m)/Josh(2) to approve the August 25, 2014 claims. Liddy(m)/Josh(2) to approve the billing adjustments totaling $4,112.24. Debra, Josh, Liddy and Parke voted aye. Steve opposed to not having reports on Friday before the meeting at noon. Motion carried. Josh(m)/Debra(2) not to approve a leak adjustment for a customer that had received a leak adjustment in April 2014. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chad stated that the black topping will started September 2 and the project will start at Erie, Starke and Marshall Road. Chad commented that three trees had been removed from the old cemetery. He also commented that the new water meters are continuing to be installed.

Bill McMichael distributed the Monthly Activity Report. Parke questioned the average of 3-4 calls per day for the RPD. He stated he had concerns on staffing and questioned the average number of calls. Josh stated that calls can vary between weekdays and weekends. Bill stated/Josh confirmed that the Incident Frequency Report which included the breakdown of calls/frequency of calls had been distributed for two and a half years for Council review. It was stated that a council member had a complaint of rabid animals. Liddy stated that the Town or County does not have an animal control center and A-Mark can be contacted locally for assistance, but there would be a fee. Also, Steve stated that he had received a complaint at 405 S. Barton of overgrown vegetation and access to the home for animals. Bill thought the house had been served an affidavit, but would follow-up.

Bill reported on the school crossing activity. Approximately 10-20 elementary students and 20-30 high school students crossed in the morning and 20-30 elementary students and 40 high school students crossed in the afternoon. Chad distributed school crossing numbers for Highway 36. Very few students cross 36 in the morning or evening. Steve opened the discussion to public comments. Liddy stated that she has heard “unhappy” comments about the school crossing guard situation and that an employee of the school corp. might be interested. Steve stated that he preferred the crossing guard to be under the direction of the police department, due to being a public safety matter, and the police staff should not be onsite to supervise as in last year. Chad distributed a quote for a stoplight estimated at $34,925.00. Josh(m)/Liddy(2) to hire a school crossing guard, Mike will contact the school and the position will be advertised. All voted aye. Motion carried. Steve stated that for the Highway 36 crossing, the school suggested appropriate signage for the crossing. He also commented that he contacted INDOT. INDOT stated it was up to the Town to decide on a signal either flashing or a stop light, but INDOT preferred a signaled intersection. Parke(m)/Josh(2) that the Town will staff the 36 crossing guard intersection until October 1 and Mike will contact the school corporation. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Sande Bemis, Park Board, was present and provided an update on the pool fundraising initiative. Sande stated the balance in donations for the pool totaled $226,425.00. The target goal for the first phase is $285,000. For the first phase the fundraising efforts are $58,000.00 short. Sande requested, in order to keep the project timeline and soliciting bids, the Town make up the $58,000.00 shortfall. Liddy(m)/Debra(2) to approve up to $60,000 to be committed to the pool fund to move forward with the bid process. It was discussed that the General fund, Rainy Day fund or Urban Development fund will absorb the additional expense. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Steve stated that the OCRA/Comprehensive Plan is on hold for clearing of the capital asset ledger. The Town is working with Bruce Hartman to compile information and prepare the ledger.

Steve stated the Storm Water Board will meet September 9 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

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