

Albion Town Council
Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 6:00 pm
Albion Municipal Building
211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN, 46701

CALL TO ORDER: Town Council President Vicki Jellison called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE: Vicki Jellison, President
Don Shultz, Vice-President
Chris Magnuson, Member
Darold Smolinske, Member

ABSENT: John Morr, Member

OTHERS: Carol A. Selby, Clerk-Treasurer
Tena, Woenker, Town Manager
Steve Clouse, Town Attorney
Sheryl Prentice, KPC Media
Scott Cole, Town Marshal
Bob Amber, Fire Chief
Trince Hursey, Police Dept
Sharon Leitch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2020 were approved. Motion by Shultz, seconded by Magnuson, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council member John Morr is out of town and unable to attend tonight's meeting. Council members thanked the Albion Fire Auxiliary for the recently held Annual Appreciation Dinner. The Albion Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Dinner will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church on January 30, 2020 beginning at 5:30 pm.

OPEN DISCUSSION: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Residential Housing Impact Study – Jim Higgins, London Witte Group
Council acknowledged receipt of the preliminary report, and tabled this item for discussion at a future meeting.

2. Update on W Hazel Street Project No. 3 (Oak to N Orange/St Rd 9)
Town Manager Tena Woenker has a meeting with Noble County Surveyor Randy Sexton tomorrow to discuss curb work and drainage issues on W Hazel Street. It is

hoped the County will assist with costs for addressing the problems since damage to the curbing was done during the County's drain tile project. Woenker also plans to ask the RDC for TIF funding to help cover costs. It was noted the Town received CCMG funding to assist with paving W Hazel Street, however the curbing on the south side of the street, and drainage near the old Eagle's building was not included in the Town's CCMG project.

3. Request permission to attend VCOS Symposium – Fire Chief Bob Amber

Council voted to allow Fire Chief Bob Amber to attend the Volunteer and Combination Officers Section (VCOS) Symposium to be held April 30th-May 2nd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Motion made by Shultz, seconded by Magnuson, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Amber said he believes the symposium offers training/education in categories he deems important to the department. He reported applying for a scholarship to cover meals. LIT Public Safety funds are slated to cover registration, airfare, and lodging costs. Costs are estimated to be approximately \$1,278 plus applicable taxes and incidentals.

4. Request permission to apply for IDNR \$5,000 Matching Grant – Fire Chief Bob Amber

– Council granted permission for Amber to submit an application for a \$5,000 matching grant to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Motion made by Magnuson, seconded by Smolinske, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Amber plans to submit the grant for air paks for firefighter Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA). (Air bottles for the SCBAs have already been replaced and an IPEP Safety Grant is being used to replace facepieces.) The Town's match would come from LIT Public Safety funds, or Fire Dept budgeted funds.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Department - Council acknowledged receipt of the monthly and year-end reports. Council voted to approve selling (64) valves off of old, discarded air bottles to the highest bidder for \$930. Motion made by Smolinske, seconded by Shultz, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. It was noted the online training application used by the fire department allows for great documenting/tracking of firefighter training.

Police Department - Council acknowledged receipt of the monthly November, December, and 2019 year-end reports. Town Marshal Scott Cole said he is in the process of gathering additional information in regards to a request by the Noble County Sheriff's Department for local law enforcement agencies to help fund a person to administer the Spillman Software Program. Cole will revisit the topic with council once more information is available. The department has one officer away at the police academy. Two candidates are in the process of obtaining required training to become police reserve officers.

Town Manager - Council acknowledged receipt of the monthly report and deadline scorecard master list. Town Manager Tena Woenker reported she recently attended a meeting regarding local agencies collaborating to submit a Stellar Community Designation application. It was noted the process is quite extensive and deadline

sensitive which might make it more attainable if attempted next year rather than this year.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL VOUCHERS:

After discussion, Shultz motioned to approve, Accounts Payable and Payroll Vouchers as of January 16, 2020 and January 28, 2020, seconded by Smolinske, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, submitted and reviewed, attested by Carol A. Selby.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be brought before council in regular session, Jellison adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm, motion made by Magnuson, seconded by Shultz, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on February 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm, at the Albion Municipal Building, 211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN.

VICKI E. JELLISON, PRESIDENT

DONALD J. SHULTZ, VICE-PRESIDENT

CHRISTINA K. MAGNUSON, MEMBER

JOHN D. MORR, MEMBER

DAROLD R. SMOLINSKE, MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
CAROL A. SELBY, CLERK-TREASURER