

Albion Town Council
Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 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
Chris Magnuson, Vice-President
Don Shultz, Member
Darold Smolinske, Member

ABSENT: John Morr, Member

OTHERS: Carol A. Selby, Clerk-Treasurer
Stefen Wynn, Town Manager
Steve Clouse, Town Attorney
Matt Getts, KPC Media
Kevin Kelly, Our Hometown News
Scott Cole, Police Dept
Bob Amber, Fire Dept
Sharon Leitch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 12, 2019 were approved. Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Shultz, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Community Crossings Matching Grant

The Town received word from INDOT today that it has preliminarily been awarded \$804,750 in CCMG funds for W Hazel Street improvements.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

LED Streetlights

Two LED streetlight heads of varying wattages were installed along State Road 8 for comparison purposes. Wynn will begin ordering new LED light heads to replace the old-style lights. Its anticipated the Town will realize a savings in electric costs with the new lights.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updates regarding the following:

- **Dexter Axle Industrial Wastewater** – The Town’s application to modify its NPDES Permit to accept pre-treated industrial wastewater from a new powder-coating process at Dexter Axle is currently under review by IDEM. Likewise, Dexter Axle’s permit application is also under review by IDEM.

Assuming approval by IDEM, the town's utility ordinance will need updated, along with an agreement between the Town and Dexter.

- **Streetlight Maintenance Contract**

Council voted to approve a contract between the Town and Dunn-Rite Electric LLC pending final edits and approval from Town Attorney Steve Clouse. Motion made by Magnuson, seconded by Smolinske, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. As was explained at the last council meeting, AEP/I&M Power are no longer servicing the Town's streetlights which prompted the search for an independent contractor to perform the work. CEDIT appropriations are allocated for streetlights.

- **509 N York St property**

Following up on this topic from the last meeting, Town Attorney Steven Clouse reported Noble County Commissioners will be discussing this property at their meeting on April 22, 2019. Clouse and Town Manager Stefen Wynn plan to attend.

- **RDC Appointment(s)**

Mitch Fiandt was appointed to fill a vacancy on the RDC by Town Council President Vicki Jellison. Erin Schoeff has been recommended to fill the seat as the non-voting School Board appointment. Council gave Wynn approval for Wynn to send a letter to the Central Noble School Board in favor of the appointment. There is still one town council presidential appointment vacancy on the commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Projects

After review of the proposed Sidewalk Projects, Council gave Wynn permission to seek quotes for the work. Motion made by Shultz, seconded by Smolinske, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. It was noted there were two applications received (Larry & Nancy Cooper, Trail Ridge Road, and Noble County Commissioners, along Public Square Original Plat.) The work will go out for quote. Wynn will also obtain quotes for replacing two sets of stairs with ADA compliant sidewalks at the intersection of Highland & York Streets. Council will consider the quotes at a future meeting.

2. Approval of Resolution 2019-05 – Budget Cuts/Transfers

Council voted to approve Resolution 2019-05, motion made by Magnuson, seconded by Shultz, carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. The resolution authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer and Town Manager to make cuts/transfers to the 2019 and/or 2020 departmental budgets as necessary.

3. Approval of Cemetery Deeds/Transfers

Council voted to approve the following Cemetery Deed Transfer. Motion made by Shultz, seconded by Smolinske, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Vicki L. & Dana D. Robinson transfer to Stephen M. Bonar & Stacy Ann Kazyaka-Bonar, Graves 1, 2, 3, & 4 in Section N, Lot 65, in Rose Hill Cemetery.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Dept

Council members acknowledged receipt of the department's monthly Run and Training reports. Fire Chief Bob Amber reported runs were down significantly from the prior month. New lights were installed on the Rescue Truck. Amber has attended training on Emotional Wellness and Mental Health geared toward first responders.

Police Dept

Council members acknowledged receipt of the department's monthly report. Town Marshal Scott Cole reported cases were up compared to last month. Officers are monitoring areas for potential code violations which are expected to be on the rise with warmer weather. Cole plans to purchase two more iPads for council members as part of the replacement plan previously approved. Hardware for use in conjunction with Spillman software system has been installed. Almost all correspondence between the department and the County is now paperless. Night shift officers are monitoring and reporting problematic streetlights as needed. Jellison thanked those, including Cole, for attending a recent Housing Summit. Several town officials also recently participated in an event held at the elementary school to educate youth on municipal government and services.

Town Manager

Town Manager Stefen Wynn provided an overview of his monthly report. He included photos to help highlight topics of particular interest. He reported information from the Noble County Housing Study will be included in a final Comprehensive Development Plan. Wynn recommended a Housing Study Committee be formed to craft a plan for the purpose of addressing Albion's needs moving forward. The new aeration system for the wastewater ponds is now operational. Wynn provided pictures of the system in operation. A baffle still needs installed in Pond 2, along with some finish work. A committee of county officials and leaders is considering submitting an application to OCRA to become a Count-Wide Stellar Community. While the process may take 1-3 years to complete, the designation would fast track the applicant for grant programs. Wynn attended Central Noble's "Portrait of a Graduate" event aimed at determining the life skills students need upon graduation. Wynn also recently spoke at his alma mater, Culver Academy regarding the same type of thing. He will attend NIMS training in April/May. He showed photos of the work being done for the Change Order for W Main Street. Removal of trees/shrubs around the signs at the entrances to the Village of White Oaks was discussed.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL VOUCHERS:

After discussion, Shultz motioned to approve Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers as of March 14, 2019, & March 26, 2019 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 the council in regular session, Jellison adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm, motion made by Shultz, seconded by Magnuson, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on April 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm, at the Albion Municipal Building, 211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN.

VICKI E. JELLISON, PRESIDENT

CHRISTINA K. MAGNUSON, VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN D. MORR, MEMBER

DONALD J. SHULTZ, MEMBER

DAROLD R. SMOLINSKE, MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
CAROL A. SELBY, CLERK-TREASURER