

Albion Town Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 6:00 pm
Albion Municipal Building
211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN, 46701
Teleconference via GoToMeeting
(Meeting ID# 280137509)

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
Zane Gray, Member

ABSENT: Abby Lindsey, Member
John Morr, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carol A. Selby, Clerk-Treasurer	Scott Cole, Police Dept
J. Darrick Brinkerhoff, Attorney	Corey Miller, Street/Cemetery Depts
Matt Getts, KPC Media	Robert Amber, Fire Dept

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the regular meeting on March 14, 2023 were approved. Motion by Shultz, seconded by Gray, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Manager Jacob Ihire and Councilmembers John Morr and Abby Lindsey are on vacation. Augusta Hills Community Learning Center is having an Open House on Saturday, April 1, 2023, 8am-noon in celebration of their 2nd Anniversary. The public is welcome.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Fire, Police, & Wastewater Dept purchases were added to the agenda.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire Dept – Fire Chief Robert Amber provided a summary of his monthly report. He reported training hours will be higher next month as three firefighters complete 60 hours of training. He requested permission to replace the mobile radio system in Engine 91 with a P25 Phase 2 compliant dual band radio. They are having issues with the current system and purchasing the new radios keeps pace with the P25 compliant plan. After discussion, Council voted to approve the quote from J&K Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$7,389.48 for a P25 Phase 2 mobile radio system as per Quote No. 55060. Motion by Shultz, seconded by Gray, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. It was noted due to the specialized nature of the communications equipment and need for compatibility with existing equipment, and J&K is the only Kenwood dealer in our area, only one quote was obtained. Fire Department budgeted funds will be used to cover the purchase.

Police Dept – Town Marshal Scott Cole asked if there were questions on his monthly report. The new 2022 Ford Interceptor is now in service. The cost to equip the vehicle came in slightly higher than the estimated amount. As such Cole requested approval for an additional \$35.18 to cover the Invoice from CopsGear totaling \$7,336.62. Shultz motioned for approval, seconded by Gray, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. In regards to selling the 2013 Dodge Charger, Cole reported fees

associated with selling the old squad car via auction, were more than he wanted to spend to dispose of the vehicle. As such, Council granted Cole permission to advertise the 2013 Dodge Charger for sale via the sealed bid process.

Town Manager – Council acknowledged receipt of the Town Manager’s monthly report.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Acknowledgment of TIF Spending Plan

Council acknowledged receipt of the TIF Report & Spending Plan submitted by Town Manager Jacob Ihrie. The report will be considered by the Redevelopment Commission at their April 12, 2023 meeting.

2. Approval to purchase Backup Pump for Wastewater Department

One of the pumps that services the pump house at the wastewater ponds is down. That pump is in for repair and we are currently running on the second pump. Superintendent Terry Forker has requested approval to purchase a new backup pump. The Town has around 32 pumps throughout Town. The cost exceeds the threshold Forker is able to approve. Town Manager Jacob Ihrie can approve up to \$5,000, however he is on vacation. As such, the purchase was presented for council consideration. Forker had a prior commitment and was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. However, Superintendent Corey Miller was present to answer questions on the proposed purchase. After discussion, Council voted to approve a Quote from Wagner Electric in the amount of \$4,509.33 for a new Barmesa Pump. Motion by Shultz, seconded by Gray, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Wastewater funds will be used to cover the purchase.

OTHER COMMENTS: Miller reported the Tree Trimming/Removal agreement has been signed.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL VOUCHERS: Gray motioned to approve Accounts Payable & Payroll Vouchers as of March 23, 2023 and March 28, 2023. Shultz seconded, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, attested by Carol A. Selby.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be brought before Council in regular session, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm. Motion by Shultz, seconded by Gray, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on April 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm, at the Albion Municipal Building, 211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN.

VICKI E. JELLISON, PRESIDENT

JOHN D. MORR, MEMBER

DONALD J. SHULTZ, VICE-PRESIDENT

ABIGAIL E. LINDSEY, MEMBER

ZANE M. GRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
CAROL A. SELBY, CLERK-TREASURER