

Albion Town Council
Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 6:00 pm
Albion Municipal Building
211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN, 46701

CALL TO ORDER: Town Council Vice-President Chris Magnuson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE: Chris Magnuson, Vice-President
John Morr, Member
Don Shultz, Member
Darold Smolinske, Member

ABSENT: Vicki Jellison, President

OTHERS: Shannon McFarland, Deputy 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, Chain O'Lakes Festival
Michael Selby

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2019 were approved. Motion by Morr, seconded by Smolinske, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. All signed the minutes, attested by McFarland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Town Council President Vicki Jellison

Town Council President Vicki Jellison is on vacation.

2. Chris Magnuson

The Chain O'Lakes Festival is next week. The car show is on Friday, May 31st. Central Noble Community School's graduation is Friday, May 31st at 7pm.

3. Stefen Wynn

We have a very busy Plan Commission meeting in June. The meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday June 4th due to the Chain O'Lakes Festival. There will be a public hearing on an addition to the Village of White Oaks subdivision and comprehensive plan for review.

4. Courthouse Square Preservation

Magnuson inquired about the inserts for the flower pots. Shultz stated that he hasn't been in on purchasing of the flower pot inserts this year and will check into the issue.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Executive Session

Shultz requested to have an executive session on June 11th, seconded by Morr, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. This executive session will be at 7 pm, or immediately after the Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 11th.

2. 210 South Elm Street Property

Morr stated that he has received a phone call about this property. The complaint is that the Town isn't doing anything to get the property cleaned up. The property is an eye sore. Morr quoted the Town's nuisance ordinance in regards to devaluing someone else's home. It was noted that there is a boat trailer with no wheels on it on the property. Cole stated that he has been in contact with the property owner. The tires and rims are being fixed. The property owner stated that they should be back within 2 weeks or 30 days. It was also noted that there has been no siding on part of the house for at least 10 years. Cole stated that he has checked with the Noble County Building Department and there isn't a rule that requires siding on a property. There is a 1966 Ford truck there and he is being restored by the owner. It has been noted in the past that as long as the items are in the fence or under a tarp, it was acceptable. Cole wasn't sure where that agreement had originated from in the past.

Cole stated that the property owner has been making improvements in the bathroom, bedroom, and basement. There were two vehicles in the front and one has been properly plated. The other vehicle should be removed within 10 days. The fence gate should be completed by July. Cole stated that the lawn is being mowed on a regular basis.

Morr would like some kind of plan to have improvements made on the property by the property owner. Cole and Wynn are to work on some kind of action plan in regards to this issue. Wynn stated that a plan should be made by the end of next week.

It was also noted that there are other properties in the Town of Albion that need to be looked at.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Wastewater Department Request for Quotes Concerning: A. Control Panel for N Orange St lift station (near Parker Hannifin)

Terry Forker received three quotes for this project, but because he met with contractors on site, they didn't receive the same information. Wynn will send out an RFQ and will have quotes ready for the June 11th meeting.

B. Grinder/Chopper for East Industrial Park lift station (near Bosch)

Terry Forker received three quotes for this project, but because he met with contractors on site, they didn't receive the same information. Wynn will send out an RFQ and will have quotes ready for the June 11th meeting.

Magnuson stated that we need to know where the money will come from and the total cost. Wynn stated that it may be over \$60,000 and it should be paid from the wastewater fund. The industries will be asked to help pay for the Grinder/Chopper; however, we have to wait until we know the total cost.

Magnuson inquired about the Hidden Diamond lift station. Wynn stated that Terry Forker will have to give an update at a later date about that lift station.

2. Update on proposed acceptance of Dexter Axle Industrial Wastewater

Wynn stated that we are off of the public notice in regards to the NPDES permit. Dave Donathen with Dexter Axle is looking over the agreement. Clouse stated that he knows that there will probably need to be edits done to the agreement. Terry Forker has received the process sample; however, Stefen hasn't had the opportunity to discuss it with him. Aaron McGinnis stated that he was surprised by the high copper levels. Wynn isn't sure what that means at this time.

Dexter is asking if they can they start discharging before the agreement is signed? (This would be once the Town has received the NPDES permit.) Morr stated that he wants to know if the process samples are acceptable with Terry Forker. After discussion, Clouse noted that they could start discharging and if there is a problem then we could revoke their discharging at any time.

Motion was made by Morr that if the process samples are acceptable with Terry Forker, and once the NPDES permit is approved, Dexter can start discharging their wastewater before the agreement is signed, seconded by Shultz, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

3. Approval of Biannual Fire Pay - \$8,538.75

Council was presented with the Fire Department's Biannual pay. There was a question on the number of hours not adding up. It was noted that it was a calculating issue with the column on the spreadsheet. After discussion, motion was made by Smolinske to accept the Biannual Fire Pay in the amount of \$8,538.75, seconded by Morr, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

4. Consideration of purchasing (9) Radios for the Fire Department - \$16,600.50

Amber presented Council with Quotes to purchase 9 radios. It was noted that we will be purchasing smaller and nicer radios. We will be buying 3 of the VP900 Dual Band radios and getting 4 of the VP900 Dual Band radios for \$9,378.00. We will be getting 5 of the VP5430 radios for \$7,222.50. Stefen has pledged \$8,000 from CEDIT funds and \$8,600.50 will come out of the Fire Department's communication line item. This will be all of the radios that we need for Dual Bands.

Shultz made a motion to accept Quote #40353 for \$7,222.50 and Quote #40354 for \$9,378.00 from J & K Communications, seconded by Smolinske, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

5. Sale of 2004 Ford F350 Grass Truck – Resolution No. 2019-08

We have been in contact with Richland Township Trustee in regards to selling of our 2004 Ford F-350 Crew Cab. Richland Township will be purchasing the truck for \$17,000. Morr made a motion to approve Resolution No 2019-08, seconded by Shultz, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. All signed the Resolution, attested by McFarland. Clouse stated that Richland Township Trustee will need to do a Resolution for the purchase of the truck.

6. CEDIT Capital Improvement Plan

Wynn presented Council with the CEDIT Capital Improvement Plan thru 2022. Wynn stated that it is the same except he added a small percentage increase for street improvements. Shultz moved to approve the CEDIT Capital Improvement Plan, seconded by Morr, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. All signed, attested by McFarland.

7. CEDIT Resolution No. 2019-09

Smolinske made a motion to adopt the CEDIT Resolution No. 2019-09, seconded by Shultz, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. All signed, attested by McFarland.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Dept

Council members acknowledged receipt of the department's monthly report. Council had no questions for Fire Chief Bob Amber. Magnuson stated that she was very happy that the fish fry will be back during the festival. Wynn stated that Amber has been working on the policies, SOP's, etc. There hasn't been a lot of changes. The election process will need to be reviewed. Amber has given the information to his board members for their review.

Police Dept

Council members acknowledged receipt of the department's monthly report. Town Marshal Scott Cole talked about his upcoming events: Chain-O-Lakes Festival, REMC Annual Picnic, Chain-O-Lakes Parade, Dave Knopp 5K run. Cole will be attending N.I.B.R.S. training in Michigan City, IN on June 24th & 25th. Cole inquired about the Council's iPads. Shultz is interested in keeping his iPad. Magnuson and Morr wouldn't want to pay for theirs, as the iPads are outdated. After discussion, we will move on with Cole's report and revisit this issue before we adjourn the meeting. Cole stated that he is trying to find a solution to the 2-hour parking enforcement. Cole was in contact with a property owner at 700 E Main St and the shed has been tore down and the area is clear of the debris. Cole has had some Full Time Officers on vacation and the Rick Anderson and Bob Vernon have stepped up and are helping with shift coverage.

Town Manager

Council members acknowledged receipt of the Town Manager's monthly report. The following items were discussed.

- Broad band – They had a good discussion and we should be hearing something soon.
- Meeting with Fleis & Vandenbrink on May 23rd got cancelled. We haven't heard from them as to when it will be re-scheduled.
- Curb inlet for Shultz's neighbor should be put in on Thursday by Pulver's.
- Plan Commission agenda is very packed.
- Will be receiving Façade information soon for new lettering.
- BZA – Noble County Saddle Club wants to put in a reception area
- Traffic committee meeting will be on June 4th @ 2pm (either by phone conference or Facetime so that Shultz can attend the meeting)
- WPTA TV Channel 21 – Life is better here. The price will depend on the number of communities involved. We paid \$1,250 last year. Wynn would like to do this again.
- Easterday trailer – We need to just dispose of the trailer as it is junk. There was an animal living in the trailer and a small fire inside the trailer.
- STAR Team – Magnuson stated that she knew that Wynn hadn't been attending but inquired if he had been receiving minutes. Wynn stated that he hasn't seen any minutes.
- Acorn-shaped globes – Street Department have this on their list that should be completed soon.
- Mowing right-of-way on SR9 – Morr questioned who is responsible to mow. Wynn stated it is up to the property owners to mow.

Magnuson questioned about the Wessler & Kokosing communications. We have had no communication with them. Terry Forker and Aaron McGinnis need to give an update on this at the next meeting.

Fleis & Vandenbrink:

Magnuson stated that we need a open line of communication with Fleis & Vandenbrink. After much discussion, Clouse recommended that Fleis & Vandenbrink should come to the council meeting on June 11th. We will then have the opportunity to ask them direct questions. Magnuson stated that she would like to know what percent of each job is completed and what still needs done.

INDOT

Magnuson stated that Dana Plattner has been contacted in regards to the holes that present a tripping hazard during the festival. Brian Stimpson stated that if INDOT doesn't fix it, he can fill the holes with cold patch. Wynn stated that the intersection at SR 8 & SR 9 will be improved after the festival.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL VOUCHERS:

Shultz motioned to approve Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers as of May 23, 2019, & May 28, 2019 seconded by Morr, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, submitted and reviewed, attested by Shannon M. McFarland

Memorial Day Parade

Magnuson wanted to compliment the Cemetery Personnel on how wonderful it looked on Memorial Day. She thanked everyone that was involved with the parade. Wynn expressed satisfaction with how the trees were removed so quickly that fell last week. We had a lot of volunteers step up to clean up the debris.

iPads

After discussion, motion was made by Morr to transfer ownership of the iPads to the assigned user, seconded by Smolinske, carried 3 Ayes, 1 Nay. (Shultz abstained from voting.)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be brought before the council in regular session, Magnuson adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm, motion made by Smolinske, seconded by Morr, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. An executive session is scheduled for June 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm or immediately after the Council Meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on June 11, 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