

**Albion Town Council  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, May 31, 2017, 6:00 pm  
Albion Municipal Building  
211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN, 46701**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Town council president Max Weber called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ATTENDANCE:** Max Weber, President  
Vicki Jellison, Vice-President  
Chris Magnuson, Member  
John Morr, Member  
Don Shultz, Member

**OTHERS:** Carol A. Selby, Clerk-Treasurer  
Stefen Wynn, Town Manager  
Matt Getts, KPC Media  
Tom Lock, Police Dept  
Scott Cole, Police Dept  
Brad Rollins, Fire Dept  
Blake Rollins, Fire Dept  
Kody Forker, Fire Dept  
Shane Coney, Fire Dept  
Brian Tigner, Fire Dept  
Mitch Fiandt, Fire Dept  
Aaron Knight, Fire Dept  
Bob Brownell, Fire Dept  
Sharon Leitch

By consensus, council amended the agenda to include an update regarding wastewater treatment and ammonia limitations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Update Regarding Wastewater Treatment and Ammonia Limitations**

Several town officials met earlier today with David Denman, IDEM Wastewater Field Inspector to discuss treatment options for addressing upcoming limitations on ammonia for the town's wastewater utility. Mr. Denman offered to work with the town over the next year to evaluate the town's lagoon system in an effort to determine the best treatment method for addressing ammonia. He recommended sending a letter to Mr. Paul Higginbotham, IDEM and request that the town not be penalized during the evaluation period in the event we violate our NPDES Permit limitations. After discussion, Shultz motioned to cause Town Manager Stefen Wynn to draft a letter to IDEM, seconded by Morr, carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**2. Discussion regarding LIT Public Safety Fund (#249) Budget for 2018**

After lengthy discussion, which included input from Town Marshal Tom Lock and Fire Chief Brad Rollins, council members voted to allocate 65% of Local Income Tax Public Safety funds for Fire Department expenditures and 35% for Police Department expenditures for the 2018 Budget year. Motion made by Shultz, seconded by Jellison, carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. This tax revenue is new to Noble County this year. The town is slated to receive approximately \$120,000 in 2017. Council members discussed potential uses for the money (Reference IC 6-3.5-6-31) including the possibility of hiring a full-time fire chief. This was taken into consideration when determining the 65/35 percentage split for 2018 proposed Budget Appropriations. It was noted the fire department makes up 16% of the Town's 2017 General Fund Budget, while the police department accounts for 52% and Corporation General totals 32%. Council members will consider whether or not to pursue hiring a full-time fire chief at the September 26, 2017 council meeting. Firefighters were encouraged to contact council members to discuss their thoughts on hiring a full-time fire chief.

Using funds for the purchase of records management software for the police department was also discussed. Currently, the police department relies on the Noble

County Sheriff's Department's system. Noble County Sheriff Doug Harp is asking area municipalities to share in the cost of new software. Should County Commissioners decide to purchase the new software, our police department will either need to share in the cost of this program, or purchase its own records management system. Sheriff Harp will be making a presentation to council at the June 13, 2017 meeting.

**3. Discussion regarding 2018 Fire Protection Agreement**

After discussion, a majority of council members voted to increase the Fire Department's Budget by 2% for the proposed 2018 Fire Protection Agreement with Township Trustees. The Fire Department's 2017 Budget is \$173,938. Motion made by Morr, seconded by Magnuson, carried 4 Ayes, 1 Nay per Max Weber. The town receives compensation from five area townships (Albion, Green, Elkhart, Jefferson, and York) in exchange for fire protection services. The township trustees will be notified of the proposed increase.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to be brought before the council in regular session, Magnuson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Morr, carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. An Executive Session and regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on June 13, 2017 at the Albion Municipal Building, 211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN.

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MAX C. WEBER, PRESIDENT

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VICKI E. JELLISON, VICE-PRESIDENT

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CHRISTINA K. MAGNUSON, MEMBER

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JOHN D. MORR, MEMBER

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DONALD J. SHULTZ, MEMBER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CAROL A. SELBY, CLERK-TREASURER