

Albion Town Council
Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 6:00 pm
TELECONFERENCE via GoToMeeting
(Meeting ID# 280137509)
Albion Municipal Building
211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN, 46701

AS A RESULT OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S DECLARATION OF A GLOBAL CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, (aka CoVid-19) AND AS AUTHORIZED PER STATE OF INDIANA GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB, VIA EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-09, DATED 3/23/2020, "RELATING TO THE CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS OF GOVERNMENT, PAGE 2, ITEM 4 (A) "OPEN DOOR LAW," THE ALBION TOWN COUNCIL HELD THIS MEETING VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION. THE MEETING WAS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOVERNOR HOLCOMB'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-08, DATED 3/23/2020, "DIRECTIVE FOR HOOSIERS TO STAY AT HOME," AND EXTENSIONS THEREOF.

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 (Present)
Don Shultz, Vice-President (Present)
Darold Smolinske, Member (Present)
Chris Magnuson, Member (Present)

ABSENT: John Morr, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carol A. Selby, Clerk-Treasurer	Scott Cole, Police Dept
Steve Clouse, Town Attorney	Bob Amber, Fire Dept
Matt Getts, KPC Media	Corey Miller, Street/Cemetery Depts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the regular meeting on July 13, 2021 were approved. Motion by Shultz, seconded by Magnuson, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember John Morr is out of town. The Central Noble Food Pantry held an Open House last Sunday in celebration of their new location on North Orange Street/SR 9. Jellison contacted the director and congratulated them, and wished them well in their new location.

OPEN DISCUSSION: NONE

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire Department - Council acknowledged receipt of the department's monthly report. Fire Chief Bob Amber reported (4) individuals have completed Firefighter Class 1 & 2 training. Two new firefighters with experience have joined the department. Amber has gone through policies and is ready for Town Attorney Steve Clouse to review them.

Police Department - Council acknowledged receipt of the department's monthly report. Town Marshal Scott Cole reported signs have been added to help address traffic issues around courthouse square due to construction of the new County building. The construction zone is congested and creates visual problems at the intersections. Cole said he enjoyed attending the Bosch tour and learning about the products they supply. With the closure of North Ridge Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility, the department has increased patrolling in the area. Cole confirmed grass that is 8 inches or taller is in violation of the Town's Ordinance. He said the

department attempts to communicate with property owners to get them to address tall grass and weeds. Statutes allow a specified amount of time for the property owner to take care of the situation. And, if they don't, the grass can be quite tall before official action can be taken by the Town. Cole reported he is continuing to go through police policies and will have some ready for Town Attorney Steve Clouse to review.

Interim Town Manager - Council acknowledged receipt of the department's monthly report. Interim Town Manager/Street Superintendent Corey Miller reported CCMG and SWIF grant applications have been submitted. Awards for CCMG grants are expected in late October, early November. Awards for SWIF grants should be announced August 6, 2021. In regards to building permit activity- a permit was issued for a fence, and another for a remodel. Noble House Ministries is expected to submit a Special Event Application soon for a walk/run event.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Keith Leatherman, Monarch Development – Follow-up on Request for assistance

The town is still in the process of researching how they can provide assistance with infrastructure costs for Phase III, Village of White Oaks that will be acceptable to the State Board of Accounts, as such this item was tabled until additional information is available.

2. Berean Baptist Church – Follow-up on Paving Request

The Town is still in the process of trying to determine who owns the area in question. Attorney Steve Clouse said there are also utilities and a driveway in the area that complicates the situation. This item was tabled until additional information is available.

3. Approval of Special Event Application - Right to Life of NE Indiana - March for Life - Sept 25th

- This item was tabled until the next meeting on August 10, 2021 to allow additional time for submittal of the signed Indemnification form and Certificate of Insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Agreement and Addendum for On-Call Engineer – VS Engineering

Council voted to approve and cause Jellison to sign the proposed Agreement submitted by VS Engineering outlining terms and conditions for hiring them as the Town's "On-Call" engineering firm. Council also approved an Addendum, drafted by Town Attorney Steve Clouse specifying existing projects that are being managed by other engineering firms. Motion made by Magnuson, seconded by Smolinske, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

2. Approval of Cemetery Deeds

Council voted to approve the following Cemetery Deeds. Motion made by Magnuson, seconded by Shultz, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Franklin G. & Patricia A. Iddings – Section M, Lot 132, Graves 2 & 3
Betty J. Iddings – Section M, Lot 132, Grave 4

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL VOUCHERS:

Smolinske motioned to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Vouchers as of July 15, 2021 & July 27, 2021. Shultz seconded, carried 4 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 6:31 pm. Motion by Shultz, seconded by Smolinske, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on August 10, 2021 at 6:00

pm, at the Albion Municipal Building, 211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN. Should the Town continue to be under a public emergency, the option to join the meeting electronically will be available.

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