

Albion Town Council
Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 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)
Chris Magnuson, Member (Present)
Darold Smolinske, Member (Present)
John Morr, Member (Electronically)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carol A. Selby, Clerk-Treasurer	Jacob Ihrie, Town Manager
Matt Getts, KPC Media	Scott Cole, Police Dept
Corey Miller, Street/Cemetery Depts	John Urso, Fire Dept
Phil LaBrash, DLZ	Trince Hursey, Police Dept

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the regular meeting on February 8, 2022 were approved. Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Shultz, carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jellison reported receipt of an annual report from the Noble County Economic Development Corp and said it was very informative, and included good information. She encouraged other councilmembers to review the report.

OPEN DISCUSSION: NONE

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire Dept – Deputy Fire Chief John Urso was present to provide a summary of the dept's monthly report. Councilmembers were reminded the Fire Dept Appreciation Dinner is 2/26/2022, beginning at 5pm with dinner at 6pm at the Albion American Legion. Shultz said he was unable to attend, but wanted the fire department to know how much he, and the citizens he represents, appreciate what they do, and the assistance they provide.

Police Dept – Town Marshal Scott Cole provided a summary of his monthly report. Parking around Courthouse Square continues to be a challenge. Backing into parking spaces is prohibited around the square. Officers give warnings/tickets for the violations when witnessed. It was noted parking spots around the newly constructed Noble County building, while apparently within County plan specifications, are narrower than existing parking spaces around the square. Cole reported attending a Webinar on Cybersecurity that covered a troublesome virus. He requested all town officials and employees do their due diligence in protecting Town information

by not downloading any questionable items from emails or the Internet. The department has several upcoming court cases that will require officer attendance.

Town Manager – Town Manager Jacob Ihrle provided a summary of his monthly report. He reported attending a series of Incident Command System FEMA classes. He thanked Fire Chief Bob Amber and Town Marshal Scott Cole for telling him about the free classes, and noted he received good information from the training. The Albion Plan Commission recently conducted a site development plan review for a combination Family Dollar/Dollar Tree to be located on Trail Ridge Road in North Ridge Village. Ihrle said the developer was very grateful to the Town for making accommodations to get the plans through the process. He said the developer was impressed with the responsiveness of the Plan Commission, and said plans are for tentative completion of the building in about six months. Jellison, who also serves on the Plan Commission, said the concept of this building being both a Family Dollar/Dollar Tree will be the first one in our area, and said the developer reported this strategy helps with their inventory. Ihrle reported WET Environmental has reported receiving interest from about four or five contractors in response to the Town’s solicitation for bids for aeration installation. It is hoped that interest will result in at least three bids for the work needed to treat ammonia at the wastewater ponds. The IDEM Permit for water main work has been approved.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Agreement with Pulver Asphalt Paving – Ref. CCMG Street Projects

Council voted to approve a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve and cause to sign, a Contract with the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder, Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc, along with Bid Form 96, and Notification of Award & Request for CCMG Funds, for 2022 Street Improvements (2021 CCMG Funding) for Hazel and Liberty Streets in the amount of \$908,227.50. Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Smolinske, carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. (Reference CCMG 2021-2, Des. No. 2101325, INDOT Contract No. 59129). The bid includes the projects listed below.

Part #1 – E Hazel Street Improvements (1 st to 5 th Streets)	\$553,686.50
Part #2 – S Liberty Street Improvements (E Main to E Washington Streets)	\$354,541.00
Total	\$908,227.50

Other bids included: Niblock Excavating, Inc. - \$923,946.25; Brooks Construction Company, Inc. - \$953,936.00; API Construction Corp. - \$964,100.00.

2. Approval of Salary Ordinance No. 2022-04 (Amends Street 1st Deputy Wages)

Council voted to approve a recommendation by the Salary, & Benefits Package & Insurance Committee to increase wages for the Street Department’s 1st Deputy Laborer position by adopting Ordinance No. 2022-04 on its first and second readings as follows. The increase is retroactive to the first payroll in 2022 dated January 9, 2022, and provides compensation for special skills and experience associated with the position.

First Reading

Shultz caused Ordinance No. 2022-04, A Payroll Ordinance for the Town of Albion, Indiana, Amending Wages for the 1st Deputy Laborer Position in the Street MVH Department. This Ordinance Amends Ordinance No. 2021-24, and Sets Wages and Benefits for Town of Albion, Elected, Appointed, and All Other Employees by Department for the 2022 Calendar Year. to be

read for the first time by title only. Shultz then motioned for adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Smolinske, carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Second Reading

Shultz motioned to suspend the rules to allow for reading a second time by title only, seconded by Smolinske, carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Shultz then caused Ordinance No. 2022-04, A Payroll Ordinance for the Town of Albion, Indiana, Amending Wages for the 1st Deputy Laborer Position in the Street MVH Department. This Ordinance Amends Ordinance No. 2021-24, and Sets Wages and Benefits for Town of Albion, Elected, Appointed, and All Other Employees by Department for the 2022 Calendar Year., to be read for the second time by title only, and motioned for approval of the ordinance, seconded by Smolinske, carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL VOUCHERS:

Shultz motioned to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers as of February 10, 2022 and February 22, 2022. Magnuson seconded, carried 5 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 6:25 pm. Motion by Smolinske, seconded by Shultz, carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on March 8, 2022 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