

**Albion Town Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 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  
Chris Magnuson, Member

**ABSENT:** Darold Smolinske, Member  
John Morr, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Carol A. Selby, Clerk-Treasurer	Scott Cole, Police Dept (Electronic)
Jacob Ihrle, Town Manager	Terry Forker, Water/Wastewater Depts
J. Darrick Brinkerhoff, Town Attorney	Casey Myers, Park/Cemetery Depts
Matt Getts, KPC Media	Corey Miller, Street/Cemetery Depts
Gary Leatherman, Noble County Comm.	Don Merriman, Doc's Hardware (Electronic)
Randy Sexton, Noble County Surveyor	Trince Hursey, Police Dept

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the regular meeting on May 24, 2022 were approved. Motion by Shultz, seconded by Magnuson, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Council members John Morr and Darold Smolinske had prior commitments and were not at tonight's meeting.
2. Town Council President Vicki Jellison appointed Lori Gagen to the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) to fill the seat vacated by Jona Slone. Lori Gagen resigned from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Jellison appointed Marna Amber to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to fill the vacancy left by Gagen.
3. Jellison cast a ballot for the Noble REMC Board of Directors on behalf of the Town.

**OPEN DISCUSSION: NONE**

1. The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report has been mailed to utility customers as required.
2. Council Vice-President Don Shultz thanked Council member Chris Magnuson for a great fair week and parade, and for all her years of service on the Chain O' Lakes Festival Committee. Likewise Superintendent Casey Myers thanked Sharon Leitch for all of her years volunteering on the Chain O' Lakes Festival committee. Magnuson and Leitch are stepping down as Festival coordinators and will be passing the baton to others to coordinate future Chain O' Lakes Festivals.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Park/Cemetery Depts** – Superintendent Casey Myers provided a summary of activities for the park and cemetery departments. He thanked the street dept for help with removal of an

uprooted tree in Rose Hill Cemetery caused by a recent storm. Approximately five head stones will need reset as a result of the downed tree. The Park Board held their meeting at Hidden Diamonds Park and toured the facilities. A dedication ceremony for the Butterfly Garden is planned for June 30, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Truelove Pavilion. Joy LeCount of the Albion Rotary Club headed up the project. This year's Fireworks Display is scheduled for Friday, July 1, 2022 at the Central Noble Campus. Myers reported the Park Board voted to discontinue camping at Hidden Diamonds Park. Myers said the cost of providing the service exceeds the revenue received off of the 2-3 usable campsites. The park board is considering utilizing this area for a future skate park or pavilion.

**Street/Cemetery Depts** – Superintendent Corey Miller asked if there were any questions on his monthly report. He provided a summary of his department's activities. The new street sweeper is expected to be delivered this week. The fountain on Courthouse Square received new lights, that were paid for by donations. A lock was installed on the fountain so only authorized individuals can adjust the water pressure.

**Water/Wastewater Depts** – Superintendent Terry Forker asked if there were any questions on his monthly report. He reported they only have 26 more radio reads to install on water meters. He thanked the street department for mowing and trimming weeds at the sewer ponds. Clean Infusion is planning on starting the installation of aeration equipment at the wastewater ponds the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>. The project is expected to take about five weeks.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Noble County South Office Building - Sanitary Sewer Connection**

Noble County Commissioner Gary Leatherman and Noble County Surveyor Randy Sexton were present on behalf of Noble County Commissioners, to discuss connecting the Noble County South Office Building to the Town's sanitary sewer system. The building is located at 2090 N State Road 9. It is outside town limits, but within the town's 2-mile jurisdiction, and is currently connected to the town's water system. Leatherman said the septic system was installed in 1974 and is undersized for the staff that has worked in the office building.

Noble County Surveyor Randy Sexton provided a diagram illustrating the proposed route for installation of a new forced main. He reviewed the design plans with Council, and reported Noble County Commissioners have approved the proposed plan. They are wanting to do this project this year in conjunction with offices moving to the newly constructed building by the Courthouse. The project includes directional boring along State Road 9 to install a 2" diameter forced sanitary sewer main. Noble County will pay 100% of the cost for installation and connecting to the Town's system.

When asked if others would be able to connect to the new main, it was noted it wouldn't be easy to tap into a forced main. Superintendent Terry Forker said at this time, it would be in both the County's and Town's best interest for the County to own and maintain their own forced main. He said in regards to future development, it would be better to install a gravity-fed main. Both Forker, and Town Manager Jacob Ihrle were okay with the County's request to connect. After discussion, Shultz motioned to approve the County's request to allow the Noble County South Office Building to connect to the Town's sanitary sewer system at the County's expense. Magnuson seconded, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**2. Consideration of RDC recommendation to approve 50/50 Façade Grant Application**

It was reported the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) reviewed the application and is recommending approval. Don Merriman, Doc’s Hardware was present electronically to provide information on his proposed Façade Grant Application. After discussion, Council voted to approve the 50/50 Façade Grant Application for Doc’s Hardware, 110 E Jefferson St in the amount of \$8,502.50 for roof replacement. Motion by Shultz, seconded by Magnuson, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. TIF #1 funds are allocated for the grant.

**3. Consideration of Quotes for Paving & Curbing Jefferson St (N Oak to N York)**

Superintendent Corey Miller reported he solicited three quotes for the proposed paving work. He received one quote from Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$25,190.00. Brooks Construction and E&B Paving did not submit a quote. After discussion, Council voted to approve the quote from Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc in the amount of \$25,190.00. Motion made by Shultz, seconded by Magnuson, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Because half of the project area is located within TIF #1, and the remaining half directly serves TIF #1, Town Attorney J. Darrick Brinkerhoff is checking to see if this project can be funded solely with TIF funds. If not, then 50% of the project will be funded via TIF #1 and 50% from Street MHV.

**4. I&M Power Streetlight Service Agreement – Public Efficient Streetlight Upgrades**

This item was tabled pending further clarification from I&M Power on terms of the agreement.

**5. Approval of Cemetery Deeds**

Council voted to approve the following Cemetery Deeds. Motion by Shultz, seconded by Magnuson, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

- Matthew Swander – Section G, Lot 27, Grave 1.
- Terry & Roberta Good – Section G, Lot 27, Grave 2.
- Martha A. Rennecker – Section M, Lot 94, Graves 1 & 2.
- Carole J. Huff – Section M, Lot 49, Grave 3.

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL VOUCHERS:** Shultz motioned to approve Accounts Payable & Payroll Vouchers as of June 2nd, & June 14th, 2022. Magnuson 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 6:59 pm. Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Shultz, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on June 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm, at the Albion Municipal Building, 211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN.

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VICKI E. JELLISON, PRESIDENT

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JOHN D. MORR, MEMBER

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DONALD J. SHULTZ, VICE-PRESIDENT

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DAROLD R. SMOLINSKE, MEMBER

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CHRISTINA K. MAGNUSON, MEMBER

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

