

**Albion Town Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 12, 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
Darold Smolinske, Member

ABSENT: John Morr, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carol A. Selby, Clerk-Treasurer	Terry Forker, Water/Wastewater Depts
Jacob Ihrie, Town Manager	Corey Miller, Street/Cemetery Depts
Matt Getts, KPC Media	Casey Myers, Park Cemetery Depts
Ashleigh Schalinske, Village of White Oaks	Dustin Wuis, WET Environmental
Brady Truex, Village of White Oaks	Trince Hursey, Police Dept
Abby Lindsey	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the regular meeting on June 28, 2022 were approved. Motion by Smolinske, seconded by Magnuson, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council member John Morr had a prior commitment and was not at tonight's meeting.
2. Town Attorney J. Darrick Brinkerhoff was on vacation and not at tonight's meeting.
3. The Noble County EDC will be holding their Annual Meeting at the Strand Theatre in Kendallville on July 27, 2022. Town Manager Jacob Ihrie plans to attend. Council members are also invited to attend.

OPEN DISCUSSION: NONE

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Park/Cemetery Depts - Council acknowledged receipt of the monthly report. Superintendent Casey Myers reported Monday's Park Board Meeting was held at Hidden Diamonds Park. Plans are for the August meeting to be held at Hidden Diamonds also. The Park Board is considering creating an area for Remote Control cars due to increased interest in the activity. Myers thanked the Police and Fire Departments, and all those that helped with this year's Fireworks Display. He noted it went well, was a nice display, and a good crowd. The Splash Pad has been seeing a lot of usage this season. A dedication for the newly installed Albion Rotary Club Memorial Butterfly Garden was recently held at Hidden Diamonds Park.

Street/Cemetery Depts - Council acknowledged receipt of the monthly report. Superintendent Corey Miller reported there were three burials in Rose Hill Cemetery last month. The street

department was busy with storm cleanup. They will be focusing on mowing and painting this month. The Street Sweeper is to be delivered tomorrow. Council acknowledged receipt of a proposed Street Sweeping Agreement from INDOT. They will consider the agreement at their next meeting on July 26, 2022.

Water/Wastewater Depts- Council acknowledged receipt of the monthly report. Superintendent Terry Forker reported the East Hazel Street Water Main Project and Wastewater Lagoon Project have started. Council gave the okay to advertise the Department's retired 2008 Chevrolet pickup for sale. Council also gave Forker permission to solicit quotes for a snow plow for the new truck.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wastewater Lagoon Aeration Project – Air Diffusion Systems - Change Order No. 1

Dustin Wuis from WET Environmental was present to provide information on the proposed Change Order for Air Diffusion Systems. Additional equipment is needed due to the revised locations of the air diffusers. The air diffuser relocation is needed to avoid shallow areas in the lagoon that became apparent when the water level was lowered in preparation for the project. The changes in equipment are primarily for additional self-sinking feeder tubing and for increasing the diameter from ¾" to 1", and appurtenances. After discussion, Council voted to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$4,190.00. Motion made by Shultz, seconded by Smolinske, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. This brings the total Contract Price to \$244,058.00.

2. Special Event Application – Village of White Oaks Block Party – July 23, 2022

Village of White Oaks residents Ashleigh Schalinske and Brady Truex were present to provide information on the proposed Block Party. Town Manager Jacob Ihrle reported the application was reviewed at the Dept Head Meeting held on July 12, 2022. Council member Don Shultz asked about proof of insurance. Schalinske and Truex said they provide notice/post signage regarding absolution of liability. Barricades for Taylor Lane are the only item needed, and as such, Schalinske asked if Council would consider waiving or reducing the \$100 application fee. After discussion, Magnuson motioned to approve the Special Event Application, and reduce the fee to \$25.00, seconded by Jellison, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

3. Safe Haven Baby Box Request

Town Manager Jacob Ihrle provided information on locating a Safe Haven Baby Box at the Albion Fire Station. He said placement of the boxes is limited to hospitals and fire stations. The boxes give mothers in crisis an option to safely drop off unwanted newborns in a climate-controlled safe location. He cited recent changes in case law heard by the Supreme Court that are likely to increase the need for resources such as these. The initial investment is around \$12,000, and includes the box along with training and legal resources. The Town would be responsible for finding a contractor for installation. Both the Fire Chief and Town Marshal are in support of the project. After discussion, Council authorized Ihrle to pursue the project. Motion made by Smolinske, seconded by Shultz, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. He plans on contacting community organizations for donations. He said the Town also has CCD and CEDIT funds that could be used toward the project. Consideration of an agreement between the Town and Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. will take place at a future date.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL VOUCHERS: Shultz motioned to approve Accounts Payable & Payroll Vouchers as of June 30th, & July 12th, 2022. Smolinske 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 6:36 pm. Motion by Smolinske, seconded by Shultz, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on July 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm, at the Albion Municipal Building, 211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN.

VICKI E. JELLISON, PRESIDENT

JOHN D. MORR, MEMBER

DONALD J. SHULTZ, VICE-PRESIDENT

DAROLD R. SMOLINSKE, MEMBER

CHRISTINA K. MAGNUSON, MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
CAROL A. SELBY, CLERK-TREASURER