

Albion Town Council
Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 6:00 pm
Albion Municipal Building
211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN, 46701

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
Chris Magnuson, Vice-President (early departure)
Don Shultz, Member
John Morr, Member

ABSENT: Max Weber, Member

OTHERS: Carol A. Selby, Clerk-Treasurer
Stefen Wynn, Town Manager
Steve Clouse, Town Attorney
Matt Getts, KPC Media
Casey Myers, Park/Cemetery Depts
Brian Stimpson, Street/Cemetery Depts
Terry Forker, Water/Wastewater Depts
Sharon Leitch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the regular meeting on July 24, 2018 were approved. Motion made by Shultz, seconded by Magnuson, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Retirement Party for Gene Lock – August 28, 2018, 5:00 pm, Albion Municipal Building.
 2. Police Booth – Refurbishing nearly complete. Interior and exterior painting yet to do.
 3. Albion Harvest Fest – September 15th & 16th at the Saddle Club grounds
 4. Town Interns – Kelli Brennan will complete her stint as a town intern on August 15, 2018.
- Wynn said she did a very good job helping with marketing for the town and various community organizations. Churubusco High School student Jacob Cummings will be volunteering his time to serve as an unpaid intern this semester.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Land Purchase – Resolution No. 2018-10

After considerable discussion, Council voted to proceed with obtaining (2) appraisals, pursuant to state statute (IC 36-1-10.5-5), for property located adjacent to the town's wastewater ponds. Motion made by Morr, seconded by Shultz, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. The Town has considered the purchase of this property in the past, but was unable to reach an agreement with the property owner. Wynn said the property owner contacted him and is interested in selling it. Council postponed approval of Resolution No. 2018-10, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Albion, Indiana Indicating Interest in Making a Purchase of Land with a total Price Greater than \$25,000. Council members indicated they would like to know how much the

ground appraisals for before agreeing to pursue the purchase. Water/Wastewater superintendent Terry Forker spoke in favor of purchasing the property, saying the town could use the property for holding capacity for wastewater treatment. He said the muck ground has clay underneath which is suitable for construction of an additional pond. He also said obtaining an easement off of State Road 9 should be included in any proposed deal. Wynn stated the property would need to be subdivided, subject to the approval of the Albion Plan Commission. Once the appraisals are completed, Council members plan to meet in executive session as allowed per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) to discuss the matter further. Any final action is required to take place in a meeting open to the public.

2. Permission to apply for Community Crossings Grant Application

Council voted to give permission to Town Manager Stefan Wynn and Street Superintendent Brian Stimpson to apply for a Community Crossings Grant for infrastructure improvements for Village Drive and West Main Street. Motion made by Shultz, seconded by Magnuson, carried 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Although, the Village Drive project has already been awarded, Wynn said it is still eligible to be included in the grant application because we are applying for the grant in the same year as the project was awarded to the contractor. Costs paid to Fleis & Vandenbrink for design engineering on those streets are not eligible for grant reimbursement because the contract for the design of those projects was awarded to the contractor last year. It was noted the design engineering for West Main Street is not 100% complete yet. Applications for this round of funds opened August 6, 2018 and closes on September 28, 2018.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Park/Cemetery Depts

Superintendent Casey Myers provided an overview of his monthly report for the Park and Cemetery Departments. People are using the Chess/Checker game at Hidden Diamonds Park. A bench with a coded lock for storage of the game pieces will be fabricated. Shultz suggested incorporating safety features to make sure the lid doesn't come down on someone. Myers said Pulver Asphalt Paving did a nice job with the concrete for the Shade Structure. Plans are to close the Splash Pad for the season at 8:00 pm on September 9, 2018. Wayfinding signs are installed. Park employee Stan Tipton has conducted an inventory on everything within the parks department that needs painted. The inventory includes a rating system for the condition of the items, and will serve as a basis for scheduling maintenance. The cemetery committee met and recommends keeping the old maintenance building in Rose Hill Cemetery. Rather than tear the building down, the committee recommended doing a minimal amount of work in-house to fix it up and use it for storage of items used for interment.

Street/Cemetery Depts

Council acknowledged receipt of Superintendent Brian Stimpson's monthly report. Stimpson said he is having difficulty getting the manufacturer of the town's streetlights to address a problem with rusting poles. Stimpson said he wants the light poles sanded and powder coated. The manufacturer is now saying the streetlights are no longer under warranty. Stimpson said he is continuing to work to address the issue. Jellison thanked employees for getting crosswalks, etc painted prior to the start of school. Council viewed pictures from a video taken of a collapsed storm water pipe near Dollar General Store off of Trail Ridge Road. Council consensus was to approve Stimpson's request to solicit quotes for repairing the damaged pipe. Quotes will be considered at the September 11, 2018 meeting.

Water/Wastewater Depts

Council acknowledged receipt of Superintendent Terry Forker's monthly report. Morr asked if the leachate the town accepts from the Noble County Landfill could be contributing to the town's

ammonia problem. Forker said he didn't think so, noting the County has the leachate tested as per IDEM requirements, and he reviews the test results. Wagner Electric is working on a motor for a lift station pump. As a result of a recent inspection by IDEM, a chlorine gas detection sensor will be installed at the water plant. Lights and an alarm will sound in the event of a leak. The cost is under \$2,500 and Forker plans to order from the same vendor that also services several area communities.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL VOUCHERS:

After discussion, Morr motioned to approve Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers as of August 2, 2018 & August 14, 2018, seconded by Shultz, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, submitted and reviewed, attested by Carol A. Selby.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be brought before the council in regular session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. Motion made by Morr, seconded by Shultz, carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on August 28, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at the Albion Municipal Building, 211 East Park Drive, Albion, IN.

VICKI E. JELLISON, PRESIDENT

CHRISTINA K. MAGNUSON, VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN D. MORR, MEMBER

DONALD J. SHULTZ, MEMBER

MAX C. WEBER, MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
CAROL A. SELBY, CLERK-TREASURER