

MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2020
7:00 PM

President Doug Bignell called the meeting to order. The meeting was held at Lambert Park and the change in meeting place was advertised on our Facebook page, the town website, the town hall and 2 other places in town. George and David were not in attendance and Graham was on Zoom. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

John made a motion to accept the May 14th and June 3rd minutes and the June claim docket. Lea Ann 2nd. Motion carried.

The business meeting was closed and the Public Hearing concerning the Super Voluntary annexation between the Town of Clayton and James Penner was opened. A question from David Edmondson asking why Mr. Penner wanted to be annexed into the town and Dan explained that the annexation would allow Mr. Penner to subdivide his land and rezone a small section for his septic business. It was also something that needs to be done for Mr. Penner to obtain IDEM permits. There were no other comments or discussion and this annexation will not be enacted until the July business meeting.

The Public Hearing was closed and the regular monthly business meeting was reopened.

Old Business:

Discussion on helping the fire dept. convert to a fire territory was discussed. Doug has had discussions with the Township Trustee and a member of the board and they have asked for a letter from the town indicating what the town is willing to do concerning a fire territory but Steve would like the township trustee to give the town a letter and indicate what he is looking for this partnership to accomplish. He and Lea Ann both indicated that they are not ready to put anything in writing and be locked into something without more information. They also feel we need a tax

impact analysis done so that we know what kind of increase there might be for homeowner's taxes.

A letter would indicated that the town is interested in exploring options and looking forward to finding answers without a committal. It would have to go through 2 public hearings before anything is final. Steve indicated that the town council appreciates all that Doug is doing concerning the matter. Tabled.

New Business:

Easement agreements along the railroad property for George Obrien, Bill Trump and Brenda Morgan were discussed. We already had the properties done by a valuation, not a full appraisal. The town owns most of the ditch going west to Iowa and the money to pay for these easements will come from Storm Water. John made a motion that we purchase the easements from Mr. Obrien for \$450, Mr. Trump for \$975 and Ms. Morgan for \$460. Steve 2nd. Motion carried.

A letter from Cary Gibbs asking for a donation for Cascade prom was read. It was reported that this is taking place on July 4th at the Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds and is not school sanctioned. Steve made a motion to donate \$400. John 2nd. Motion carried.

Dan reported that he is getting proposals to redo the conference room which would include getting rid of the stage and the pews and new carpet because of the limited space. He is also looking in to purchasing audio visual equipment so that meetings can be live streamed on U Tube. John indicated that he does not like the idea of getting rid of the pews. LeaAnn stated that she would like Dan to look into options for modernizing the space. Steve and Doug agreed that they would like options of costs and designs that would work in that space. Dan will work on proposals for the space upgrades. Tabled.

Matt asked about building an office between the fire dept. building and the town garage and move the town offices to the police side of the building. He also indicated that he and Lea Ann have been talking about doing some concerts in the park this summer or fall. He will report back with a date and time.

He indicated that he will be looking for another reserve as Richard Craig has resigned from the police dept.

Lea Ann shared information on police patrolling and indicated that most patrolling is done between 3 pm and midnight. The sheriff's from Hendricks Co also stop by frequently which increases police presence.

Matt has moved the speed sign to CR 500. He also reported that he has resigned from the Danville Police Department and will become the Chief of Police of the Danville Community School Corporation Police Dept., a new department formed for the Danville School Corp.

Doug reported that the fire dept. applied for a grant and he and Andy were interviewed by conference call for volunteer fire fighter recruitment & retention and is FEMA administered.

Jay Thompson, a member of the Community Advisory Board reported that they have not have any quarterly meetings and will be back after the July meeting with more to report.

Graham reported on a tort claim that was received for an accident that happened at US 40 and CR 0.

The clerk asked the town council about the amount that she is to pay the Insurance Agent for commission. She indicated that he is charging \$3000 but if the town is to only pay 15% of the total insurance amount it would be \$2571 which is a saving to the town of \$429. Doug indicated that they had already decided at the June 3rd meeting to pay the \$3000 and Steve explained the fee was a cost that ensured the agent was negotiating the lowest price possible for the town's premium payment.

Lea Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve 2nd. Motion carried.

Date

Doug Bignell, President

John Culley, Vice President

Lea Ann David, Councilman

David Ernst, Councilman

Steve Swartz, Councilman

ATTEST:

Ginny McKamey, Clerk-Treasurer