

MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018  
7:00 PM

President Ryan Rash called the meeting to order at 7: 10 pm. All councilmen, town marshal, town attorney, town manager and clerk treasurer were present. The regular meeting was closed and the Public Hearing on the 2019 budget was called to order. Ryan read the amount for each fund which was a total of \$795,839 and indicated that we have been told that we will more than likely have to cut money from the General, MVH, and LR&St funds. There were no questions or comments and the public hearing was closed.

The regular meeting was resumed. John made a motion to accept the August minutes and the September claim docket. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Matt reported on the Block Party that will be held at Lambert Park on September 22 from 2:30 to 6:00. They are still in need of volunteers and indicated that 3 signs have been put up and flyers will also be put. The fire dept. will put the large sign out for advertising.

Graham reported that James Penner and the town are still working through getting a contract that both parties are agreeable to. James indicated that he did not agree to a few things that were in the contract and will get his comments to Graham, who in turn will start the process again. James also indicated that Dale Cruz is still working on the property lines at the sewer plant.

The town website is close to being operational. The web site is townofclayton.us. The clerk reported that there is no fee involved to cancel our web site with webcom.

New Business:

Ryan reported what Paul Miner, from the Hendricks Co. Park Board had shared at the 6 o'clock work session. They will be put on the October agenda and the council would like to have at least one citizen from Amo at the meeting for their input and opinions on the trail through their town.

Mike Kleinpeter reported that the OCRA grant that the town went after was not successful and that we haven't had our site visit yet, will help the town see what needs to be done before we try again. He reported on a Master Utility Planning Grant, which is a non-competitive grant. It is a \$50,000 grant for Water, Sewer, and/or Storm Water. You can go for one, two or all three with the match being \$4000 for (1), \$5000 for (2) or \$6000 for all three. The engineer that the town would hire would give you three options for water, such as, get it from Plainfield, build our own, etc. Mr. Kleinpeter submitted a contract for \$6000. Lea Ann made a motion to hire Mr. Kleinpeter to get started on the Master Utility Planning Grant and

to pay him out of Grant Match Money. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. The contract was signed by President Ryan Rash.

A transfer of funds was read by President Ryan Rash, transferring \$19.92 from misc. noc to service charge, in the General Fund and \$224.97 from vehicles to repair police equipment in the MVH fund. John made a motion to accept the transfer, Lea Ann 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Dan reported that the salt spreader is beyond repair and has a bid from Mid State Truck Equipment for a 535 Gallon Critical Spot sprayer that uses geo melt. The sprayer is \$6700, Installation is \$400, and the pump transfer apparatus is \$3425 for a total of \$10,525. Geo Melt comes in totes of 275 gallons for \$432.07. He indicated that this would be a better fit for the town because we don't have a place to store salt. Steve made a motion to spend up to \$12,000 for the sprayer and geo melt. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Since the town was not funded through OCRA, we still need to repair the problem on Michigan St. next to Stephens Pond. Dan solicited quotes with only one bid. The bid is from T & T Pipe Renovations from Salem IN, for \$26,955. Shelly made a motion to accept the bid for \$26,955, Lea Ann 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Discussion on raising the wastewater and storm water fees. Buzz Krohn and Assoc. did a rate study with 3 options. Option #1 is to raise the monthly sewer fee from \$40 to \$45.05, option 2 is \$51.30 and option 3 is \$56.52. This raise can be done in increments decided on by the council. Ryan would like to have letters sent to all households indicating why this needs to be done, etc. We will need to establish a storm water utility board, they would make a recommendation to the town council for a vote. Lea Ann suggested that the planning commission board take over as the storm water utility board. The council would like to have an ordinance establishing the storm water utility board in October and letters to the residents in November.

Dan suggested that we wait until January to submit a Community Crossing Grant and do what we can with our own funds for now.

Dan reported that the I & I has improved a bit since we have had some lining done.

The fire dept. reported that they will probably do about 800 runs by year end. They approved the trustee letter that will go to Ron Myers tomorrow, certified. They signed a contract for collections and sent out their first round of bills last week. The council would like the fire dept. to have their engine and ambulance at the Block Party, and they will have educational handouts available.

A letter from David Edmondson was discussed regarding speed limit by the library. Graham will draft an ordinance for the October meeting to have the speed limit changed to 25 MPH. Tabled.

Ryan reported that Operation Football from Channel 13 will be at Cascade High School tomorrow morning at 5:15.

Ryan adjourned the business meeting and opened the special meeting to discuss the unsafe building ordinance and the letter that was given to John Culley. Graham indicated that he is looking for direction from the council and that he does not represent any specific individual. John reported that the trailer is now licensed as an RV and he will be getting a permit to finish the roof on his garage by the end of the month. He will need to submit a site plan with a drawing and an explanation of what he is doing. Dan would like a copy of his registration for his files. Dan did indicate that John never obtained a demolition permit when he tore the back garage down, which Dan would then send to the county assessor and John's taxes might go down. The town will get this taken care of at no charge to John. Shelly did say that the council feels that they should all be abiding by town ordinances.

Email addresses were discussed. Dave will help any council member that needs it.

Ryan made a motion the meeting be adjourned.

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Ryan Rash, President

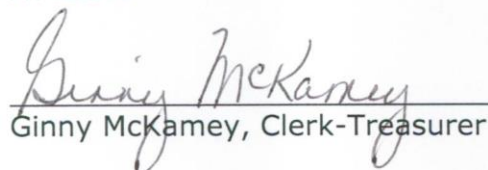
  
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Lea Ann Davis, Councilman

  
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John Culley, Councilman

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Shelly Ernst, Councilman

  
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Steve Swartz, Councilman

ATTEST:

  
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Ginny McKamey, Clerk-Treasurer