

October 21, 2014

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the October 21, 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah
Glen Gaby
Rick Ryfa
Pat Schaadt
Stan Dobosz

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police
Rick Konopasek – Public Works Director
Bob Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 3141 – 3316 in the amount of \$840,966.85 (eight hundred forty thousand, nine hundred sixty-six dollars and eighty-five cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a council study session on Tuesday October 28th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Monday November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting and one will follow if necessary.
3. Trick or Treat hours are 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 31st
4. There will be an Executive Session of the council at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday October 28th to discuss real estate matters.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. None

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
 - a. The town's compost facility was recently inspected and found to be in compliance with IDEM Standards
 - b. Ron Wiedeman from Robinson Engineering provided a brief overview of current road work
3. Police Chief
 - a. The K-9 fundraiser conducted during Oktoberfest successfully raised almost \$3,900 for the Unit. Chief Mance thanked all who participated, especially those businesses who contributed to the event.
4. Fire Department
 - a. The Fire Department Open House was a great success
 - b. Participation in Oktoberfest activities was successful in spite of the weather
5. Pending Items
 - a. Oktoberfest exceeded expectations, Council President Ryfa complemented the Public Works Department and Park Department employees for their help in setting up for the event

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Ordinance 2014-44: An Ordinance Establishing the 2015 Budget, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

2. NEW BUSINESS

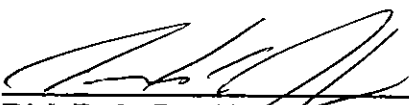
- a. Council President Ryfa opened the advertised Public Hearing on the requested additional appropriations. There were no comments from the public either for or against the additional appropriations. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.
 - i. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Resolution 2014-43: A Resolution Authorizing Additional Appropriations, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve Change Order #1 to the 2014 Road Project Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Robinson Engineering, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve a 3-year extension to the current EMS Contract with Prompt Ambulance as described in the Master Contract, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

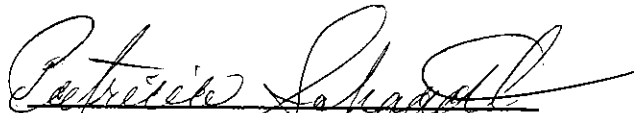
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Jackie Braun, 224 Minter Dr, inquired about animal control regulations
- Lee Olson, 1951 Westfield Ct, complimented Public Works for their prompt repair of a pothole on his street
- Kathryn Ball, 1425 N Elmer commented on the need for better lighting in the Children's area at Oktoberfest on Friday. Council President Ryfa commented that the situation was corrected Saturday.
- Elizabeth Cordova, 934 W Pine St commented on poor maintenance of the house at 938 W Pine.
- Judy Schoon, 304 N Dwiggins has concerns regarding vacant properties
- Cheryl Satkus, 330 N Indiana announced that three trees were planted in Tot Park and thanked the Park Department employees for their assistance.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p. m.

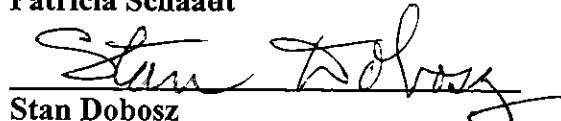
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Rick Ryfa, President

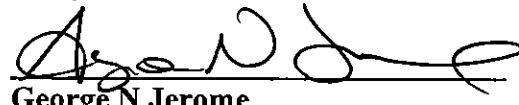

Patricia Schaadt

Glen Gaby

Larry Ballah


Stan Dobosz

Attest:


George N Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer