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March 5, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Glen Gaby called the March 5, 2013 meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Glen Gaby
Pat Schaadt
Stan Dobosz

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Police Chief
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Brent Torrenga – Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims No. 517 - 640 in the amount of \$616,580.75 (six hundred sixteen thousand, five hundred eighty dollars and seventy-five cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next council meeting will be Tuesday March 19th at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 before the meeting and one will follow if necessary.
- b. There will be a council study session on Tuesday March 12th at 5:00 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Enbridge will hold a series of Open Houses regarding Line 78 Pipeline Project
- b. The town received its 1782 Notice from the DLGF

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Mansards – No Report
3. Legislative Update – The senate hearing on HB 1585 has been postponed due to weather. The township has been active in trying to derail the bill.
4. Board of Public Works – No Report
5. Public Works – No Report
6. Police – Have been receiving calls regarding solicitors who claim to represent NIPSCO. They are legitimate but the police encourage all to call whenever there are concerns of this nature.
7. Fire – No Report
8. Pending Items - None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. A proposal to upgrade the interior lighting at the Franklin Center was received and taken under advisement.
2. Council Member Stan Dobosz introduced on first reading, Ordinance 2013-04: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86 ZONING, ARTICLE 1

IN GENERAL, SECTION 86-6 GENERAL PROVISIONS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION (g) BULK REGULATIONS, PARAGRAPH (5) PERMITTED OBSTRUCTION IN REQUIRED YARDS, SUBPARAGRAPH (a) IN ALL YARDS, TO ALLOW THE USE OF BARBED WIRE FENCES ON TOWN PROPERTY, WITHIN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, OR PURSUANT TO A SPECIAL USE PERMIT

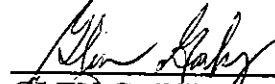
3. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to allow Council President Gaby and/or Public Works Director Konopasek to enter into a contract with Dixon Engineering for Construction Management/Inspection services related to the refurbishment of the 45th Avenue water reservoir, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
4. Quotes for financing the purchase of the 2013 Vactor Combination Sewer Cleaner Vacuum Truck were received from two banks and two leasing companies. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to allow Clerk Treasurer George Jerome to select the best option and enter into an agreement, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Red Anderson, 1447 N Harvey expressed concern about vehicles inhibiting snow removal efforts

There being no further business to come before this Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

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GLEN GABY



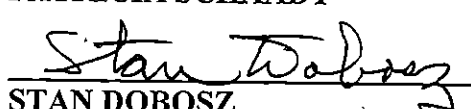
LAWRENCE BALLAH



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**GEORGE N. JEROME
CLERK TREASURER**