

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2003

Ms. Aldridge opened the St. John Regular Town Council Meeting at 7 :00 P. M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Kristie Aldridge, President, Michael Forbes, Vice-President, Jerome Rudy, Member, William Winterhaler, Member, Gregory Volk, Member, Steve Kil, Town Manager, David Wickland, Town Attorney, and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Wickland wanted to clarify his remarks on page 2 of the December 17, 2002, Special Meeting Minutes regarding the town recycling and waste contract. No action was taken by the Town Council, nor did his statement suggest the Council reject the old contract. His suggestion that by choosing to re-bid, the time simply expired under the terms of the contract for giving notice of the renewal; he believes the Town Council did not reject the right to renew, they merely waived it. **Mr. Forbes motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler that the minutes of the December 17, 2003 Special Meeting with the clarification by Mr. Wickland and the minutes of the December 26, 2002 Regular Meeting be approved. Motion carried.**

Election of Officers – Ms. Aldridge nominated Mr. Forbes for Town Council President; Mr. Volk nominated Mr. Rudy. **A roll call vote was taken for Mr. Forbes: Ms. Aldridge, aye, Mr. Forbes, aye, Mr. Rudy, nay, Mr. Winterhaler, aye, Mr. Volk, nay.** Ms. Aldridge turned the meeting over to Mr. Forbes. Mr. Forbes nominated Ms. Aldridge as Vice-President; Mr. Volk nominated Mr. Rudy for Vice-President. A roll call vote was taken for Ms. Aldridge: Ms. Aldridge, aye, Mr. Forbes, aye, Mr. Rudy, nay, Mr. Winterhaler, nay, Mr. Volk, nay. **A roll call vote was taken for Mr. Rudy: Ms. Aldridge, nay, Mr. Forbes, nay, Mr. Rudy, aye, Mr. Winterhaler, aye, Mr. Volk, aye. Motion carried.**

Appointments to various Boards and Commissions – Ms. Aldridge motioned that all members of the St. John Town Council be appointed to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler that Mr. Rudy, Mr. Tim Foley and Mr. Forbes be appointed to the Plan Commission for one year to positions designated for Town Officials. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Rudy motioned that Mr. Clarence Monix be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four-year term, terminating December 31, 2006 subject to verification that his political affiliation conforms to the statutory requirement, if any is required. Mr. Winterhaler seconded. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Aldridge motioned that Mr. Patrick Philbin be appointed to the Park Board as the Republican Representative providing Mr. Philbin state his political affiliation. **Motion seconded by Mr. Rudy. Motion carried.**

Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler that Ms. Kathy Willman be appointed to the Planning Advisory Committee. **Three ayes; Ms. Aldridge, Mr. Winterhaler, Mr. Forbes and two nays; Mr. Rudy and Mr. Volk. Motion carried.**

Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Volk that Mr. Muenich be re-appointed to a three-year term on the Planning and Development Advisory Committee. **Three ayes; Mr. Rudy, Mr. Volk, Mr. Winterhaler and two nays; Ms. Aldridge and Mr. Forbes. Motion carried.**

Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Volk that Ms. Jerri Anne Teibel be appointed to a three-year term on the Police Commission ending December 31, 2005. Motion carried.

Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, that Mr. William McCall be appointed to the Sanitary District for the unexpired portion of Mr. Clark's commission, which expires on December 31, 2004. Motion carried.

Ms. Aldridge motioned that Mr. Michael Ippolito be appointed to the Sanitary District. Motion failed due to lack of a second. **Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Volk, that Mr. Alex Monanteras be reappointed to a four-year term on the Sanitary District, which would end on December 31, 2006. Four ayes, and one nay by Ms. Aldridge. Motion carried.**

Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Rudy, that Mr. William McCall complete the remainder of Mr. Clark's term on the Waterworks District. Motion carried.

Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Volk, that Mr. Alex Monanteras be re-appointed to a four-year term on the Waterworks District. Two ayes; Mr. Rudy, Mr. Volk and three nays; Mr. Forbes, Ms. Aldridge and Mr. Winterhaler. Motion failed. **Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, that Mr. Michael Ippolito be appointed to the Waterworks District. Motion carried.**

Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, that Mr. David Wickland be appointed Town Attorney for a one-year term. Three ayes; Mr. Forbes, Ms. Aldridge, Mr. Winterhaler and two nays; Mr. Rudy and Mr. Volk. Motion carried. Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Volk that the Town Council request competitive proposals from qualified legal firms to perform the legal services for the Town for the year 2003, with the exception of those boards and commissions that have an independent statutory authority to name their own attorney. Two ayes; Mr. Rudy, Mr. Volk and three nays; Mr. Forbes, Ms. Aldridge and Mr. Winterhaler.. Motion failed.

Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, that Mr. James Wieser be appointed Police Commission attorney. Three ayes and two nays; Mr. Rudy and Mr. Volk. Motion carried.

Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, that Mr. James Wieser be appointed as Utility Board attorney. Four ayes and one nay by Mr. Rudy. Motion carried.

Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Volk, that the Town Council seek competitive proposals from qualified engineering firms to provide engineering services to the Town of St. John. Two ayes; Mr. Rudy, Mr. Volk and three nays; Mr. Forbes, Ms. Aldridge, Mr. Winterhaler. **Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, that Haas Engineering be retained as the Town Engineer. Three ayes and two nays; Mr. Rudy, Mr. Volk. Motion carried.**

Appointments to various Boards and Commissions - Mr. Forbes: Board of Zoning Appeals, Public Works Department, Lake County Solid Waste District; Ms. Aldridge: Park Board, Planning and Development Advisory Committee, Quad Town, and IACT; Mr. Rudy: Sanitary District, Waterworks District, and Fire Department; Mr. Winterhaler: Police Commission, Illiana Expressway Coalition; and Mr. Volk: Economic Development Commission, and NIRPC.

Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, that Mr. William Dodaro be appointed to the unexpired portion of Mr. Haller's term on the Park Board, which expires on December 31, 2003 if Mr. Dodaro will accept such appointment. Motion carried.

Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, that Ms. Aldridge be appointed to represent the Town Council for the Quad Town Safety Village. Motion carried.

Review of Tax Abatement for Rassel & Associates – Mr. Gary Rassel (Lot 1, Industrial Park South) – Discussion regarding the form CF-1. Ms. Aldridge motioned, Mr. Winterhaler seconded, that Rassel and Associates have made a reasonable effort to comply with their tax abatement. Motion carried.

Adoption of Ordinance #1278, amendment to master traffic ordinance, weight limit of trucks on streets – Vehicles going to a work site and one-time delivery vehicles are exempt. Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, that Ordinance 1278 be adopted on second reading, an ordinance establishing regulations for weight limits of vehicles on town streets. Motion carried.

VFW sponsored Proclamation claiming May 1st as “Loyalty Day”- Mr. Forbes read Proclamation. Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Volk, to approve Proclamation. Motion carried.

Approval of St. John Volunteer Fire Department 2003 Roster of Membership – Ms. Aldridge motioned seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, to approve the St. John Volunteer Roster. Motion carried.

Consider Ordinance #1283, Amendment to Master Traffic Ordinance – to add No Parking sign in Timberland. Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, that the Council unanimously consider Ordinance #1283 that being a regulation of parking prohibitions on West 102nd Avenue. Motion carried. Mr. Rudy motioned seconded by Ms. Aldridge, that Ordinance #1283 be adopted on second reading. Motion carried.

Consider Attorney Fee Agreement for Calendar Year 2003 – Attorney Reed – Mr. Rudy requested the restoration of terms from the last contract. Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to accept amended agreement with itemization of specific litigation on invoices. Four ayes and one nay; Mr. Rudy. Motion carried.

Review “Requests for Proposals” for Municipal Campus – Brief discussion regarding tax monies available in 2003. Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, that BSA Design Organization be awarded the future planning work based on their proposal of \$7,500.00. Three ayes and two nays; Mr. Forbes, Ms. Aldridge. Motion carried.

Establish Public Hearing Date for Annexation of Malsch Property – Ordinance #1280 – Notices have been sent out. Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, that the March 27, 2003 date be approved as the public hearing date for the annexation of Malsch property. Motion carried.

Consider purchase order request for a Gateway 920 server - Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to approve the purchase of a replacement Gateway server not to exceed \$3,200.00 as outlined in the January 10, 2003 memo from Tina Fletcher. Motion carried.

Letter of credit for Kilkenny Unit III – extension to February, 2004 (\$8,800.00, favorable recommendation by Plan Commission) – Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, for the approval of the letter of credit from Bank Calumet No. 2002-ILC-434 in the amount of \$8,800.00 as signified in their December 31, 2002 letter. Motion carried.

Letter of credit for Carroll's Addition – extension to January, 2004 (\$7,200.00, favorable recommendation by Plan Commission) – Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, for the approval of the letter of credit No. 350 from Sand Ridge Bank dated January 29, 2003, for Carroll's Addition in the amount of \$7,200.00. Four ayes and one abstain; Mr. Winterhaler. Motion carried.

Consider "Hold Harmless Agreement" with Lake County Drainage Board for St. John Bike Trail – Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Volk, to approve the indemnity agreement of the Lake County Drainage Board regarding maintenance to proposed bike trail as signified in the letter dated January 9, 2003, from Duneland Group. Motion carried.

Approval of MS4 Storm Water Committee – Community Questionnaire – Discussion regarding need for mass mailing vs. random sample, and IDEM's requirements. Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, to accept MS4 Storm Water Committee's Community Questionnaire. Four ayes and one nay; Mr. Rudy. Motion carried. Ms. Aldridge amended motion, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, that expenses should not exceed \$800.00. Four ayes and one nay; Mr. Rudy. Motion carried.

Consider approval of annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" – Police Chief Guzik agreed this would be acceptable. Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to approve the request from the Knights of Columbus to have a Tootsie Roll Drive at Rt. 41 and 93rd Street based on the letter from Ronald Parent dated January 22, 2003. Motion carried.

Authorization to fill opening in Clerk-Treasurer's Office – Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to approve the posting and advertising of the opening in the Clerk-Treasurer's office, the position left vacant by Ms. Sury. Motion carried.

Reports and Correspondence – Town Council – Mr. Rudy questioned progress of transfer of money for Animal Control cost with Dyer. He also asked about EMS billings and whether they would allow changes in the rate ordinance for payment plans, etc. Mr. Rudy asks that the amount due not be discounted or reduced pending a change in the ordinance. Council members are in agreement.

Reports and Correspondence - Clerk-Treasurer – None.

Reports and Correspondence – Staff – None.

Payment of Bills - #7000 through #7146, in the amount of \$528,770.64 for the Corporation; and #6000 through #6019, in the amount of \$203,030.39 for the Sewer Utility – Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to pay #7000 through #7146 inclusive, and #6000 through #6019 inclusive. Motion carried.

Business from the Floor – Mr. Joe Hero, 11723 South Oakridge warned the Council of the burden imposed on the community by hostile annexations. Mr. Richard DePirro, 9346 Hart Street thanked the Council for voting down Holland Trucking however, there are still problems with exhaust fumes and noise. He also questioned whether the Town has a plan for a potential West Nile virus this year. Mr. Forbes said Holland Trucking has 120 days to vacate; however, he plans to keep landscaping business there. St. John is hosting a mosquito abatement seminar for neighboring communities to address West Nile virus.

Adjournment – Mr. Rudy motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Attest:

SHERRY SURY, Clerk – Treasurer