

St. John Town Council Special Meeting
January 1, 2004

Mr. Fryzel called the St. John Town Council Special meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Michael Fryzel, Jerri Teibel, Gregory Volk, Charles Pearson, Mark Barenie, Steve Kil, Town Manager; and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer.

Election of Officers

President – Ms. Teibel nominated Mike Fryzel as President. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Vice-President - Mr. Pearson nominated Ms. Teibel as Vice-President. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Annual Appointments and Appointment to Boards and Commissions – Ms. Teibel motioned that the firm of Austgen, Decker & Phillips, P.C. as the Town Attorney as well as the Police Commission Attorney; the law firm of Wieser & Sterba as the Sanitation District and Water District Attorney; and the firm of Robinson Engineering as the Town Engineer. Motion seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.

Ms. Teibel, in regards to the Waterworks District, motioned that Mr. Robert Myers with a term to expire 12-31-07; Mr. Kenneth Gembala with a term to expire 12-31-04; and Mr. Alex Monanteras with a term to expire 12-31-06 be appointed to the Water Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Pearson, in regards to the Sanitary District, motioned that Mr. Robert Myers with a term to expire 12-31-07 and Mr. Kenneth Gembala with a term to expire 12-31-04 be appointed to the Sanitary Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Barenie, in regards to the Redevelopment Commission, motioned to appoint the members of the Town Council as the Redevelopment Commission with terms to expire 12-31-04. Motion seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Pearson, in regards to the Police Commission, motioned to appoint Mr. Robert Long with a term to expire 12-31-06; Mr. William Dodaro, with a term to expire 12-31-06; and Mrs. Rose Hejl with a term to expire 12-31-05 to the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners. Motion seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk. Ms. Teibel asked that the recent vacancy on the Police Commission be handled at a future meeting. Everyone was in agreement.

Mr. Barenie, in regards to the Planning Development & Advisory Committee, motioned to appoint Mrs. Patricia Kocot with a term to expire 12-31-05 and Mr. Dan Bielski with a term to expire 12-31-06. Motion seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.

Ms. Teibel, in regards to the Plan Commission, motioned to appoint Mr. Mike Forbes with a term to expire 12-31-07 as a citizen's appointment; Mr. Tim Foley, Mr. Jay Dahlin, and

Mr. Steve Kil all those terms to expire 12-31-04 as annual staff appointments. Mr. Volk stated that Mr. Foley meets with contractors and he believes that would be a conflict. Discussion followed. **Motion seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.**

Mr. Barenie, in regards to the Park Board, motioned to appoint Mr. Ken Matone with a term to expire 12-31-07 and Mr. Chris Gill who will be completing the term of Mr. Patrick Philbin. Mr. Volk stated that Mr. Gill has a lawsuit against the Town and does not feel it is appropriate to have Mr. Gill on the Board at this time. Mr. Austgen referenced a law whereas this is not considered as a conflict. **Motion seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.** Mr. Fryzel thanked Mr. Philbin on behalf of the Town Council for the time he served on the Park Board.

Mr. Fryzel deferred the Economic Development Commission appointment until the January 20, 2004 Special Meeting of the Town Council as this individual must be formally nominated by the County Council. It is most likely the County Council will act on this nomination at the January 13, 2004 Regular meeting.

Ms. Teibel, in regards to the Contractors Review Board, motion to appoint Mr. Tim Foley, Mr. William Keith, Mr. Emery Vamos, and Mr. Ralph Ehresman and Mr. Rhuben Pittman all with terms to expire 12-31-04. Motion seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Teibel motioned to recommend to the Plan Commission that they appoint Mr. Mike Forbes to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to expire 12-31-04. Motion seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Volk motioned to send RFP's to various law firms so the Town Council can review and compare different types of services, policies, and hourly fees. And to retain Mr. Wickland on a monthly basis until they make that decision. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Ms. Teibel motioned, in respect to the Plan Commission and Park Board levels, that the Town Council sends a recommendation to these respective bodies in regards to legal council that the appointment be the law firm of Austgen, Decker and Phillips, P.C. Motion seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion carried with four ayes and Mr. Volk abstaining.

Ms. Teibel made a motion for the following liaison assignments for 2004: Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals is Mr. Volk; Park Board is Mr. Barenie; Sanitation and Water Board is Ms. Teibel; Police Commission is Mr. Pearson; Fire Department and Public Works is Mr. Fryzel; N.I.R.P.C. is Ms. Teibel; Solid Waste Management District is Mr. Pearson. Motion seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Fueling System Up-Grade – Ms. Teibel, based on the recommendation of the Town Manager, motioned to award the contract pertaining to the fuel upgrade system to the one recommended by Mr. Kil as outlined. Proposal received from B & K Equipment in the amount of \$10,767.40 with an additional expense of \$3,500.00 for the miscellaneous expenses such as the communication cable, concrete and pad and conduit. Project not to exceed \$14,267.40. Discussion followed. **Motion seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Ordinance #1328, amending Ordinance #1239, the same being the Ambulance Billing Ordinance – Ms. Teibel motioned to unanimously consider Ordinance #1328 on first reading. Motion seconded by Mr. Pearson. Roll call vote: Ms. Teibel, yes; Mr. Volk, yes; Mr. Pearson, yes; Mr. Barenie, yes; Mr. Fryzel, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Teibel motioned to unanimously adopt on first reading Ordinance #1328, an ordinance amending Ordinance #1239, the same being the Ambulance Billing Ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Presentation of Capital Improvement Projects – Mr. George Budwash, Director of Engineering at Robinson Engineering introduced Mr. James Harmening, Manager of the Indiana Division and Mr. Ed Rudd, they are GIS coordinators. Mr. Budwash presented a brief framework of projects he thinks the Town should consider over the next year.

Adjournment – No motion was taken to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer