

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room
March 18, 2004

Mr. Fryzel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Michael Fryzel, President; Jerri Teibel, Vice-President; Gregory Volk, Member; Charles Pearson, Member; Mark Barenie, Member; David Austgen, Attorney; and Steve Kil, Town Manager. Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer was absent.

New Business

Consider Ordinance #1334, authorizing Issuance and Sale of Limited Obligation Bonds (second reading) – Mr. Barenie motioned to adopt Ordinance #1334 authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Limited Obligation Bonds. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion carried with three ayes, one nay by Mr. Volk and one abstention by Ms. Teibel.

Consider Ordinance #1336, annexation of Cornerstone Development property (second reading) – Mr. Wieser, Attorney for Cornerstone Development, asked that this be delayed until the Town Council meeting on March 25th so the Council would have time to review the Fiscal Plan which was delivered today.

Consider Ordinance #1337, rezoning of Lake County Public Library at 9450 Wicker Avenue (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1337, the rezoning of the Lake County Public Library at 9450 Wicker Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider request for Tax Abatement from Welch Partners, LLC, Petitioner (through Attorney James Wieser) – Council members agreed to 5-year tax abatement except Mr. Volk who favored no tax abatement. Item scheduled for the March 25th meeting.

Consider MS4 Stormwater Project – Service Proposal from Butler, Fairman & Seufert – Peter Kohut, Vice-President of BF&S explained the program with the steps necessary for the Town to meet IDEM requirements for this project. Part A is done; Part B is due May 1, 2004; Part C is due November 1, 2004. Ms. Teibel motioned to award Part B of the MS4 Program to BF&S in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Ethics Ordinance #1313, review of contents and proposed amendments (Town Attorney) – Mr. Austgen reviewed the existing ordinance for clarity, ease of administration and NIRPC compliance. He recommended an Ethics Officer to filter complaints. Discussion followed regarding who that person should be and the procedure for complaints. Ms. Teibel motioned to consider the first reading of Ordinance #1313 and that it to include the proposed amendment to Section 6a. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Transfer of Surplus Property to Lake Hills Volunteer Fire Department (1998 Chevy Caprice for \$1,100.00) – Ms. Teibel motioned to sell the 1998 Chevy Caprice in the amount of \$1,100.00 to Lake Hills Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council – None.

Clerk-Treasurer – None.

Staff

Mr. Kil stated that INDOT must be notified that the Town accepts the last deed of record for the property the bike trail is on. He will send a letter to them.

Also, INDOT formally accepted the agreement sent forth on the Emergency Vehicle Preemption System, which would be the Opticom System. He would like First Group Engineering to get started and has a price for about \$10,000.00 for the design of the five locations in the community. The total project will cost just under \$30,000.00.

A list of the bad debts for ambulance billing that need to be written off will be provided at the April meeting.

Mr. Kil commented on the Wireless Internet Agreement and that bids will be opened on April 8th for determination of the highest bidder.

Mr. Austgen stated that an update is needed for the ordinance regarding computer usage.

Public Comment – None.

Adjournment – Ms. Teibel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer