

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room

April 15, 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; Steve Kil, Town Manager; and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer.

Bid Opening for the 2004 Road Project

Mr. Austgen verified that the Proofs of Publication were in order. Four bids were received. The bids were opened and confirmed to be in proper form. Mr. Austgen read the bid amounts:

Gallagher Asphalt	\$132,990.86
Walsh & Kelly	152,335.26
K-Five Construction	166,400.10
Rieth-Riley	174,379.15

Ms. Teibel motioned to take the bids under advisement. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Hearings

Ordinance #1338, Lake Hills / V3 Realty property annexation - continued Public Hearing (First Reading) – Mr. Wieser made the opening remarks and noted two corrections in the Fiscal Plan on pages fifteen, sixteen and seventeen. He stated that the fiscal plan also included the Cornerstone Development. Mr. Kil verified that the correct legal boundaries are now on record. Mr. Volk expressed his concerned with the wording that states the developer will withdraw if they do not receive the zoning they requested.

Public Comment

Ron Jeziut, 10630 West 93rd Avenue – stated that he is totally against multiple housing; the town services and roads are too small with no taxes coming in.

Public comment closed to the floor.

Ms. Teibel motioned to consider Ordinance #1338, with the corrections on pages fifteen, sixteen and seventeen per Mr. Wieser, regarding the annexation of the property commonly known as Lake Hills on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.

Ordinance #1345, Rybarski / North Point property annexation – Petitioner: Michael L. Muenich (First Reading) – Mr. Austgen stated that the Proofs of Publication were in order. Mr. Muenich gave the opening remarks. Mr. Kil stated that the Petition for Annexation was for R-2 zoning, and according to Mr. Muenich's instructions he changed the zoning to R-1 and initialed the change.

Public Comment

Dan DeYoung, 8720 Cline Avenue – asked how close the development would be to the back of his property.

Public comment closed to the floor.

Ms. Teibel motioned to consider Ordinance #1345, the annexation of the property commonly known as Rybarski / North Point on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Hearings closed.

Old Business – None

New Business

Resolution #04-04-15A, a resolution expressing the sense of the legislative body in opposition to the issuance of “liquor licenses” from the Alcohol Beverage Commission (ABC) to gasoline stations – Mr. Fryzel explained the necessity for denying the issuance of these licenses and stated that he sent a letter to the commission. In addition, the other towns in this area also passed a similar resolution. **Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #04-04-15A. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Approval of the employment of an additional police officer – (Favorable recommendation from the Metropolitan Police Commission) – Mr. Pearson stated that the Metropolitan Police Commission favorably recommended Mr. Steven Flores pending his PERF approval. He will be sworn in at the next council meeting. **Mr. Pearson motioned to approval the hiring of an additional police officer named Mr. Steven Flores pending his PERF approval. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Resolution #04-04-15B, a resolution declaring uncollectible accounts of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana as “bad debt”, and authorizing collection efforts to cease and allow the Clerk-Treasurer to write off said accounts - Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #04-04-15B. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Reports and Correspondence

Town Council – None

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Mr. Austgen stated that he met with the State Board of Accounts and needed the Council's confirmation for payment of two weeks severance pay to Mr. Joseph Guzik as well as direction to the Clerk-Treasurer in ratification of reimbursement of a Cobra payment made by Mr. Guzik for his continued insurance benefits. **Ms. Teibel motioned to authorize and approve two weeks severance pay consistent with the actions of the Police Commission upon the resignation tender of Mr. Guzik as well as to approve and direct the Clerk to reimburse the Cobra out of pocket expense paid by Mr. Guzik for the month of April for which he was entitled to be covered. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Staff

Public Comment

Angela Stack, 11638 Homestead Village Court – asked about the status of the bike trail. She also expressed concern regarding the motorbikes in that area.

William Dravesky, 9038 Howard – stated his concern regarding mopeds on 93rd Avenue. Mr. Fryzel stated that as long as the individuals are 15 and one-half years of age; have a state I.D., wearing helmets and not riding double, they are allowed on 93rd Avenue. The state law does not require license plates for mopeds.

Adjournment – Ms. Teibel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer