

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

April 22, 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.

**Swearing-in Ceremony of Mr. Steve Flores into the St. John Police Department** – Ms. Sury administered the oath of a Police Officer to Mr. Steve Flores.

**Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 18th and March 25th, 2004-** Mr. Volk questioned the action taken on the first reading of Ordinance #1338. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kil confirmed that the only action taken at the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004, meeting was to continue the public hearing for this ordinance, the Lake Hills/V3 Realty property annexation, on April 15, 2004. **Mr. Pearson motioned to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2004 Regular Meeting and the March 25, 2004 Regular Meeting with the stipulation regarding Ordinance #1338 provided. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Public Hearing**

**Resolution #04-04-22B, a confirmatory resolution establishing an economic revitalization area within the Town of St. John, Indiana for Welch Partners LLC** – Mr. Austgen stated that the Proofs of Publication were in order. Mr. Randy Wyllie, attorney for Welch Partners, gave the opening remarks.

**Public Comment – None**

**Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt confirmatory Resolution #04-04-22B, establishing an economic revitalization area within the Town of St. John for Welch Partners LLC. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk. (The abatement is for five years)**

**Old Business**

**Resolution #04-04-22, a resolution adopting a Fiscal Plan related to the Lake Hills annexation** – Mr. Pearson motioned to adopt Resolution #04-04-22. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

**Ordinance #1338, annexation of the Lake Hills property (second reading)** – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1338. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.

**Resolution #04-04-22A, a resolution adopting a Fiscal Plan related to the Rybarski annexation** – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #04-04-22A. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

**Ordinance #1345, annexation of Rybarski property (second reading)** – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1345. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

**Bid award for 2004 Road Project – Mr. Pearson motioned to award the bid for this year to Gallagher Asphalt in the amount of \$132,990.86 as recommended by the Town Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Mr. Pharazyn stated that he had been contacted by the railroad regarding an emergency repair to the grade crossing on 93<sup>rd</sup> as well as the intersection at Thielen Street as the tracks cross over the intersections. The road will be closed for a week. He stated that this repair along with the suggested repaving and resurfacing work as presented by Mr. Fryzel should alleviate a sufficient amount of the dip in the road.

### **New Business**

**Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Michael L. Muenich - Ms. Teibel motioned to authorize the President to sign the disclosure form. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Ordinance #1344, amendment to Ordinance #511 Master Traffic Ordinance (Weston Ridge II) – Ms. Teibel motioned to consider Ordinance #1344 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1344. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Ordinance #1346, amendment to Ordinance #1322 “Parking Regulations” that section of the Zoning Ordinance concerning “parking regulations” – Mr. Pearson motioned to adopt Ordinance #1346 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk. Mr. Kil stated a second reading is not required; a zoning ordinance requires only a majority vote.**

**Resolution #04-04-22C, a resolution authorizing entry into a joint inter local cooperation agreement with certain Northwest Indiana municipalities regarding cable television franchise matters for mutual benefits – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #04-04-22C. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

### **Reports & Correspondence**

#### **Town Council**

Mr. Barenie stated a couple of residents on the west side of Weston Ridge are getting trash in their yards. Mr. Foley will follow up.

Mr. Fryzel stated that numerous people have expressed an interest to be involved in the Festival Events Committee and asked Mr. Kill to send out a letter to the applicants. They are looking into having a Farmers Market for St. John during the summer months to be held on either Saturdays or Sundays. He also said it is imperative that the town establish a severe weather warning system and revisit our disaster plan for incorporating an mutual aid agreement with our neighboring communities for a weather related disaster.

Clerk-Treasurer – None.

Staff

Mr. Kil would like a motion to waiver the permit fee for Boender Electric for the work they will be doing which is installing the security lighting on the water tower. **Ms. Teibel motioned to waive the permit fee. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Payment of Bills - #7471 through #7645 in the amount of \$777,240.57 for the Corporation**  
**– Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the payment of the bills #7471 through #7645 in the amount of \$777,240.57 for the Corporation. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

Public Comment – None

**Adjournment** – **Mr. Pearson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:

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Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer