

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

June 24, 2004

Mr. Fryzel called the Regular Meeting of the St. John Town Council to order at 7:01 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; Mark Barenie, Member; Steve Kil, Town Manager; and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Absent were Charles Pearson, Member, and David Austgen, Town Attorney. Mr. Fryzel stated that due to the limited agenda Mr. Austgen asked to be absent tonight.

Mr. Volk motioned to amend the agenda to include the approval of the minutes of the June 17, 2004 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2004 Executive Session, the May 20, 2004 Regular Meeting and the June 17, 2004 Regular Meeting – Mr. Barenie motioned to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2004 Executive Session, the May 20, 2004 Regular Meeting and the June 17, 2004 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion unanimously passed.

Award Presentations

Mr. Fryzel stated that the Town of St. John would like to present the Good Samaritan Award to several individuals who are employed at the Schoop's Restaurant in St. John for the heroic efforts and assistance they rendered during the tragic incident that occurred on June 6, 2004. These employees, most of whom are teenagers or very young adults, pulled together at a very hectic time to work feverishly to give aid and assistance to the victims of this emergency while at the same time they were waiting for the emergency vehicles to arrive. Without hesitation these employees put their own safety at risk in order to assist the victims in their time of need. He mentioned that Councilwoman Teibel and himself were both present at the scene and witnessed first hand the effort all of these individuals have put forth, they were to be commended. The Town Council and the community commend them for their thoughtfulness and quick decisive actions. The Council would also like to recognize and present the business with the Samaritan award because of the individual effort displayed by the management and the staff of the Schoop's Restaurant.

Mr. Fryzel, Ms. Teibel and Ms. Sury presented a lapel pin and an award to the owners Thomas & Mary Beth Markovich and Larry & Audrey Fairris and employees Carrie Clemens, Stacey Gibbons, Stephen Kolodziej, Matt Plassman, Sarah Udchitz, and Adam Wythe. Employee Laura Layman, and Town Engineer, Pete Faberbock from Robinson Engineering were not in attendance and their awards will be presented privately.

Mr. Fryzel also thanked the St. John Police and Fire Department personnel, the Lake County, Dyer, Schererville, and Cedar Lake response personnel as well as Prompt Ambulance Service for their quick response and assistance that they all gave to the town.

Old Business – None

New Business

Mr. Volk stated that he spoke with Mr. Kil about the curve and sidewalk reconfiguration at the Dunkin Donuts location. This was an oversight or mistake by Haas Engineering and they are responsible for that. Mr. Kil stated it cost the Town between \$22,000 and \$27,000 to correct. The company is insured and bonded and Mr. Volk requested that Mr. Austgen should try to recoup the money. Mr. Kil will ask Mr. Austgen to send a letter to Haas Engineering and ask for the money.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council – None

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff – None

Police Chief Frego – None

Payment of Bills - #7847 through #8060 in the amount of \$793,104.95 for the Corporation – Ms. Teibel motioned to pay the bills, invoices #7847 through #8060 in the amount of \$793,104.95. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Comment

Mr. Markovich spoke on behalf of the owners of Schoop's and thanked all the departments that responded to the accident. The restaurant expects to be open by next Wednesday.

Adjournment – Mr. Barenie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer