

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

Mr. Fryzel called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #561 held a flag ceremony followed by 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.

**Approval of minutes for the October 21, 2004 Regular Meeting** – Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the minutes for the October 21, 2004 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Ordinance #1365, Annexation Petition for Lake Central School Corporation** – Mr. Austgen stated that the proofs of publication were in order. Mr. Ed Vargo, Director of Construction of the Lake Central School Corporation, made the opening remarks. The property will be developed as a middle school.

Public Comment – None

**Mr. Barenie motioned to consider Ordinance #1365 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

### **Old Business**

**Ordinance #1353, an ordinance amending Ordinance #537 (second reading)** – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1353. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

### **New Business**

**Resolution #04-11-18, a resolution authorizing entry into a Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Lake County Sheriff's Department and authorizing the Town Council President to execute same** – Chief Frego stated that the County received a Homeland Security Grant to implement the Spillman Information Management System that would centralize information about crime activity and individuals involved within the Lake County area and part of Illinois. All the communities would be able to access the information. The town will be charged \$4,000.00 a year for maintenance starting in 2006. **Mr. Barenie motioned to adopt Resolution #04-11-18. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Resolution #04-11-18A, adopting Year 2004 Bi-Town Animal Control Agreement** – Mr. Fryzel stated that Mr. Kil, Chief Frego and Ms. Teibel met with the Dyer officials and drafted a new agreement. This year's agreement is based on call volume, 60% for Dyer and 40% for St. John, which will be a \$10,000.00 saving for St. John. The cost may go down further depending upon the call volume. **Mr. Pearson motioned to adopt Resolution #04-11-18A and to authorize the Town Council President to execute the agreement. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Ordinance #1366, 2005 Salary Ordinance** – Mr. Volk stated his concern with the numbers in comparison to the 2004 Salary Ordinance, the department heads and higher salaried employees received larger raises. **Mr. Volk motioned to table Ordinance #1366. No second. Motion died due to the lack of a second.** Mr. Kil explained the calculations, 4% for non-exempt employees and 5% for department heads from last year's base salary. Mr. Volk stated that he did not see the 4-5% increases; his figures show substantially higher percentages. Ms. Sury stated the reason for a higher salary increase for the Deputy Clerk and Clerk-Treasurer are due to a substantial increase in workload because the town is growing so quickly. Ms. Teibel made a statement regarding the increased workload of the employees, the increased health care costs and stated that the employees deserve a good salary increase. Mr. Barenie also complimented and thanked the town employees. Mr. Volk stated that he is not opposed to the 4-5% raises; he is concerned that his figures do not match the percentages. **Ms. Teibel motioned to consider Salary Ordinance #1366 with a 4% increase for non-exempt employees, 5% for department heads with the exception of the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Roll call vote: Ms. Teibel, aye; Mr. Volk, nay; Mr. Pearson, aye, Mr. Barenie, aye; Mr. Fryzel, abstention. Motion passed with three ayes, one nay by Mr. Volk and one abstention by Mr. Fryzel.** Mr. Fryzel asked Mr. Kil to have this item placed on the agenda for a special meeting the first week of December.

**Authorization to employ two additional Police Officers – Albert Amptmeyer and Nicholas Stamate - (favorable recommendation from the Police Commission)** – Mr. Pearson motioned to authorize the hiring of Officers Amptmeyer and Stamate. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

**Reject bids for the Joliet Street Storm Sewer Project and authorize re-bid** – Ms. Teibel motioned to authorize the re-bid of the Joliet Street Storm Sewer Project. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

**Authorization to advertise for bids for: Forrest Drive Drainage Project; Patterson Street Drainage Project; and 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Drainage Project** – Mr. Pearson motioned to authorize the bidding for the Forrest Drive Drainage Project, the Patterson Street Drainage Project and the 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Drainage Project. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

## Reports & Correspondence

### Town Council

Mr. Fryzel suggested that changes to the Subdivision Control Ordinance be undertaken. He stated that there was a problem with the building constructed next to Walgreen's whereas the front of the building has a different brick than on the backside. Mr. Kil stated the referenced provision is in the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Austgen stated that a public hearing must be held to amend the ordinance.

### Clerk-Treasurer

Ms. Sury reminded the Council members there is only one meeting in December and it will be on December 16<sup>th</sup>. She also asked permission to close the Clerk's office to the public on December 30<sup>th</sup> for the year-end close of books. The Town Council granted permission for the office closure.

### Staff – None

**Payment of Bills - #8846 through #9007 in the amount of \$607,325.20 for the Corporation**  
**– Ms. Teibel motioned to pay bills #8846 through #9007 in the amount of \$607,325.20 for the Corporation. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Public Comment**

Mr. Eric Anderson, a 20-year Police Department employee, stated that since the inception of this council he has not seen a more professional, positive or relaxed working environment.

Mr. Mike Schilling thanked the Town Council.

Mr. Ubriaco, 8731 Verbena - stated that his wife passed away October 30<sup>th</sup>, he is going to open his house to other MS patients and would like to start a foundation in his wife's name. He thanked the fire and police employees for their help over the years.

Mr. Paul Forsythe, Public Works employee, stated that he has worked for the town a short time and commented on how things run smoothly. He thanked the Council for their appreciation of the town employees.

**Adjournment** – Ms. Teibel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

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Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer