

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room
March 24, 2005

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. Also in attendance was Fred Frego, Police Chief.

Approval of the minutes of the February 17, 2005 Regular Town Council and February 24, 2005 Regular Town Council Meetings – Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the minutes. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Old Business – None

New Business

Ordinance #1379, an ordinance amending Ordinance #1066, same being an ordinance establishing Traffic School Fees and creating a Police Department Special Revenue Fund – Discussion ensued regarding the disposition of the processing of the traffic tickets issued on U.S. 41 and how the money from the ticket fines are distributed. **Mr. Barenie motioned to consider Ordinance #1379 on first reading only. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

Resolution #05-03-24, a resolution authorizing Clerk-Treasurer to create new line item in CATV Franchise Budget – Mr. Barenie motioned to adopt Resolution #05-03-24. **Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

Resolution #05-03-24A, a resolution providing for the transfer of appropriations for the various funds of the Town of St. John – Mr. Pearson motioned to adopt Resolution #05-03-24A. **Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.**

Consider Town Employee Health Insurance Renewal as submitted by The Braman Agency – Mr. Vale and Ms. Carla Cohn attended as representatives of The Braman Agency. Presentation included the rates and different drug coverage charges as well as the co-pay amounts for emergency room and urgent care center visits. Questions from the council followed. Mr. Kil stated that he would schedule a meeting with Ms. Cohn and the town employees to inform them of the changes. **Ms. Teibel motioned to table this item until the meeting between the insurance carrier and the town employees. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

Ordinance #1380, an ordinance re-zoning Saddle Creek Subdivision from R-1 Residential to Residential P.U.D. (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission 03-02-2004) – Mr. Volk stated that he had a few questions regarding the drainage and restrictors. Mr. Jacob Huppenthal, 11374 West 101st - addressed the council and expressed his concern regarding an increase in rainwater flow through his property along with potential damage to his landscaping and crops due to this new housing project. He stated that he spoke with Mr. Faberbock who promised that he would look into the situation. Mr. Kil stated that the town would monitor the flow. Mr.

Volk stated that this is not the final plat and that this ordinance is for zoning purposes only. **Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1380. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.**

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Mr. Volk stated that he spoke with Mr. Girman on Forrest Drive. He has voiced concerns for many years with the ditch near his property that has caused flooding on his property. Mr. Volk stated that the problem could be corrected with a backhoe that would clear some of the brush and trees. Discussion followed regarding the drainage on Patterson Street and Forrest Drive. Mr. Kil stated that he would have someone look at the site and estimate the cost for correction of this problem.

Clerk-Treasurer – Ms. Sury read a thank you letter she received from Ray Bowman, Clerk-Treasurer of Schneider, Indiana. The letter, signed by the Clerk-Treasurer and Schneider Town Council Members, thanked her, the Town Council and citizens for the donation of the Easter egg baskets.

Ms. Teibel motioned to amend the agenda to include the Accounting Services Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion to approve contract with H J Umbaugh - study for issuance of revenue bonds (BANs) for the water utility – Ms. Sury stated that this Accounting Services Agreement has been recommended by the Waterworks District and is forwarding it for approval by the Town Council. It is for the study in pursuit of the financing of the bans for the water utility. Mr. Austgen stated that this is the standard agreement for capital projects and the method of financing of the capital projects. **Ms. Teibel motioned to enter the Accounting Services Agreement with Umbaugh & Associates and authorize the Town Council President to execute the agreement. Motion unanimously passed.**

Mr. Fryzel thanked the Parks Director, Chip Sobek, and everyone who contributed to the Easter Egg Hunt last weekend. There were over 200 participants.

Staff – None

Payment of bills for the Corporation, APV's #7372 - #7560 for \$887,167.01 - Ms. Teibel motioned to pay vouchers #7372 – #7560 in the amount of \$887.167.01. **Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.**

Public Comment – None

Adjournment – Mr. Pearson motioned to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer