

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room
August 18, 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 present were Police Chief Fred Frego, Fire Chief Fred Willman and John Mainwaring, Code Enforcement Officer. Bob Pharazyn, Public Works Director was absent.

Mr. Jim Lapatkiewicz from V.F.W. Post #717 gave a brief summary of the V.F.W. He stated that Post #717 is the only post in the first district that has an EMT, a firefighter, a police officer and an Eagle Scout of the Year; they won two teacher awards this year. He introduced Larry Blankman, First District Commander and member of Post #717. Mr. Blankman presented the following awards:

Award Presentations – St. John V.F.W. Post #717

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) of the Year – James Funk
Firefighter of the Year – Kenneth Gembala

Chief Willman read the citations for Mr. Funk and Mr. Gembala.

Police Officer of the Year – Jay Dahlin

Chief Frego read the citation for Mr. Dahlin.

Eagle Scout of the Year for the State of Indiana – Mark Dillion

Mr. Jim Thiel read the citation for Mr. Dillion.

St. John Fire Department – Indiana Volunteer Firefighter’s Association (IVFA)

Chief Willman introduced Paul Watland, District Chairman, District 2 Indiana Volunteer Firefighter’s Association and Jim Bradford, IVFA Public Relations for Northwest Indiana. Presentations were made for the 50-year gold cards and the Midwest Award to:

Fifty (50) year member receiving “gold card” – James Thiel

Fifty (50) year member receiving “gold card” – Ralph Keilman

IVFA “Midwest Award” for District Two – Fred Willman

New Business

Resolution #05-08-18B – a resolution adopting the fiscal plan for the Gates of St. John – Mr. Fryzel stated that the legal description was not prepared and the item will be deferred.

Ordinance #1396, an ordinance annexing certain real property to the Town of St. John – Mr. Fryzel stated that the site development plan was not available to be included; the petitioner has not had time to prepare all the proper documents. He suggested that this item be deferred. **Mr. Pearson motioned to defer Items A & B to August 24th. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.**

Ordinance #1400, amending Ordinance #1366, master salary ordinance for Specifically School Crossing Guard – Ms. Teibel motioned to consider Ordinance

#1400 along with the job description on First Reading. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1400 along with the job description. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Water Reimbursement Agreement for DeYoung Interiors, LLC – Mr. Kil requested that this item be on next week's agenda so that the engineer can review the legal descriptions. Mr. Pearson motioned to defer this item to the meeting next week. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

Letter of Credit for Wellington Estates in the amount of \$537,808.70 (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Ms. Teibel motioned to accept the Letter of Credit for Wellington Estates in the amount of \$537,808.70. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Release of Letter of Credit for Weston Ridge – Unit 1 in the amount of \$46,025.10 (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Mr. Pearson motioned to release the Letter of Credit and start the two-year warranty period. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Release of Letter of Credit for Weston Ridge – Unit 2 in the amount of \$37,881.44 (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Mr. Barenie motioned to release the Letter of Credit and start the two-year warranty period. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

Release of Letter of Credit for Woods of Weston Ridge – Unit 1 in the amount of \$37,271.20 (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Ms. Teibel motioned to release the Letter of Credit and start the two-year warranty period. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Release of Letter of Credit for Bramblewood Development – Unit 1 in the amount of \$96,580.00 (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) - Mr. Pearson motioned to release the Letter of Credit and to start the two-year warranty period. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Resolution #05-08-18, a declaring resolution related to a request for Tax Abatement, by Welch Partners, LLC (Lot 19, 9585 N. Industrial Drive) – Mr. Pearson motioned to adopt Resolution #05-08-18 and authorize a Public Hearing on September 29, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.

Consider Resolution #05-08-18A, a declaring resolution related to a request for Tax Abatement by SB Properties, Inc. (Lot 18, 9565 N. Industrial Drive) – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #05-08-18A and to authorize a Public Hearing on September 29, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council

Mr. Pearson stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Mainwaring for his diligent work in getting some obstructions cleared off on 93rd Avenue that were definite traffic hazards.

Mr. Fryzel reminded everyone that the festival is August 25, 26, 27 and 28th. The parade will be at 12:00 noon beginning at Homestead Park on Olcott. The meeting next week will start at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the Town Hall Complex on Saturday, August 20th at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend.

Ms. Teibel stated that the C47 airplane that was scheduled to be a part of the parade has a landing gear problem and the plane will not be available for this activity.

Clerk-Treasurer

Staff

Mr. Kil requested that the agenda be amended to add an item for approval, a Grant of Right to install sewer lines. He referenced the approval of the Sanitary District on August 15, 2005. **Ms. Teibel motioned to amend the agenda to add the item to approve the Grant of Right to Install Sewer Lines and Waiver of Right to Remonstrance Against annexation for Mr. Brockway II. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the Grant of Right to Install Sewer Lines and Waiver of Remonstrance against Annexation for Brockway II. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Comment – None

Adjournment – Mr. Pearson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer