

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
JUNE 15, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Fryzel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #561 conducted a flag ceremony 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.

Award Presentations – Presentation by V.F.W. Post #717 Post Commander, Larry Blankman; also present was Jim Thiel, Past Post Commander and Gene Kijanowski, Quartermaster.

Eagle Scout of the Year – Mr. Blankman presented the award to **Greg Krumm** and cited his achievements

Firefighter of the Year – Chief Willman and Mr. Blankman presented the award to **Paul Lukso** and cited his achievements

Emergency Medical Technician of the Year – **Robert McKinley** – (Mr. McKinley was unable to attend) Chief Willman cited his achievements

Police Officer of the Year – **Frank Chapranda** presentation by Chief Frego, Mr. Blankman and Mr. Kijanowski

New Business

Ordinance #1416, an Ordinance amending the master zoning map for the Town of St. John Indiana (favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission) – **Mr. Pearson** motioned to adopt **Ordinance #1416**. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie**. Motion passed with 3 ayes, one nay by Mr. Volk, and one abstention by Ms. Teibel.

Ordinance #1417, same being an Ordinance amending Ordinance #1164 and Ordinance regulating the usage of town computers – Ms. Teibel motioned to consider **Ordinance #1417** on first reading only. **Seconded by Mr. Pearson**. Motion passed with 4 ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.

Ordinance #1418, an ordinance amending the Town Code pertaining to “fireworks regulations” – Mr. Austgen provided an overview of the ordinance as it pertains to state statute and existing local noise/nuisance ordinances. **Ms. Teibel** motioned to consider **Ordinance #1418** on first reading. **Seconded by Mr. Pearson**. Motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt **Ordinance #1418**. **Seconded by Mr. Pearson**. Motion unanimously passed.

Ordinance #1419, an Ordinance amending the Town personnel policy regarding IRS Taxable Fringe Benefits – Mr. Fryzel requested that this item be tabled to allow additional time for review. **Ms. Teibel** motioned to **table this item until next month**. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie**. Motion unanimously passed.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council

Mr. Barenie stated that he has received feedback from residents regarding regulations of the local fishing ponds. Discussion ensued regarding the ponds, signage, fish size limits, State enforcement and a catch and release program. Mr. Kil was requested to review the matter.

Mr. Fryzel referenced the continuing problem of contractors illegally tapping into the town hydrants and asked Mr. Austgen to prepare an ordinance that includes a first offense penalty of \$500.00.

Mr. Austgen mentioned that the Town of St. John asked the Town of Schererville for an extension of the emergency water supply agreement. He suggested the council extend the term to June 30th. **Ms. Teibel motioned to enter into an extension with the Town of Schererville until June 30th for the emergency water agreement. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

Mr. Austgen also referenced the Sexually Oriented Business Regulations Amendatory Ordinance that he is drafting. He explained the approval process of this zoning ordinance amendment and stated that the draft copy for the council will be provided next Thursday.

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff – None

Public Comment – None

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

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer