

**ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM  
JANUARY 25, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Fryzel called the meeting to order at 7:08 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; Bob Pharazyn, Public Works Director; and John Mainwaring, Code Enforcement Officer. Absent was Chip Sobek, Park & Recreation Superintendent.

**Approval of Minutes of the December 21, 2006 and December 28, 2006 Town Council Meetings** – Mr. Pearson motioned to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2006 and December 28, 2006 Town Council meetings. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention by Mr. Volk.

**Public Hearing - Request for Tax Abatement – Relentless LLC – Petitioner James L. Wieser** - Proofs of Publication - Mr. Austgen stated that the Proofs of Publication indicated timely publication one time in each, **The Times** and the **Post Tribune** on January 15, 2007, and acknowledged the return receipt notifications to all governmental entities.

Opening Remarks – Attorney James L. Wieser stated that he represents Relentless LLC owned by Lee Milazzo. He provided an overview of Mr. Milazzo's business, Perm Industries; his canning product is distributed worldwide, needs to expand his business and is requesting a tax abatement.

Town Council Comments – Mr. Volk questioned the length of time for the tax abatement granted to Perm Industries. Mr. Wieser provided an overview of the ten-year period of the tax abatement. Discussion ensued.

Open to the floor – Mr. Michael Forbes, 12466 W. 105<sup>th</sup> Place, inquired if this was for new construction and the length of the tax abatement. It was stated that this was for new construction and the tax abatement would be for five years.

**RES #07-01-25 a confirmatory resolution establishing an economic revitalization area within the Town of St. John, IN**

Mr. Barenie motioned to amend the previously adopted Resolution #06-12-28B to include the number of years, to be five. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 nay by Mr. Volk.

Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #07-01-25. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Ms. Teibel amended the motion to grant a 5-year abatement in Section 4. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 nay by Mr. Volk.

**Bid Opening - Refuse and Recycling Collection**

Proofs of Publication – Mr. Austgen stated that the publisher's affidavits indicate there was timely publication in the **Post Tribune** and **The Times** one time each on January 8,

2007, and opened the two bids that were received. Mr. Austgen confirmed the bid of Allied Waste to be in order and read their bid summary – Exhibit A. The bid of Able Disposal (Republic Services, Inc.) was opened and confirmed to be in order. Mr. Austgen read their bid summary – Exhibit B.

**Ms. Teibel motioned to take the bids under advisement. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Old Business – None**

**New Business**

**Consider Letter of Credit for The Gates of St. John – Unit 2, in the amount of \$376,121.63** (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – **Mr. Barenie motioned to accept the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$376,121.63. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention by Ms. Teibel.**

**Consider Letter of Credit for The Gates of St. John – Unit 6A & 10A, in the amount of \$231,086.35** (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – **Mr. Pearson motioned to accept the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$231,086.35. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention by Ms. Teibel.**

**Consider Letter of Credit for The Gates of St. John – Unit 10B, in the amount of \$12,897.06** (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Mr. Fryzel stated that they do not have this Letter of Credit and will defer this item to next month.

**Consider Letter of Credit reduction for Three Springs Subdivision- Unit 2, to the amount of \$520,616.80** (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Mr. Fryzel stated that they do not have this Letter of Credit and will defer this item to next month.

**Consider annual donation to the Safety Village in the amount of \$2,000.00** – Mr. Kil stated that the Safety Village is doing very well. There was a meeting today and they are putting together the curriculum. **Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the donation to the Safety Village in the amount of \$2,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Consider approval of the 2007 Fire Department Roster** - Mr. Pearson motioned to approve the 2007 Fire Department Roster and to approve a leave of absence for Mr. Tim Gorman. **Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Consider contractual agreement with the St. John Volunteer Fire Department for the year of 2007** - Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the contract and authorize the Town Council President to execute the contractual agreement with the St. John Fire Department to include the corrections on page two. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Consider contractual agreement with the Lake Hills Fire Department for dispatching services for the year of 2007** – Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the contract and authorize the Town Council President to execute same for the contractual agreement with the Lake Hills Fire Department for dispatching

**services for the year of 2007. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Reports & Correspondence**

Town Council – None

Clerk-Treasurer – Ms. Sury stated that there would be a new reporting system for the recycling information for Lake County Solid Waste. The report will include additional information and be web based. Also, the Town of Lowell will soon be designated as an electronic recycling collection site and when additional information is received, it can be included on the utility bills.

Staff

Mr. Kil stated that on Monday they (himself, engineers and financial consultant) are going to Indianapolis to testify before the IURC, they should do well.

Mr. Pharazyn mentioned that the Town of Schererville has had some problems with the water distribution system. The Schererville Town Manager told him their biggest problem was notifying all the effected homeowners and is thinking about using e-mail address's to notify residents in such situations. Mr. Pharazyn suggested that St. John do the same. Discussion ensued.

**Payment of Bills for the Corporation - #7000 - #7177 in the amount of \$708,984.75 – Mr. Pearson motioned to approve bill #7000 - #7177 in the amount of \$708,984.75. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention by Ms. Teibel.**

**Public Comment – None**

**Adjournment – Mr. Pearson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**

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Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer