

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 W. 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
JULY 19, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

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; Mark Barenie, Member; David Austgen, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also present were Fred Willman, Fire Chief and Bob Pharazyn, Public Works Director. Absent were Charles Pearson, Member; Fred Frego, Police Chief; Chip Sobek, Parks & Recreation Superintendent and John Mainwaring, Code Enforcement Officer.

Approval of the Minutes of the June 21, 2007 Executive Session, June 21, 2007 Regular and June 28, 2007 Regular Town Council Meetings – Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the minutes of the June 21st Executive Session, the June 21st and June 28th Regular. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.** Mr. Volk mentioned an amendment must be read into the June 21st minutes. Due to clerical error the vote on page 2 for the Acceptance of Deeds for real property located at The Gates of St. John was recorded incorrectly. It should read “Motion passed with a vote of 3 ayes, 1 nay by Mr. Volk and 1 abstention by Ms. Teibel.” **Ms. Teibel motioned to accept the minutes as they are with that change. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Old Business – None

New Business

Consider annual donation to St. John Volunteer Fire Department – Mr. Fryzel stated that this has been taken care of. **Ms. Teibel motioned to remove this item from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Resolution #07-07-19, transfer of appropriations for various funds of the Town (Building & Planning Department) – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #07-07-19. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Resolution #07-07-19A, Interlocal Agreement for 2007-2008 bulk salt purchase – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #07-07-19A. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Resolution #07-07-19B, a resolution opposing the proposed County Option Income Tax – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #07-07-19B. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Resolution #07-07-19C, a resolution requesting Lake County Council to act to withdraw review of operating budget decisions from the recent and newly established County Board of Tax Adjustments and Capital Projects Review - Mr. Barenie motioned to adopt Resolution #07-07-19C. **Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Resolution #07-07-19D, a resolution authorizing the temporary transfer and loans of funds (Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Fund to St. John 05 Town Project) – Mr. Volk asked what the \$1.5M was for. Mr. Fryzel stated that this is to complete the buildings; the work has been completed but not paid for. He added the project is still under the budget of \$6.9M, \$100,000.00 under budget, after this \$1.5M transfer. Mr. Volk asked about the cost of the total project and stated that the bond was for \$10.5M. Discussion ensued. Mr. Volk stated that he calculated the project to come to \$11M without the \$1.5M. Mr. Kil stated that the total project came in at about \$11M and in the bond account with the interest applied; they still have a little over \$100,000.00 in the account. Discussion ensued. Ms. Teibel mentioned that there are some things the bond money could not be used for. Mr. Fryzel stated that there are some items that could not be purchased with the tax money. **Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution # 07-07-19D. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 3 ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.**

Consider contract for sewer and water cost reimbursement for Docter Estates (favorable recommendation from Utility Districts) – **Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the cost reimbursement contract. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council

Ms. Teibel mentioned that a letter went out today to the residents regarding the purchasing of bricks for the history wall. The last day to get the bricks ordered and paid for is August 3rd. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of characters allowed per brick and the side-by-side placement. Mr. Fryzel stated that the wall would be built then the names would be blasted on with tentative plans that names can be added once or twice a year in the future.

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff – None

Payment of Bills for the Corporation APV's #8296 - #8468 in the amount of \$2,049,169.12 – **Ms. Teibel motioned to accept vouchers #8296 - #8468 in the amount of \$2,049,169.12 for the payment of bills for the Corporation. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Public Comment

Mr. Michael Forbes, 12466 West 105th Place – Referenced Docter Estates and the meeting of the Sanitary/Waterworks Board on Monday (July 16, 2007) and asked if the attorney reviewed the contract for Docter Estates. Ms. Sury read the approval letter from Attorney Wyllie. Mr. Forbes asked why only three parcels. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of additional parcels further north. Mr. Kil stated that they were only asking for the three parcels and he spoke with Terry Levine who said engineering wise; they would not be able to tap into the sewer.

Mr. Forbes stated that he calculated the totals for the Municipal Building Complex based on the total project numbers: Bond \$10.4M has been used (excluding the \$100,000.00 still in the account) - General Fund Contribution \$400,000.00 - Sanitary Board Contribution \$350,000.00 - Loan of \$1.5M for a total cost \$12.65M and asked about the additional \$350,000 in the project. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kil stated that the applied interest is about \$183,000 left in the bond account. He added that Ken is calculating that there will be about \$490,000 remaining at the completion of the project and there are also some variables to be finished. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Fryzel stated that when Mr. Forbes was on the Council and as Council President in 2003, the council could not get past the semantics of naming the building let alone to build it. In the time it took them to go back and forth what to name the complex, Mr. Forbes interrupted saying this was personal. Mr. Fryzel said it is not personal, he is showing what he did not do as a council member and what it is costing the community today. If they would have acted back then to build these buildings he could have saved the community about \$1.6M. He also mentioned that they have had to deal with the escalating prices of lumber after Katrina, so there's a difference of about \$1.6M if it was done 4 years ago. Mr. Forbes said he merely asked a question about the money and Mr. Fryzel still has not answered the question. Mr. Fryzel stated that they are at \$11.2M and that is what the Town Manager told Mr. Volk. Mr. Forbes said that in October, 2004 Mr. Fryzel said this project would not go over \$7M, Mr. Fryzel countered that Mr. Forbes is wrong, he said \$8.5M. Mr. Forbes stated that \$750,000 of the bond was to go to boy's baseball for the building of the ball fields and a percentage was to go to the rehab of the Lake Hills community. Mr. Fryzel said that is correct. Mr. Forbes stated that none of that happened. Mr. Fryzel said he believed some money went to Lake Hills and some money went to baseball and asked Mr. Kil. Mr. Kil stated that a substantial amount went to the baseball fields; it was a shared cost with Mr. Olthof. Mr. Forbes said, regardless, they are far over their original proposed budget.

Adjournment – Ms. Teibel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer