

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 W. 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
AUGUST 23, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Fryzel called the meeting to order at 7:01 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: Fred Frego, Police Chief; Fred Willman, Fire Chief; Bob Pharazyn, Public Works Director; Chip Sobek, Parks & Recreation Superintendent and John Mainwaring, Code Enforcement Officer.

Approval of the Minutes of the July 19, 2007 Regular Town Council Meeting – Ms. Teibel motioned to approve. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 and 1 abstention by Mr. Pearson.

Public Hearing

Ordinance #1452, an ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (2008 Budget)
Proofs of Publication – Mr. Austgen stated that for the record the notice of the budget estimate was published in **The Times**, timely, two times August 6th and August 13th and in the **Post Tribune**, the same dates.

Opening Remarks – None

Town Council comments – None

Open to the Floor for Public Comment – None

Mr. Jim Bennett of J.M. Bennett & Associates, Financial Consultant for the Town of St. John, stated he was at the County Council budget hearing today and he believes they are making an attempt to hold their budget in line so they will not adopt a local option income tax. If they do that it will freeze levies for all units of government in Lake County for 2008. So the growth factor stuff that the council advertised for, which is the normal growth factor, you may not see which will reduce the amount of revenue available to the unit next year. Because they are in fairly decent financial shape at this point and hopefully the reflection from the AV's that certified the town are close, he doesn't think it would impact St. John as bad as it would some other communities. He will keep an eye on it and will report back to them.

Closed to the Floor

Ms. Teibel motioned to consider Ordinance #1452 on first reading only. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business

Consider refund of Sewer Capacity Charges – Recapitulation of 2007 – Mr. Pearson motioned to ratify the listing provided by the Sanitary District at their August 27, 2007 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

Resolution #07-08-23, a resolution providing for the additional appropriation of the General Fund - Proofs of Publication

Public Comment - none

Mr. Barenie motioned to adopt Resolution #07-08-23. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Austgen interjected that just for the record, and so it goes in the minutes, there are publication of notice of additional appropriations for the item you just approved. Indicating there are publisher's affidavits of **The Times** and the **Post Tribune** indicating publication one time in each of those the 8th and the 9th respectively. So the public hearing was properly advertised and your actions are valid and legal.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council – None

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff -

Mr. Pharazyn stated that he wanted to remind the council that beginning Monday they will begin installing the emergency weather radio frequency and they should have it up and running within 30 days

Public Comment – None

Adjournment – Mr. Pearson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer