

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 W. 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
OCTOBER 18, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Fryzel called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Boy Scout Troop #561 presented the Flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Frego introduced Eagle Scout Brendon Ryan and stated that he received an Eagle Award for filming the entire process of the demolition of the old Fire and Police station and making a DVD.

Presentation by Mr. Eric Graaf regarding “9-11 Ceremony” - Mr. Eric Graaf, who lives at 77th and Ticonderoga in Schererville stated that each year in September he and his family hosts a **September 11th Support the Troops Rally** and wanted to publicly thank those in the room who helped with the rally. He showed a slideshow presentation of this year’s event and stated that an estimated 3,000 people attended this year’s event. Over the past few years the Town of St. John has participated in this event. In appreciation for this participation and assistance he presented the Town Council, Chief Frego and Chief Willman each with a photo of the Schererville 9-11 memorial and a DVD of the event. He mentioned Bill Dodaro and his wife and presented them with a commemorative photograph and DVD and also thanked Jeff Fryzel for his role in helping put the event together. Councilman Fryzel accepted the photograph and DVD for his brother Jeff, who was not present. Mr. Graaf stated that this year they told local soldier stories and two of these were of St. John residents: one was Mr. Don Faris, a Vietnam War Hero and the other one was Mr. Lloyd Summerfield, a World War II veteran.

Ms. Teibel motioned to place the photograph presented to the Town Council in the vestibule with a brass plaque. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes for the September 20, 2007 Regular Town Council meeting – Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2007 regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

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 Code Enforcement Officer, John Mainwaring. Absent were Bob Pharazyn, Public Works Director and Chip Sobek, Park Superintendent.

New Business

Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Schererville Department of Parks and Recreation – Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the agreement and to authorize the Town Council President to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Waterworks District Well Site title issue – Mr. Austgen stated that this item is not ready; there are some legal descriptions being provided and the last communications he saw, this item will be ready for the November meeting. **Mr. Pearson motioned to defer**

this item to the November meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

Letter of Credit reduction for The Gates of St. John – Unit 8 to \$285,154.43 (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Mr. Pearson motioned to approve the reduction letter of credit. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 ayes and 1 abstention by Ms. Teibel.**

Letter of Credit reduction for The Gates of St. John – Units 11A & 12A to \$291,014.63 (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Mr. Barenie motioned to approve the reduction letter of credit. **Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed with a vote of 4 ayes and 1 abstention by Ms. Teibel.**

Mr. Kil added the **Meadows of St. John Letter of Credit in the amount of \$64,986.90**, a reduction approved by the Plan Commission. **Ms. Teibel motioned to include this letter of credit reduction for \$64,986.90. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

Authorization to approve the emergency repair on Olcott Avenue and Bull Run Ditch - Ms. Teibel motioned to authorize the drainage project and declare same as an emergency. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council – Ms. Teibel stated that the Haunted House opened this past weekend and that there will also be the first “Taste of St. John on October 29th and 30th”.

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff – Chief Willman thanked everyone who made the Open House a success.

Mr. Kil mentioned there are a couple of problems in North Pointe. Building permits and occupancy permits have been stopped until some improvements have been completed. He also received word regarding the bike trail. The bid letting was the 17th, the engineers’ estimate on the cost was \$1,680,000.00; Ron Harker from Harker Construction was the apparent low bidder of about \$1,214,000.00; consistently with INDOT policy, this came in under engineer’s estimate of cost, (all the bids did). He will be notified in about two days of the actual project award by INDOT. They are now in the process of going through the RFP’s for the construction-engineering firm so they can award the actual construction of the project. The bike trail starts from Heartland Park to Olcott Avenue by the new bridge.

Mr. Kil also stated that the only meeting in November would be on the 29th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Payment of Bills for the Corporation - #8921 - #9136 – in the amount of \$1,252,938.16 – Ms. Teibel motioned to accept vouchers #8921 - #9136 in the amount of \$1,252,938.16 payment of bills for the Corporation. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Public Comment – None

Adjournment – Mr. Pearson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer