

**ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 W. 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
DECEMBER 27, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Fryzel called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Michael Fryzel, President; Gregory Volk, Member; Charles Pearson, Member; Mark Barenie, Member; Tim Kuiper for Attorney David Austgen; Steve Kil, Town Manager and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also present were Police Chief Fred Frego, Fire Chief Fred Willman, Public Works Director Bob Pharazyn, Park Superintendent Chip Sobek and Code Enforcement Officer John Mainwaring. Absent was Jerri Teibel, Town Council Member.

New Business

Resolution # 07-12-27, a resolution authorizing an extension of temporary loans of funds – Mr. Pearson motioned to adopt Resolution # 07-12-27. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Crown Point Christian High School (Vanco Construction) request for waiver of building permit fees (asking to waive fees of \$11,500) - Mr. Barenie motioned to waive half of the building permit fees in the amount of \$5,750.00 for the construction of the Crown Point Christian School gymnasium. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Resolution # 07-12-27A, a resolution to encumber funds to be expended in 2008 – Mr. Pearson motioned to adopt Resolution # 07-12-27A. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Reports & Correspondence

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Mr. Fryzel stated that he received a donation of \$5,000.00 from Jennifer and Ken Drenth, St. John residents, for the construction of the Splash Park in Prairie West Park. The funds will be placed in the Town Council budget (general fund) to be appropriated to the Splash Park. Mr. Fryzel thanked the Drenth's for their donation.

Mr. Pearson stated that this is his last Town Council meeting. He is grateful to have served the people of St. John and it was a wonderful experience working with the Police Department, Fire Department and the Public Works folks. He said "thank you" for the ability to have served for the last four years.

Mr. Fryzel thanked Mr. Pearson for the last four years, and stated that he was supposed to have a plaque for him, however, it did not arrive today. He asked Mr. Pearson to attend the next meeting to receive his plaque.

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff

Mr. Kil gave a summary report of Tim Foley's inspections for the month of December. There were 123 inspections in regard to building and plumbing, 53 electrical inspections and 6 new plan reviews. He stated that we are on course to reach about 300 residential permits, referenced the detail shop under construction, the commercial development at Route #231 and #41, the proposed financial institutions and other related establishments. The estimated construction cost was \$62,785,741.96 with \$2,277,434.90 collected in permit fees.

Mr. Pharazyn stated that the pay loader has been ordered. The specifications for the street sweeper have been drawn up and he hopes to be able to have the Council award the purchase at the January 24th meeting. The training for the radio system and the emergency weather system will be June 10th due to scheduling problems. The department is in the process of picking up branches due to the last storm and he also mentioned the Splash Park construction that will begin in January, He provided an overview of the park facility with the anticipated opening to be May 15th; June 1st complete.

Parks Superintendent Sobek summarized a good year for the Parks Department and referenced the status of five-year master plan that should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Chief Frego summarized the November Summary Report, Exhibit A.

Chief Willman summarized the November Summary Report for the Fire Department, Exhibit B.

Mr. Mainwaring summarized the code enforcement activity for 2007 that included 47 warning tickets, 532 citations, 47 signs were removed from Wicker Avenue and the building on US #41 was cleaned up.

Payment of Bills for the Corporation – APV's #9518 - #9689 \$1,447,250.42 - Mr. Pearson motioned to approve docket numbers #9518 - #9689 in the amount of \$1,447.250.42. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Public Comment – None

Swearing in ceremony of the Reserve Officers - Ms. Sury administered the oath to the following Reserve Officers: Toni Lozano, Keith Totzke, Jose Mendez, Ashley Camp and Michael Bunnell.

Adjournment - Mr. Fryzel adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer