

**ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 W. 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
MARCH 27, 2008 - 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; Michael Forbes, Member; David Austgen, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also present were Fred Frego, Police Chief; Fred Willman, Fire Chief; and Bob Pharazyn, Director of Operations. Absent was Mark Barenie, Member; Chip Sobek, Public Works Director and John Mainwaring, Code Enforcement Officer.

Approval of the Minutes: February 21st and 28th, Regular Meetings and February 21, 2008, Executive Session - Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the minutes of the February 21st Regular Meeting, Executive Session and the February 28th Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Public Hearing: Three Springs Phase III (Petitioner: Dave Barrick)

Proofs of Publication – Mr. Austgen stated that the Proofs of Publication are in evidence, indicate timely publication in both newspapers and that the public hearing may proceed.

Opening Remarks – Mr. Kil stated that this is the third phase of the Three Springs development. It is just to the south of the current Three Springs development and is currently outside the corporate limits of the town. He referenced the annexation schedule that is inside the meeting binders and expects the fiscal plan tomorrow.

Open to Floor – None – Exhibit A

Mr. Fryzel closed the floor for public comment.

Ms. Teibel motioned to consider Ordinance #1469 on first reading only. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Old Business – None

New Business

Consider acceptance of property donation Lot 39, Ray's Villa – Mr. Kil stated that the owner does not want anything built on the property next door to him so he is donating it as a park to the town and would like the park named after him. Ms. Teibel motioned to accept the parcel and to authorize the Town Manager and Clerk-Treasurer to execute and to name the park, Rainwater Park. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Consider permanent easement agreement at 8550 Patterson Street – Mr. Pharazyn stated that he would like a "Welcome to St. John" sign placed on the easement similar to the one at the Calumet Avenue entrance to the Town of St. John. Discussion ensued. Ms. Teibel motioned to accept the parcel and authorize the Town Council

President and Clerk-Treasurer to execute. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council

Ms. Teibel stated that she would like to have a town wide garage sale the first week of May and for this event, waive the garage sale fees for the residents. Discussion ensued. **Ms. Teibel motioned to designate May first, second and third for the St. John's town wide garage sale, to waive all garage sale fees for that event and not let the free event reflect their maximum number of garage sales per year. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Mr. Volk mentioned that there are a couple of residents on the south end of town that are having some drainage problems. Discussion ensued. Mr. Pharazyn stated that he would look into this matter.

Clerk-Treasurer – None.

Staff

Mr. Kil stated that building permits have been picking up in March. He also mentioned that the paperwork for the town wide recycling plan is starting to come back and that on April 1st the state sales tax would be going up 1%. The first meeting in May is cancelled; the second meeting is rescheduled to the last Thursday.

Mr. Fryzel inquired as to the status of preparing the amendment ordinance for the building permit fees. Mr. Austgen stated that he is meeting with Mr. Kil on Monday to review all the material Mr. Kil provided to him and that it is likely that a public hearing will need to be held.

Mr. Pharazyn stated that he has a meeting scheduled with Lake Central School Corporation regarding the resurfacing of 93rd Avenue. He also mentioned the water tower in The Gates subdivision will be raised on April 9th. The dates for the spring leaf and branch collections were noted and stated that on April 21st through May 9th all the fire hydrants are going to be flushed.

Chief Frego provided his report the month of February, (exhibit B). He stated that he has advertised for a crossing guard at Clark School and has received three responses.

Chief Willman gave the department's monthly report for the month of February, (exhibit C).

Chief Frego stated that he was successful in securing Northwestern Staff and Command School to conduct a ten-week course in their facility and would like the Town Council to approve the contract. In exchange for hosting the school they will receive two spots tuition free, tuition for the ten-week course is \$3400. **Ms. Teibel motioned to approve and authorize the school be conducted and the Town enter into the agreement with Northwestern. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Payment of Bills for the Corporation - #7416 - #7628 for \$1,563,022.01 – Ms. Teibel motioned to accept vouchers #7416 - #7628 in the amount of \$1,563,022.01 for the payment of bills for the Corporation. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Public Comment

Ms. Patty Byars, 9111 Cline Avenue, Crown Point – referenced the map in her possession and asked if the area on the map is going to be annexed. Mr. Fryzel showed her the area and added that it encompasses the area she discussed at the last meeting. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kil stated that he had a meeting with the attorney this morning. Mr. Volk stated that this is not an official map; this is something he gave to the other council members.

Ms. Byars asked about the road between Blaine & Cline and the promise she received from Mr. Scheub that it would be fixed. Mr. Fryzel responded that the county had promised last year to pave this section this year since they worked on the south side last year, the Town is going to have to work really fast to get it done. Mr. Volk added that the developer of Tiburon is committed to putting in a turn lane when the road is paved.

Mr. Forbes asked about two police cars that needed to be replaced. Chief Frego stated that one car was totaled and they received insurance money, the other car is ten years old, being driven by a Commander and is an unmarked police vehicle. The funding to purchase the two vehicles will be from the Traffic Deferral Program, explained the program and referenced its success. **Mr. Forbes motioned to approve the purchase of two squad cars per Chief Frego's request. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed 3 ayes and 1 abstention by Mr. Fryzel.**

Adjournment – Mr. Forbes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer