

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 W. 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
JULY 31, 2008 – 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; Gregory Volk, Member; Mark Barenie, Member; Michael Forbes, Member; David Austgen, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also in attendance was Fred Frego, Police Chief; Fred Willman, Fire Chief; Chip Sobek, Parks Superintendent and John Mainwaring, Code Enforcement Officer. Absent were Jerri Teibel, Member and Bob Pharazyn, Director of Operations.

Approval of Minutes: June 19, 2008 & June 26, 2008 Regular Meetings and June 19, 2008 Executive Session minutes – Mr. Forbes motioned to approve the minutes of the June 19 & 26th Regular Meetings and the June 19th Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 ayes and 1 abstention by Mr. Barenie.

Public Hearing: Ordinance #1474, an ordinance to annex certain contiguous land

Proof of Publication – Mr. Austgen stated the Proofs have been received, reviewed, are in legal order and are part of the Clerk's file.

Town Council Comments – Mr. Kil stated that several of the property owners are in the audience and that the Council has a copy of letter from them requesting a continuance for thirty days. He stated that the property owners have not had any luck with their attorneys looking over the annexation request and are asking for a little more time.

Mr. Fryzel suggested that the meeting be opened to the floor for comments and that the council take no action.

Open to the Floor – None

Closed to the Floor

Mr. Barenie motioned to continue the Public Hearing to the next meeting and to defer action on Ordinance #1474. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 4- 0.

New Business

Consider Resolution # 08-07-31 a resolution approving a fiscal plan related to the proposed annexation of certain real property - Mr. Forbes motioned to table Resolution # 08-07-31. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Mr. Austgen asked which August meeting the public hearing will be deferred to and Mr. Fryzel stated the public hearing will be deferred to the August 21st meeting.

Consider Resolution # 08-07-31A a resolution authorizing entry into a Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement - Mr. Forbes motioned to approve Resolution # 08-07-31A joining in the joint local purchase of salt. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council

Mr. Barenie mentioned that he and Mr. Kil met with Jim Bennett on July 8th. Mr. Barenie was to have some financial work papers yesterday, which would include not only the official six months operating results from January 1st to June 30, 2008, but also a forecast for July 1 through December 31st. With those documents they could move forward with some financial decisions on various potential cuts, rate increases, whatever for the rest of the fiscal year and has not received those documents as of today. Mr. Kil stated that Mr. Bennett is working on the reports, he was in the Clerk-Treasurer's office two days ago and he expects that he should have them tomorrow. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Volk said someone thanked him yesterday for the great job the town is doing mowing their retention pond at Sierra Pointe. Discussion ensued regarding the responsibility of the homeowners association and/or the town for maintenance. Mr. Volk asked for a list detailing the ownership of the retention ponds in town that would identify the areas that are the town's responsibility.

Mr. Forbes referenced a letter that he sent in May regarding the Solid Waste Management District looking into trash to ethanol processing, asking if they would be interested as the town in sending their trash out that way and supporting this project. A lot of communities have sent letters back to the Board stating they are interested in the process although they are not supporting a specific company. He asked if they are interested in sending a letter. They are looking at a cut in tipping fees; they could go down to \$17.00/ton from \$41.00/ton. Mr. Forbes asked that Mr. Kil redistribute the letter.

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff

Mr. Kil stated he has more information on the amendment to the brick ordinance, the Plan Commission's Public Hearing will be held on August 6th.

He also reported that Lake Central School Corporation will pay for half of the public sidewalk installation on 93rd by Clark. **Mr. Forbes motioned to have the Town pay for half, \$9,000.00, and the School Corporation pay the other half. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Mr. Kil stated that there was an accident in town today regarding a commercial building at Martin's Commercial, the roof trusses collapsed and two people were injured. The job is stopped until the builder provides the Town with a plan on how they are going to re-brace the trusses. Mr. Fryzel asked Mr. Kil to tell Mr. Foley that the job is not to start until OSHA is notified. Discussion ensued regarding the stop work order.

Chief Frego gave the June Monthly Report and asked that the four old squad cars be put out for bid. He stated that trading them in is not very profitable. The vehicles are a 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2001, range from 86,000 miles to 106,000 miles, and one vehicle does not have a transmission. Discussion ensued. **Mr. Forbes motioned to authorize putting up for bid the four squad cars listed by Chief Frego. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Chief Willman gave the June Monthly Report

Mr. Mainwaring reported that 10 tickets were written which also include violations of Ordinance #1271 on 93rd and 41.

Mr. Sobek reported that they are concluding the summer programs this Sunday with volleyball end of year and a picnic. They are negotiating to have some adult exercise programs this fall and that there were 230 children in the volleyball program.

Payments of Bills for the Corporation in the amount of \$2,083,215.83 – Mr. Forbes referenced the new ashtrays that are placed outside the doors and asked if they were purchased from Upbeat. Discussion ensued pertaining to the purchase price. **Mr. Forbes motioned to authorize payment of the docket #8208 through #8452 in the amount of \$2,083,215.83. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Public Comment

Mr. Dale Robert, 11990 Heron Lake Road mentioned that there are dumpster and porta-potty violations in North Point, cited other locations and stated that there are also pool fencing violations. Discussion ensued. Mr. Robert inquired about the snow fence around a pool at 8199 Hawthorne.

Adjournment – Mr. Forbes motioned to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer