

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 W. 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
September 18, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Fryzel called the meeting to order at 7:07 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; Mark Barenie, Member; Michael Forbes, Member; David Austgen, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also in attendance were: Fred Frego, Police Chief; Fred Willman, Fire Chief; Bob Pharazyn, Director of Operations and John Mainwaring, Code Enforcement Officer. Absent was Chip Sobek, Parks Superintendent.

New Business

Ordinance #1474, annexation of certain real property – second reading (Bergiel, Howes, DeGrawe, Buckmeier) - Mr. Forbes motioned to adopt Ordinance #1474. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Resolution #08-09-18, a resolution for a transfer of appropriations (deferred from August 28, 2008) - Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #08-08-28 (deferred from August) #08-09-18. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion unanimously passed.

Resolution #08-09-18A, a resolution for reduction of appropriations - Mr. Barenie motioned to adopt Resolution #08-09-18A. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

Resolution #08-09-18B, a resolution for additional appropriations - Mr. Forbes motioned to adopt Resolution #08-09-18B. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider polling place designations for Precincts #10, #2 and #4 – Ms. Sury stated that voting for precincts #2, #4 and #10 have been held at the Public Works Building and requested permission for the use of the building for the upcoming election. Ms. Teibel motioned to authorize the Public Works facility as a polling place for this coming election. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider refund of sewer capacity charges for two accounts (approved by Utility Board) – Mr. Kil explained the reason for the refunds is that the charges are estimated at the time of permit issuance based on anticipated usage and stated that the accounts are reviewed to determine if refunds or additional charges are due. Ms. Teibel motioned to refund the sewer capacity charges for these accounts. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion unanimously passed.

Resolution #08-09-18C, a resolution approving and adopting the Fiscal Plan for 179 acres - Mr. Barenie motioned to adopt Resolution #08-09-18C. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion unanimously passed.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council

Mr. Volk mentioned to Chief Frego that he has received requests from the residents behind Dick's to have children playing signs put up.

Mr. Forbes complimented the Public Works, Police and Fire departments, and Mr. Kil for their hard work during the storm. All the council members added their thanks and Ms. Teibel read a letter from the Director of Public Works Town of Griffith thanking Public Works for their assistance after the tornado.

Mr. Fryzel mentioned there were some areas they had problems with one area is Wildwood where residents could not enter or leave the area due to the streets flooding. Mr. Pharazyn stated that he knows what is causing the problem and has a possible solution that he wants to discuss with Mr. Faberbock from Robinson Engineering.

Mr. Dan Vescovi, 12020 Wildwood Drive stated that he previously spoke with Mr. Fryzel regarding this problem.

Mr. Fryzel stated that he has been watching the corner of 93rd and Patterson for about a year and said the "No Left Turn" sign should be changed to "Right Turn Only" and requested an update to the signage for the circle at the Gates of St. John.

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff

Mr. Pharazyn stated that there was 11" of rain this past weekend from 2:00 P.M. Friday to 2:00 P.M. Sunday. From a global perspective, the town had about five areas that need to be looked at; four of them are solvable and one isn't. The first problem was the water treatment plant, it was going to flood, and a berm was built to prevent that. He stated that he has spoken with the Utility Board; they have authorized him to build a levee around the treatment plant. The Watts Subdivision had 3 or 4 homes that were surrounded by water. The third problem is by Schaefer Park where there is a low area in the backyards that has a sewer that is significantly undersized. The fourth issue is Wildwood Drive which they already discussed. The fifth one is the Prairie West Park situation where water was within inches of the homes south of the pond. He does not know if there is an answer to that problem. The last one is Patnoe Park; Mr. Pharazyn explained his plan that he estimates will cost \$47,380.00. Discussion ensued. Mr. Barenie stated that he would visit the park and see what Mr. Pharazyn is talking about. Mr. Volk addressed the Watt's subdivision whereas two homes were flooded and discussion ensued.

Mr. Kil stated that the bridge for the bike trail was delivered today.

Chief Frego stated that he received a call from the Munster Police Department requesting assistance to help provide security for the homes vacated due to flooding in the town.

Public Comment

Ms. Cheryl Cribari, 9338 Olcott – Inquired as to when the left turn signal will be installed at 93rd and Rt 41. Mr. Kil stated that he has been told by the State, that it will be installed in 2009.

Adjournment – Ms. Teibel motioned to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion unanimously passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer