

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 W. 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
April 23, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Barenie 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: Mark Barenie, President; Michael Forbes, Vice-President; Gregory Volk, Member; Michael Fryzel, Member; Jerri Teibel, 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.

Approval of minutes – not available at this time – deferred to next month.

Public Hearing – Application of the Town of St. John for Year 2009 for Community Development Block Grant Project : (Entire Tape Inaudible)

Proofs of Publication – Mr. Austgen confirmed that the proofs of publication were in evidence and in order as noticed in **The Times** and **Post Tribune** on April 7, 2009, publication requirements have been met and that the public hearing could commence.

Opening Remarks – Mr. Kil read the Opening Remarks and referenced the Affirmative Action Plan Adoption, Section 3 Understanding Form and Resolution #09-04-23. Mr. Kil referenced the project description to be in the Watts Subdivision, the estimated cost of the storm sewer project and that the grant \$50,010.00 would not cover the entire cost of the project estimated at \$132,880.00. Mr. Austgen stated that the documents are to be incorporated into the record. (Exhibits #1 - # 5).

Open to the Floor for Public Comment –

Ms. Margo Sabato, Director of South Lake County Community Services provided an overview of the agency that provides the public transportation for the Town of St. John and St. John Township and thanked the Town Council for their previous donation of 2007 in the amount of \$4,000.00. She asked for their consideration for this year's donation for 2008 and 2009 in the amount of \$9,000.00. This donation would help defray the increased cost of fuel. Mr. Barenie stated that the donation request would be deferred until the bids are received regarding this project.

Ms. Janet Brennan – 10151 Delmar – asked for an explanation as to how the remaining funds for this project would be paid since the grant was in the amount of \$50,010.00 and asked if this project was included in the budget. Mr. Kil explained the timeframe of the project is to be started in the fall with completion by June of next year and that funds would be available in the Cumulative Sewer Fund.

Public Comment Closed to the Floor –

Mr. Kil read Section 3 – Understanding Form and referenced Resolution #09-04-23 authorizing the 2009 CDBG Project. **Mr. Forbes motioned to consider the 2009 CDBG Project and to direct the Town Council President to submit the project proposal. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Forbes motioned to adopt Resolution #09-04-23. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ordinance #1492, an ordinance for the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrant - Mr. Karl Cender explained the process for the tax anticipation warrant and stated that he submitted proposals to various banks and received six responses. He referenced the Indiana Bond Bank and explained the timeframe issuance of two times a year. Mr. Cender quoted the rates he received along with the rate of 1.79% from the Indiana Bond Bank and stated that he was unsure of the June rate at this time. Discussion ensued. Mr. Austgen asked Mr. Cender if he would provide a recommendation and Mr. Cender referenced his experience with the Indiana Bond Bank. Ms. Sury was asked to provide her recommendation. She stated that she is aware that the Indiana Bond Bank has successfully serviced various cities and towns throughout the state, feels confident with their credentials and believes that if necessary with the present state of the economy, since they are within the State, would work with the town in renewing the loan if necessary. Ms. Sury explained that the loan would be used to fund the general departments of the town, i.e. Town Council, Clerk-Treasurer, Police Department etc. **Mr. Fryzel motioned that the staff begin the process of submitting an application to the Indiana Bond Bank and secure the necessary signatures from the Town Council President and Clerk-Treasurer. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ordinance #1493, an ordinance authorizing the acquisition, construction and installation of certain improvements for the Waterworks System, of the Town of St. John, the issuance of revenue bonds to provide the cost thereof, the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of such system, the safeguarding of the interest of the owners of such revenue bonds and other matters connected therewith, and repealing the ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith – Mr. Bob Myers (President of the Waterworks District) referenced the agreement pertaining to the Gates of St. John and provided an overview of the use of the four million dollar bond to be used for the water treatment plant and well. Mr. Austgen stated that this ordinance was an introductory reading to set the timetable, with the anticipated closing the end of July and that the second reading would be next month. **Mr. Fryzel motioned to consider the introductory reading of Ordinance #1493. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Consider Professional Services Agreement with Barnes & Thornburg – (Legal Counsel for Bond) – **Ms. Teibel motioned to accept the agreement with Barnes and Thornburg. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed unanimously.**

Consider Professional Services Agreement with Cender and Company- **Mr. Forbes motioned to accept the agreement with Cender & Company for financial services. Ms. Teibel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Consider acceptance of Utility Easement from Lake Central School Corporation – Mr. Austgen referenced the negotiation process and explained the agreement and the permanent and temporary easements in relation to the water line to be installed. He recommended that the Council upon delivery of the signed documents from Lake Central that the Town Council President execute these documents. **Mr. Fryzel motioned that the Town Council President execute the documents upon delivery of said agreements executed by Lake Central. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed unanimously.**

Consider adoption of Ordinance # 1489 – Red Flag Rules and Regulations- Ms. Teibel motion to adopt Ordinance #1489 – Red Flag Rules and Regulations. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider authorization of White Oak Avenue Improvement Project - Mr. Pharazyn explained the project and described the location to be south of the Rosewood Subdivision. Mr. Fryzel asked if this road was under the jurisdiction of Lake County and Mr. Pharazyn stated that we are claiming it as ours, 1.9 miles. Mr. Pharazyn referenced his handout pertaining to the project and explained the \$200 discrepancy in his memo. He stated that the project would start when the US #41 project was completed and that the project would take eight to ten working days. **Mr. Fryzel motioned to authorize the White Oak Avenue Improvement Project. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed unanimously.**

Consider approval of Schillton Drive Road Project- Mr. Forbes motioned to authorize the Schillton Drive Road Project. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider usual participation in the Annual Kids Parade coordinated by the St. John Junior Women's Club - Ms. Sandy Matura representing the St. John Junior Women's Club addressed the Council, explained the Annual Kids Parade and requested that the fees for the use of Prairie Park be waived. Ms. Teibel motioned to waive the fees. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance # 1490, an ordinance amending Ordinance # 1478, being the 2009 Salary Ordinance - Mr. Forbes motioned to adopt Ordinance #1490. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Employee Health Insurance renewal- Mr. Kil explained the renewal process effective May 1, 2009, the minor differences in option #5 from the current policy, the changes in the deductibles along with the differences in the co pays. He stated that Ms. Karla Cohen (from the Braman Agency) was in the audience to answer any questions that may be asked. **Mr. Forbes motioned to renew the employee health insurance, option #5 effective May 1, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed unanimously.**

Authorization to advertise for bids for SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) - Chief Willman referenced his letter that he presented to the Council, explained the need and cost for this purchase and that an attempt for a grant was unsuccessful. Discussion ensued. Mr. Fryzel motioned to authorize Chief Willman to seek bids for the SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed unanimously. (Ms. Teibel excused herself from the meeting.)

Promotion of Paramedic Michael Gillette from \$15.05 to \$16.80 per hour- Chief Willman referenced his letter that he presented to the Council regarding Paramedic Michael Gillette and stated that his promotion was warranted due to his continual training and successful completion of earning his National Registry Certification. **Mr. Fryzel motioned to approve the promotion of Paramedic Michael Gillette from the pay rate of \$15.05 to \$16.80 per hour. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed unanimously.**

Comment [ss1]: Per sk should be \$16.80 not \$16.08 as posted no need to amend just correct on hand out and posting in TH at 11:00 55 a.m.

Reports & Correspondence –

Town Council - Mr. Volk asked Mr. Pharazyn if he was able to obtain any figures for the 101st and Northcote paving project. Mr. Pharazyn stated that he has not received any quotes yet.

Staff – Mr. Pharazyn stated that 217 meters have been changed, referenced the status of the Patnoe landscaping project, and that the town would be going with the state bid for salt. He stated that cold patches have been done throughout town and provided the schedule for branch pick up.

Chief Frego read the March Activity report and stated that the COPS Grant has been submitted.

Code Enforcer Mainwaring stated that 15 citations were written and read the report for permits issued along with the inspections completed.

Chief Willman read the March report and stated that Jake (fire dog) celebrated his second birthday.

Mr. Kil read the report for permits issued for the month of March.

Payment of Bills for the Corporation – APV's #7539 - #7704 in the amount of \$2,898,046.18 - Mr. Fryzel motioned to pay APV's #7539 - #7704 in the amount of \$2,898,046.18 for the corporation. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Adjournment – Mr. Fryzel motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.

Attest:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury
Clerk-Treasurer