

**ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM  
10955 W. 93<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA  
October 22, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Barenie announced that they were in an Executive Session before this meeting and did not finish the session and that promptly after this meeting, they will return to the Executive Session. He asked that everyone stand for a moment of silence and stated that Mr. John Volk passed away this past Sunday; he is the Father of Councilman Gregory Volk who will not be in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Barenie 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: Mark Barenie, President; Michael Forbes, Vice-President; 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 and Chip Sobek, Parks Superintendent. Absent was Town Council member Gregory Volk.

**Approval of the minutes: August 27, 2009 Executive Session and August 27, 2009 Regular Meeting** - Mr. Forbes motioned to approve both the Executive Session meeting minutes and the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

**New Business**

**Ordinance #1496, 2010 Municipal Budget** – Mr. Austgen stated that this is a public meeting, the second reading consideration of the 2010 Budget, he has examined the Proofs of Publication of the amended notice to the taxpayers of this meeting this evening; the Council's consideration of the budget and the requirements of law to conduct same. This is a statutorily prescribed meeting and process. The Clerk is required at the conclusion of this process to deliver this budget as approved to the County and the State. That will begin the next consideration portion of the project. This is also a noticed meeting that contains the same information as the first notice at which time they conducted their Public Hearing on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The legal requirement has been met and they may consider this item.

Mr. Kil stated that the budget review and the reduction process is still ongoing, the Council should have recommendations on reductions prior to the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Barenie reviewed the steps taken to reduce expenses and balance the budget.

**Mr. Forbes motioned to adopt Ordinance #1496 the 2010 Municipal Budget. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

**Consider appointment of MS4 operator for Town of St. John** – Mr. Kil stated that IDEM recommended that either the Town Council President or Town Manager be appointed. **Mr. Forbes motioned to appoint Mr. Kil as the MS4 operator for the Town of St. John. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

**Consider Ordinance #1497, an ordinance establishing PILT (Payment in Lieu of Tax) for the Waterworks District** - Mr. Fryzel motioned to defer Items C & D (PILT Ordinances) until next month. **Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

**Consider Ordinance #1498, an ordinance establishing PILT (Payment in Lieu of Tax) for the Sanitary District** – See above, deferred to next month.

**Consider request for a Special Exception for Fire Service, LLC** (favorable recommendation from B.Z.A.) - **Mr. Forbes motioned to grant the special exception and incorporate the finding of facts from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

**Consider Resolution authorizing Chief Deputy-Clerk Beverly Gawrys as agent to accept pension liability on behalf of governing body** – Ms. Sury stated that she is the fiscal officer responsible for PERF; however, she does not handle every aspect of it. Ms. Gawrys handles a lot of the paperwork and sends in the payments. If she needs to question them they cannot talk to her; they can only talk to Ms. Sury. This is to put Ms. Gawrys on the list so that they can talk to her and she can discuss the personal financial information of the employees. **Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

## **Reports & Correspondence**

Town Council

Mr. Forbes stated that the second meeting in November is on Thanksgiving and the second meeting in December is on Christmas Eve. **Mr. Forbes motioned that the second meeting in November be cancelled and the second meeting in December be moved to December 30<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Mr. Forbes also stated that the total number of visitors to the Haunted House was 1,569; given that number of people and the average number of visitors per day and the weather, they will recoup the money they spent on the Haunted House on this Friday.

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff

Mr. Sobek stated that his winter programs brochure would be out in the water bills next week.

Chief Frego gave the Monthly Activity Report for the month of September for the Police Department.

Chief Willman gave the Monthly Activity Report for the month of September for the Fire Department.

**Payment of Bills for the Corporation APV's #8795 - #9002 for \$1,291,207.67 - Mr. Forbes motioned to approve the October 22<sup>nd</sup> docket in the amount of \$1,291.207.67. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

**Public Comment – None**

**Adjournment – Mr. Forbes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.**

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer