

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room
10955 W. 93rd Avenue, St. John, IN
January 14, 2010

Mr. Barenie 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: 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 was Police Chief Fred Frego. Absent was Fred Willman, Fire Chief and Chip Sobek, Parks Superintendent.

Election of Officers

Mr. Volk nominated Mr. Mark Barenie for President for the year 2010. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Mr. Fryzel nominated Mr. Michael Forbes for Vice-President. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motions unanimously passed.

New Business

Tri-Town Safety Village – annual donation - Mr. Fryzel motioned to authorize the annual donation of \$2,000.00 to the Tri-Town Safety Village for the year 2010. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion unanimously passed.

2010 Fire Department contract with St. John Township Trustee - Mr. Forbes stated that this contract is for the yearly service to the Township for fire service, there are no changes. Mr. Austgen asked about the numbers since Mr. Kil mentioned the numbers increased by 5%. Mr. Kil stated that this is typical of every year. **Mr. Fryzel motioned to approve the agreement and to authorize the Town Council President to sign. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion unanimously passed.**

2010 St. John Fire Department Roster - Mr. Forbes motioned to accept the roster. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion unanimously passed.

Resolution # 10-01-14, a resolution to write-off uncollectible bad debt – Ms. Sury stated that this is the semi-annual write off for the un-collectible EMS bad debt and requested to add an amount of \$125.00 for the un-collectible debt for violation of the weed ordinance. The property is located at 12043 West 105th and a lien could not be filed. The town had to hire an outside firm to cut the grass at this property. **Mr. Forbes motioned to adopt Resolution #10-01-14 with the Clerk-Treasurer's adjustment with the exception to the lot for \$125.00 at 124043 West 105th which will make the write off amount \$45,525.55 (\$45,400.55 + \$125.00). Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion unanimously passed.**

Board and Commission Appointments – Mr. Barenie stated that they found some inconsistencies with some of the appointments due to the political party affiliation designations that were requested on the applications and referenced the system put in place to make sure any exceptions are found quickly and they can be consistent throughout.

Mr. Forbes proposed the following appointments:

Park Board

Appoint	Shari Kolodziej	As a D	Term Expiring	12/31/2013
Appoint	Janet Brennan	As a D	Term Expiring	12/31/2013 *
Re-appoint	Beth Hernandez	As a R	Term Expiring	12/31/2011
Remove	Faye Johnson			

Plan Commission

Appoint	Mike Ryan	As a D	Term Expiring	12/31/2013
Appoint	Dan Morang	As a D	Term Expiring	12/31/2013
Appoint	Gregory Tippery	As a R	Term Expiring	12/31/2013**
Appoint	Steve Hastings	As a R	Term Expiring	12/31/2013
Remove	Dawn Pelc			
Appoint	Greg Volk		Term Expiring	12/31/2010
Appoint	Tom Redar		Term Expiring	12/31/2010
Appoint	Michael Forbes ***		Term Expiring	12/31/2010

Police Commission

Appoint	William Dodaro	As a R	Term Expiring	12/31/2012
Appoint	Robert Long	As a D	Term Expiring	12/31/2012
Re-appoint	Donald Farris	As a R	Term Expiring	12/31/2011

BZA

Re-appoint	Ken Schneider		Term Expiring	12/31/2013
Town Council	appointment from Plan Commission			
	Steve Hastings		Term Expiring	12/31/2010

Sanitary & Water Boards

Appoint	Frank Bradtke	As a R	Term Expiring	12/31/2013
Re-appoint	Robert Myers	As a D	Term Expiring	12/31/2011

Mr. Forbes recommended the re-appointment of all the Town Council members to the Redevelopment Commission. He stated that they are waiting to hear from the School Board about the appointments of the non-voting citizen members from each respective school district. They will table the appointments to the EDC at this time and would like to discuss the possibility of expanding the board from three to five members. Discussion ensued regarding the third appointment to the Plan Commission from the Town Council. *Discussion ensued regarding the appointment of Janet Brennan (Park Board); appointment of term is until 2011 and **appointment of Gregory Tippery (Plan Commission) for the term to expire 2011 (replacing Dawn Pelc). After further discussion, it was recommended that Mr. Forbes be appointed to a one year term on the Plan Commission ***.

He stated that all of these appointments are subject to final verification.

Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the Boards and Commissions members as outlined. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion unanimously passed.

Liaison Assignments:

Mr. Barenie stated that for discussion purposes, that the Board think about the five major programs going on with Public Works and he would like to have a discussion about the water treatment plant, interceptor sewer, and the WWTP expansion, Joliet Street project, etc. He

recommended that the liaison to the Sanitary/Waterworks Board be the same as the Public Works; that is, to have one person be the liaison.

Discussion ensued regarding the request for liaison assignments and Ms. Teibel stated that she would like to remain on the Police Commission.

Mr. Forbes stated that last year his list of liaison appointments was quite lengthy and he could not make all the meetings. He added that someone is going to have to take NIRPC and the Lake County Coalition and that he would like to stay with the Lake County Solid Waste, the Sanitary/Waterworks and that he would take the Public Works to tie all three of those boards together. Discussion ensued, appointments for the Lake County Solid Waste and NIRPC would remain open for now. Discussion ensued regarding representation at the 16+ meetings. Mr. Forbes stated that he and Mr. Volk will try to cover NIRPC; Lake County Coalition will have to stay open.

The following appointments were confirmed after discussion:

Michael Forbes – Lake County Solid Waste, Sanitary/Waterworks Board, Public Works

Gregory Volk – BZA

Michael Fryzel – Fire Department, Economic Development Commission

Jerri Teibel – Police Commission

Mark Barenie – School System Plan and Park Board and would help as available

Steve Kil – Safety Village

Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the Town Council liaison assignments and Mr. Kil as the Town Council President's designee to the Safety Village Board for 2010. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Austgen Kuiper & Associates services agreement for 2010 - Mr. Fryzel motioned to approve the annual appointment of the Town Attorney and the Police Commission Attorney to the firm of Austgen Kuiper & Associates. **Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.** Discussion ensued regarding the agreements for financial services, Cender & Company, and Robinson Engineering; they have not been received yet.

Consider annual CF-1 Form for Perm Industries – development at 9660 North Industrial Drive - Mr. Kil stated that he has found Perm Industries in substantial compliance and recommends that the Council approve the CF-1 Form. **Mr. Forbes motioned to approve the CF-1 Form for Perm Industries and authorize the Town Council President to sign. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion unanimously passed.**

Note: Ms. Teibel left the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council

Mr. Volk stated that he attended the Lake Central School District Wide Facility Master Plan Conference; they are having two community dialogues one on February 3rd and one on March 30th. They have asked all the Towns to distribute a flyer or to put the information on the water bill. Discussion ensued regarding the insertion of the flyer in the utility billing envelopes

announcing the meetings and Ms. Sury would obtain the cost and provide the information for this service to the Council and Mr. Kil.

Mr. Barenie thanked all the Board and Commission members for a job well done in 2010 and the Council as well.

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff

Mr. Kil – stated that he has two contracts from INDOT, the first is for the Joliet Street resurfacing and sidewalk repairs that will run from U.S. 41 to Parrish, he also has a separate contract for the Joliet Street Storm Sewer Project; both of these projects are with stimulus money. The deadline for these are January 27th, this will secure the portion of the stimulus money the Town has been awarded for the two projects. He added that at the request of Mr. Barenie, they have been pushing 93rd Avenue to be included as part of the stimulus project. He was notified by INDOT today that we were awarded over \$300,000 for 93rd Avenue resurfacing subject to there being money left after the first round of letting for everyone's stimulus project. **Mr. Fryzel motioned to approve the two LPA contracts with INDOT, the first for Joliet Street resurfacing, the second for Joliet Street storm sewer. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Public Comment

Ms. Barb Gulden of the St. John Chamber of Commerce introduced herself along with members Nick Georgiou and Randy Gootee. She stated that they are the liaison and would be attending the Town Council Meetings and invited the Town Council members, Town Manager and a representative of the Police and Fire Departments to attend the monthly Chamber meetings.

Adjournment – Mr. Fryzel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer