

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room
10955 W. 93rd Avenue, St. John, IN
January 28, 2010

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 was Assistant Police Chief Chapranda for Chief Frego; Fred Willman, Fire Chief and Chip Sobek, Parks Superintendent.

Approval of the minutes: December 17 and December 30, 2009 Regular Meetings - Mr. Fryzel motioned to approve the minutes of the December 17th and December 30, 2009 Regular Meetings. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business

Consider contract with St. John Township Trustee for the maintenance and operation of the Senior Citizen Bus – Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) - Mr. Fryzel motioned to approve, not to exceed \$1,500.00, and to authorize the Town Council President to execute this agreement. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Professional Services Agreement with Cender and Company LLC - Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the agreement and to authorize the Town Council President to execute. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Barenie complimented the service the Town has received from Karl Cender and from Robinson Engineering. Mr. Kil added that both companies did not raise their prices from last year.

Consider Professional Services Agreement with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. - Mr. Forbes motioned to approve the agreement and to authorize the Town Council President to execute the agreement with Robinson Engineering. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

Ordinance #1507, an ordinance amending the Town of St. John Personnel Policy Manual - Mr. Forbes motioned to consider Ordinance #1507 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1507. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion unanimously passed.

Ordinance #1508, an ordinance amending Ordinance #1506, regarding Public Purchasing Policy – Mr. Austgen explained that this Ordinance slightly adjusted the amendment made last month to permit the department heads a \$500 purchase limit before the processing approvals, RFP's, commences. Mr. Forbes motioned to consider Ordinance #1508 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Forbes motioned to adopt Ordinance #1508. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.

Resolution #10-01-28, a resolution authorizing a temporary transfer and loan of funds - Mr. Fryzel motioned to adopt Resolution #10-01-28. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion unanimously passed.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council

Mr. Volk stated that he received a couple of complaints last year of people putting out their trash too early and animals getting in to it. He has driven through neighborhoods on Fridays and Saturdays and noticed a lot of people putting their trash out and referenced the ordinance. Mr. Volk stated that the ordinance states not to put the trash out before 6 P.M. the night before and requested that a reminder of the time limitation be noticed on the water bills. Discussion ensued, and Ms. Sury will include the reminder on the utility bills.

Mr. Barenie asked Ms. Sury if the flyer regarding the meeting schedule for the Lake Central Schools District Wide Facility Master Plan community dialogue meetings could be inserted with the utility bills as they discussed last meeting and she said the flyers have been delivered to the printer for insertion.

Clerk-Treasurer

Ms. Sury stated that the Town received for the 2010 TAW program a .98% interest rate with the help of Karl Cender and that represents the interest through the end of June; approximately \$12,000. She also mentioned that she is going to jail for Muscular Dystrophy on February 11th; if she calls you she would appreciate a donation.

Staff

Mr. Sobek stated that the Spring and Summer programs will be starting soon; and the program flyer will be going out with the water bills this month. The Easter Egg Hunt is March 27th.

Chief Willman gave the December Activity Report for the Fire Department.

Assistant Police Chief Chapranda gave the December Activity Report for the Police Department.

Mr. Barenie stated that they heard from INDOT, based on the stimulus money to St. John, the two projects total about \$568,000. The extra money will go back into the kitty which will be reissued to St. John for work on 93rd Avenue.

Mr. Kil stated that the intersection of Parrish and Route 231 will be getting a facelift regarding the signalization. The flashing light will be turned into a full signal. An article will be in the newspaper next week to let the residents know. Chief Frego and he will be working on the cost to put the Opticom System there and will advise the Council.

Payment of Bills for the Corporation – APV's #7000 - #7182 for \$2,862,183.50 – Mr. Forbes motioned to approve payment for vouchers #7000 - #7182 for the amount of \$2,862,183.50. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Comment

Ms. Johanna Parish, 9124 Columbia Street – stated that she has been a resident of St. John for 12 years and has been a nurse since 1983. She is currently involved in a course in her Master's program where she needed to review her community and State health initiatives in reference to how Indiana is represented in their health in comparison to the nation. This is provided through the Center of Disease Control with the United States Government.

The thing she found out about St. John is that it is very progressive, who is involved in determining what businesses are in St. John has intentionally left out places that provide high fat foods such as Burger King, McDonalds and Kentucky Fried and applauded the Council for making it one of the top small towns in America.

Ms. Parish stated that in reference to things she did find in all of Indiana as a whole, is that Indiana has higher averages of unhealthy practices. She distributed pamphlets to the Council members. She stated that she found that on a scale with Indiana, St. John is a one of the more health conscious communities. That is represented by the new bike trail, the new playground equipment, very nice parks and very nice sidewalks in many areas. She referenced the additional information on a website and the information in the pamphlet. Ms. Parish stated that she hopes that they can not only be one of the most sought out small towns in America but also they can be one of the healthiest small towns in America by implementing some exercise programs, maybe health fairs, health screenings and working with local physicians, getting indoor facilities for walking, and prevention components.

Mr. Austgen mentioned that Mr. William Tuley passed away on January 20th, he was 94 years young. He served as President on the Town Board of St. John, was a Veteran of the Second World War, and an inspirational leader of the Survivors of the Battle of the Bulge. He was a great citizen and was responsible for attending each and every parole hearing for the two men who murdered our police officers, one for whom our park is named. Mr. Austgen stated that Bill Tuley was a great American, a great St. John citizen and asked if the Council would like to consider a resolution at the next meeting. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kil will see if Mr. Tuley has any family left in the area for the presentation and Mr. Barenie asked Mr. Austgen to write a resolution.

Adjournment – Ms. Teibel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer