

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room
10955 W. 93rd Avenue, St. John, IN
February 11, 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; David Austgen, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also present were Fred Frego Police Chief and Fred Willman, Fire Chief (left at 7:07 P.M.). Absent were members Michael Fryzel & Jerri Teibel and Parks Superintendent, Chip Sobek.

New Business

Ordinance #1509, an ordinance increasing the fee structure for Temporary Water Service Shut-Off and Turn-On – Mr. Austgen stated that this is not ready; it needs to go back to the Water Board. **Mr. Forbes motioned to table and send it back to the Board for some reconsideration. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Ordinance #1510, an ordinance establishing a Back-Flow Prevention Program – Mr. Forbes stated that this is for sprinkler systems at both residential and commercial developments. They will need a yearly inspection of a valve that prevents backflow into the water system from the outside water to prevent contamination of the water system. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure this is done every year. The Town will not be doing this. Most people have this done when they are closing their system out, now they have to make sure this backflow valve is in place and in operation. **Mr. Forbes motioned to consider Ordinance #1510 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Mr. Forbes motioned to adopt Ordinance #1510. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

Consider Letter of Credit #101-303 – Gates of St. John Unit 10C in the amount of \$10,830.00 (Favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) - **Mr. Forbes motioned to accept a Letter of Credit #101-303 in the amount of \$10,830.00. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

(Chief Willman left the meeting due to a fire call.)

Consider Letter of Credit #101-289 – Gates of St. John Unit 8 in the amount of \$285,154.43 (Favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) - **Mr. Volk motioned to accept the Letter of Credit #101-289 in the amount of \$285,154.43. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Consider Letter of Credit #101-290 – Gates of St. John Unit 1A in the amount of \$162,101.50 (Favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) - **Mr. Forbes motioned to accept the Letter of Credit #101-290 in the amount of \$162,101.50. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Consider ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) INDOT / LPA Contract Project Des #0901915 (West 93rd Avenue Re-surfacing) – Mr. Kil stated that the funding will be approved on February 25th to resurface 93rd Avenue from Cline to Marquette,

Deodar to Hart and White Oak to west of Columbia. The other areas have already been paved or are covered under another project. **Mr. Forbes motioned to authorize the Town Council President to execute the INDOT Project Coordination Contract. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Mr. Forbes asked if this was the end of round one of the stimulus projects. Mr. Kil stated that it is.

Consider remaining 2010 Board and Commission appointments – Mr. Forbes stated that he confirmed the political affiliations of the applicants with the Lake County Board of Elections and recommended that Mr. Thomas Ryan be the Republican appointment to the Plan Commission. He added they do not have any other candidates for the Park Board spot as the only applicant applied as a Republican when he is really a Democrat. Mr. Kil stated that he has received the written recommendation from Lake Central Schools for their ex-officio non-voting citizen member of the Redevelopment Commission; he has a verbal recommendation from Hanover Schools and is waiting for the letter. **Mr. Forbes motioned that Mr. Thomas Ryan be the Republican appointee to the Plan Commission and that Mr. DeVries be the ex-officio non-voting citizen member representing the Lake Central Schools of the Redevelopment Commission and that Ms. Pat Kokot be appointed the ex-officio non-voting citizen member of the Redevelopment Commission representing the Hanover Schools contingent upon written confirmation from Hanover Schools. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

The formal resignation from Park Board Member Ms. Beth Hernandez was acknowledged and Mr. Kil stated that he will advertise in the newspaper for applicants to fill the vacancy.

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Mr. Forbes stated that he is still working on the “Thank You” get together for the Halloween Haunted House volunteers and would also like to include the people who volunteered at Christmas in the Park. He stated that he is looking at a tentative date of Sunday, March 21st from 3 P.M. to 6 or 7 P.M.; the VFW will let them use the hall. The funds would come out of the Haunted House money and he does not expect to spend over \$1,000.00; Comfort Catering will charge \$8.80 a person.

Mr. Barenie followed up on the discussion at a prior Council meeting regarding recognition of Mr. William Tuley. He stated that they have ordered a couple of plaques and are looking at planting a tree in Civic Park to recognize him.

Mr. Austgen asked Chief Frego is there any plans for the ongoing vigilance for the parole of the man that killed the St. John police officer. Chief Frego stated the he will look into the status of the parole of the remaining convict and will continue the vigilance. He stated that he is meeting with Mr. Tuley’s niece to go through some items that will be donated to the Historical Society.

Clerk- Treasurer – None

Staff

Mr. Kil asked for authorization to advertise three vehicles (one Suburban and two pickup trucks) for sale through sealed bid. **Mr. Forbes motioned to authorize advertisement for the sale of three vehicles and request sealed bids for the same. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Public Comment – None

Adjournment – Mr. Forbes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer