

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room  
10955 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, St. John, IN  
February 25, 2010

Mr. Barenie called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. A Flag Ceremony was presented by Boy Scout Troop #561 who then 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 in attendance were Fred Frego, Police Chief, Fred Willman, Fire Chief and Chip Sobek, Parks Superintendent. Absent were members Michael Fryzel and Jerri Teibel.

Scout Leader Kris Sorenson stated that they have 37 Scouts; they go camping every month, and are studying citizenship this month. In a couple of weeks they will be going to Indianapolis to see the State Capital and the Colts. They have 13 Scouts that are going to the National Jamboree for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting this summer in Washington D.C. the President usually comes out to meet them and they visit the Capital and some other attractions. Their troop has 10 or 11 Scouts that are one step away from their Eagle badge and 4 or 5 of them have told him they will be completing their Eagle sometime this year. Out of all of the Scout's they usually have 4-5% receiving their Eagle, this troop has a very high number and Mr. Sorenson credits the previous Scout Master who did an excellent job in preparing them.

**Approval of minutes: January 14, 2010 and January 28, 2010 Regular Meetings - Mr. Forbes motioned to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 and the January 28, 2010 Regular Meetings. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

**Bid Opening:** New Ambulance bids

Mr. Austgen confirmed timely publication in **The Times** and **Post Tribune** two times in each paper, January 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> respectively and that the bids were properly made and published.

Bid Opening – Mr. Austgen opened the following bids:

1. Crossroads Ambulance Sales and Service, LLC  
Middlebury, IN  
Total Bid Amount \$148,895.00  
Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the amount bid  
Form 96 is included  
There is a non-collusion affidavit
2. Fire Service Incorporated  
St. John, IN  
Total Bid Amount \$125,502.00  
Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the amount bid  
Form 96 is present and executed  
Contains non-collusion affidavit and is duly notarized

Town Council Action - **Mr. Forbes motioned to take the bids under advisement. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

**New Business**

**Resolution #10-02-25, Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Towns of Schererville and Dyer (Police Technology Grant)** – Chief Frego stated that they have been awarded a Technology Grant from Congressman’s Visclosky’s office. They are ready to order the equipment as soon as they get this agreement signed. **Mr. Forbes motioned to adopt Resolution #10-02-25. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.** Mr. Austgen complimented the Police Department, Chief Frego and his staff in their work to receive this grant.

**Ordinance #1511, an ordinance establishing an Excess Levy Fund** – Mr. Kil explained the three next resolutions are to establish a place to deposit money received from excess welfare funds that came from the State. The money will used to offset the cost of road salt and things of that nature. Ms. Sury added that the money must be used for public safety. **Mr. Volk motioned to consider Ordinance #1511 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

**Mr. Forbes motioned to adopt Ordinance #1511. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

**Ordinance #1512, an ordinance establishing a Sanitary District Excess Levy Fund** - **Mr. Forbes motioned to consider Ordinance #1512 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

**Mr. Forbes motioned to adopt Ordinance #1512. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

**Ordinance #1513, an ordinance establishing a Waterworks District Excess Levy Fund** - **Mr. Forbes motioned to consider Ordinance #1513 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

**Mr. Volk motioned to adopt Ordinance #1315. Seconded by Mr. Forbes. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

**Consider annual CF-1 Form for SB Properties – development at 9565 North Industrial Drive, Lot 18** – Mr. Kil stated that he reviewed the dollar amounts and estimates as found on the SB-1 Form which is the Statement of Benefits, it turns out that the actual benefits to the community far exceeded what was estimated and recommends acceptance by the Town Council as he found them to be in substantial compliance. He stated that this is the last year for this CF-1 Form approval process. **Mr. Forbes motioned to accept the CF-1 Form as presented and authorize the Town Council President to sign. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

**Consider annual CF-1 Form for Welch Properties – development at 9585 North Industrial Drive, Lot 19** - Mr. Kil stated that as with the previous CF-1 Form, he has reviewed this and have found them to be in substantial compliance and recommends the Town Council approval. This CF-1 Form approval process has one more year left. **Mr. Forbes motioned to accept the CF-1 Form as presented and authorize the Town Council President to sign. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

**Consider Letter of Credit #101-305 – Gates of St. John Pod 1-C in the amount of \$72,055.84** (Favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) - **Mr. Forbes motioned to**

**accept Letter of Credit #101-305 in the amount of \$72,055.84. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

### **Reports & Correspondence**

#### Town Council

Mr. Forbes stated that he has received the letter from Hanover Central regarding the citizen appointment to the Redevelopment Commission. So both members are duly authorized by their respective boards. He also mentioned that he attended the Illiana Expressway meeting in Crown Point. He said there is a 50/50 split between those for and against it. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Barenie stated that the Town will be receiving an additional \$605,000 of Stimulus Round Two money for projects that will get done in the course of next year. The projects must first be approved but they do have the money coming. Mr. Kil stated that Round One consisted of three projects: 93<sup>rd</sup>, 101<sup>st</sup> and the drainage project on 101<sup>st</sup>. They have already been awarded. Round Two, in the amount of \$605,000 has been awarded but is pending approval and we must submit a list of roadways, it cannot be a subdivision it must be a FAU approved route which would be a primary route in Town, not an interior subdivision road. Discussion ensued regarding the call received from Lake County to do locates on utilities for a proposed bridge project on Blaine. It is in the preliminary design stage. Mr. Forbes stated that Mr. Kil, Mr. Faberbock and himself have all been sending e-mails to NIRPC to get White Oak designated as a FAU route but it may be too late for that.

Mr. Volk mentioned that Blaine Avenue was just inherited through an annexation and is in pretty bad shape, they are hoping the stimulus money will correct the road. Further discussion ensued.

#### Clerk-Treasurer

Ms. Sury asked if the Public Works Building could be used for the Primary Election for Precincts #2, #4, and #10. **Mr. Forbes motioned to provide the facilities of the Public Works Building for the upcoming May election. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

#### Staff

Mr. Kil stated that the Plan Commission will be entertaining a site plan review and a development plan review on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for People's Bank. They are going to be locating a new building by Tractor Supply, just north of the strip mall by Jimmie John's and Starbucks. He also receives a lot of calls regarding the proposed Aldi's and the Walgreens at the corner of #231 and #41. However, He has had no contact from these companies.

Mr. Sobek stated they are getting ready for their Spring activities including the Easter Egg Hunt and are taking registrations for that right now. He will be working with one of the Eagle Scouts here on another project later on this Spring. Mr. Barenie asked about the registration for girls' volleyball at Heartland Park and Mr. Sobek stated that they just started taking mail in registrations and will two days for sit down registrations.

Chief Frego stated that he does not have his monthly report as he left it on his desk in his office. He stated that he has been contacted by the Lake Hills Baptist Church; they would like to

conduct a 5K run on May 1st in the Lake Hills subdivision. He told them that he would not close 85<sup>th</sup>. they would have to bus their people to the clubhouse at Lake Hills and the race would have to start and end there. Discussion ensued. Chief Frego stated that he will contact the Homeowner's Association to see if they agree that the race could be held there. The Council agreed that they do not have a problem with the race being held there if the Homeowner's Association does not.

Chief Willman gave his January Monthly Report.

**Payment of Bills for the Corporation APV's #7185 - #7348 for \$969,752.85** (Note: #7138 and #7184 were voided out last month) - **Mr. Forbes motioned to authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$969,752.85. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

**Public Comment**

Mr. William Machnikowski, 10377 Birchbrook Drive – referenced the problem he is experiencing with a retaining wall that has been built on the property line, (inaudible). Discussion ensued. Mr. Barenie stated that he will have the Town Inspector look at it.

**Adjournment** – **Mr. Forbes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer