

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room
10955 W. 93rd Avenue, St. John, IN
October 28, 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; Kenneth Gembala, Member; David Austgen, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also in attendance were Fred Frego, Police Chief and Fred Willman, Fire Chief. Absent were Michael Fryzel, Member and Chip Sobek, Parks Superintendent.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the September 9, 2010 Regular Meeting, September 23, 2010 Regular Meeting and the September 23, 2010 Executive Session - Mr. Gembala motioned to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2010 Regular Meeting, September 23, 2010 Regular Meeting and the September 23, 2010 Executive Session. **Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

New Business

Consider purchase of "Total Patcher" - Mr. Barenie stated that this is a new piece of equipment that has been investigated and is tied in to a bond process that they have already committed to. There was some extra funding and it seems to fit very well with the project. Mr. Forbes added that this equipment would repair potholes more efficiently than a cold patch would; it uses an emulsion mix to fill the hole, it is more of a permanent repair, an all in one deal, which is why it's called the Total Patcher – it cleans the hole, and fills it with this mixture. It's a far more efficient way to maintain the degrading roads. He added that Public Works invested 724 hours in cold patching in 2009; in 2010 they have invested 676 hours in cold patching; the Town invests a little over \$40,000 in cold patching. That is not to say they will save that amount of money but that investment will be more sustained. This device can also prevent cracks from getting worse as they appear. The workers do not have to repair the same pothole more than once. **Mr. Forbes motioned to approve the purchase from Equipment Marketing Company in an amount not to exceed \$57,900.**

Mr. Barenie stated that the funding for this investment in the Town's infrastructure comes from the bond issue they had recently which covered the White Oak revamp and the fixing of Blaine along with several patching jobs within the Town. Once those bids came there was free money within those bonds to cover this investment. Mr. Gembala added that the Bond Attorney has sent correspondence stating that the bond money can be used for this purchase. Mr. Austgen stated that he concurs with the Bond Attorney's letter, which will be appended to the minutes of this meeting, (Exhibit A). Mr. Forbes stated that this is the lessor of three estimates they received. Mr. Austgen stated that this is a specialty piece of equipment; Mr. Kil gathered the data from the specs, and it is a proprietary process for which the equipment is specially constructed. Mr. Kil obtained proposals from the only known makers and the pricing was under the statutory amount for bidding. Mr. Kil stated that they would be purchasing emulsion from either Crown Point or Cedar Lake. **Motion seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Consider cleaning services contract with Clean Slate for municipal building and police department - Mr. Forbes motioned to approve the contract as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion passed with a vote of 4 -0. This is a month to month contract for services.

Reports & Correspondence

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Mr. Forbes stated that Michelle Haluska is going back to 32 hours when Farmers Market ends. There are some projects she can work on so she can remain at 40 hours. **Mr. Forbes motioned to reinstate Michelle Haluska the Assistant to the Town Manager to a 40 hour work week. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Mr. Forbes stated that they have had 2,391 guests at the Haunted House. Mr. Barenie thanked Mr. Forbes for the amount of time he spent at the Haunted House.

Mr. Gembala complimented Mr. Kil for his help with a resident and their building problems and his persistence with it. Mr. Kil mentioned that he is waiting for Mr. Alonzo's signature on the indemnification document. Mr. Alonzo is back at work which is why he cannot come in.

Mr. Kil stated that they are putting the finished surface on Blaine this afternoon; White Oak is much more difficult, there is a lot more patching and rerouting traffic; is a lot more difficult. He stated that they added more to the subdivision work; they got to all the areas they knew of. They also added the extension of 101st from Blaine to Cline to the project. Some of the areas were beefed up as needed. If it was needed to go deeper they did so, they excavated out what was necessary. A change order is forthcoming; it will be less than the 20% maximum allowed by law. The money went to additional roadwork and they have some extra. Mr. Austgen suggested that with the surplus money, a list be made of work that can be done immediately in the Spring. Mr. Kil stated that he anticipates several hundred thousand dollars extra due to the engineering fees being far less then he budgeted for.

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff

Chief Willman read the September Activity Report for the Fire Department.

Chief Frego read the September Activity Report for the Police Department.

Mr. Kil stated that they completed their MS4 project and received a good response from IDEM. The town will also be sweeping the streets as part of the Best Management Practices to make sure debris is not being washed into the storm sewer system. As a requirement of the MS4 project, he will be using cum sewer funds for the street sweeping. The street sweeping is contracted out, as the town does not have the equipment to do so, and they are required to do sweeps 4 times a year per the MS4 recommendation. **Mr. Forbes motioned to pay the additional cleaning of the streets to comply with MS4 requirements not to exceed \$4,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Payment of Bills for the Corporation APV's #8735 - #8949 for \$1,418,890.48 - Mr. Forbes motioned to approve the general accounts payable vouchers #8735 - #8949 for a total dollar value of \$1,418,890.48. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Public Comment

Mr. Bill Dravesky, 9038 Howard Court – Asked why the City of Gary can give tickets for driving while talking on cell phones (as referenced in The Times on 9/27) and St. John cannot. Discussion ensued. Mr. Austgen stated that he has not seen the ordinance in Gary but it may be based on home rule. Discussion ensued. Mr. Dravesky stated that he is concerned because he almost got hit by a car where the driver was talking on the cell phone.

Adjournment – Mr. Forbes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer