

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room
10955 W. 93rd Avenue, St. John, IN
January 27, 2011

Mr. Forbes 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: Michael Forbes, President; Gregory Volk, Member; Michael Fryzel, Member; David Austgen, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also in attendance were Fred Willman, Fire Chief and Chip Sobek, Parks Superintendent. Absent were: Mark Barenie, Vice-President, Ken Gembala, Member and Fred Frego, Police Chief.

Approval of the minutes: Executive Session of December 16, 2010 and Regular Meetings of December 16th and December 29th, 2010 - Mr. Volk motioned to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2010 Executive Session; and the December 16th and December 29, 2010 Regular Meetings. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

New Business

Consider Professional Services Agreement with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. – Mr. Forbes stated that they asked all their consultants to hold their rates at the 2010 level and they all agreed to do that. However, the agreement they have in their packet from Robinson Engineering reflects an increase. He distributed the corrected agreement from Robinson Engineering with the 2010 rates for approval. **Mr. Fryzel motioned to approve the agreement and authorize the Town Council President to sign. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Consider Professional Services Agreement with Austgen-Kuiper & Associates – Mr. Forbes stated that these are the 2010 rates. **Mr. Volk motioned to approve the agreement and authorize the Town Council President to sign. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Consider Professional Services Agreement with Cender & Company LLC - Mr. Forbes stated that these are the 2010 rates. **Mr. Fryzel motioned to approve the agreement and authorize the Town Council President to sign. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Board and Commission Appointment - Mr. Forbes recommended Mr. John Rainwater for a four year term on the Park Board, he is a Republican; for the Sanitary and Waterworks Board he recommended Mr. Richard Setlak, who is a Democrat. He stated that Mr. Setlak will be completing Mr. Gembala's term which ends December 31, 2012. For the resident appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals he recommended Mr. Pete Monnix with a term ending December 31, 2014, he added that political affiliation does not matter on the BZA. He also recommended Mr. Steve Hastings as the Town Council appointment to the BZA for a term ending December 31, 2011. **Mr. Fryzel motioned to approve the appointments recommended by Mr. Forbes. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Appointment of Town Council Members to Redevelopment Commission - Mr. Fryzel motioned to appoint the Town Council members as the Redevelopment Commission. **Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Consider Ordinance #1533, an ordinance amending the Town Ethics Ordinance – Mr. Forbes stated that this is to change the wording of the Ordinance to allow a part time employee be appointed to the Ethics Committee from Hyles-Anderson. **Mr. Fryzel motioned to consider Ordinance #1533 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Mr. Volk motioned to adopt Ordinance #1533. Seconded by Mr. Fryzel. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

Consider Resolution #11-01-27, a resolution authorizing entry into Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Town of Schererville (Building Inspection / Permit Review Services) - **Mr. Fryzel motioned to adopt Resolution #11-01-27. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.** Mr. Forbes stated that they received an invoice from Schererville. There is an amount of \$1,923.73 that St. John owes Schererville. Mr. Kil verified for the record that the true-up has been exchanged between Schererville and St. John and that it's verified, it's accurate and payment is being made accordingly as contemplated by last year's resolution.

Consider annual CF-1 Form for Perm Industries, Inc. – Development at 9660 North Industrial Drive – Mr. Forbes stated that there is a little mix up in the paperwork. The approval for the CF-1 Form should be for the 9860 address. Mr. Kil stated that Mr. Lee Milazo, the owner, has two corporations and that they were granted tax abatements. One was Perm Industries in 1996 that has long since expired and the other was a five-year abatement granted in 2006 with this being the last year. That company name is Relentless, LLC. In a clerical error Mr. Wyllie presented the wrong CF-1 form. This item can be considered in the February 11th meeting. **Mr. Fryzel motioned to defer to the February 11th meeting. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.**

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council – None

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff

Mr. Kil stated that he received an agreement from the Township Trustee for the Senior Citizen Drop-In; that item will be on the February 11th meeting agenda. He also completed the analysis for 2010 and distributed a building permit data sheet.

Mr. Kil read the Police Departments Monthly Report for Chief Frego who is attending a conference.

Chief Willman read the Fire Department Monthly Report. Mr. Forbes added he received a letter from the Schererville Fire Chief Kruzan thanking Chief Willman and the St. John Fire Department for their assistance with a structure fire on January 19th.

Mr. Sobek stated that the Spring Program Flyer will be going out with the next water bill and they are working on the summer programs.

Mr. Forbes asked Mr. Kil about the electronic recycling program. Mr. Kil stated that will be ready for the February meeting. He said the plan is to have a bin at Public Works for electronic equipment. The vendor will pick up the bin when it is full. Mr. Forbes asked that Mr. Kil get the word out to the residents so they don't leave their electronics out on the street. Discussion ensued.

Payment of Bills for the Corporation APV's for 2010 - #9352 - #9354 for \$586,704.98 & APV's for 2011 - #7000 - #7197 for \$2,234,780.83 Total \$2,821,485.81 - Mr. Fryzel motioned to approve the January 27, 2011 docket in the amount of \$2,821,485.81. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

Public Comment

Mr. Tom Busch, 10178 Walsh St - asked if everyone needed to sign the Ethics Ordinance again now that it has been amended. Mr. Forbes stated that it is not necessary. He added that two of the four members appointed were Dr. DeVries from Lake Central; and one from the Chamber of Commerce, David Vineyard. With the action they are taking tonight, they would allow the third member to be nominated by Hyles-Anderson and they are waiting for Hanover Schools.

Adjournment - Mr. Fryzel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer