

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room
10955 W. 93rd Avenue, St. John, IN
April 21, 2011

Mr. Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Michael Forbes, President; Mark Barenie, Vice-President; Gregory Volk, Member; Ken Gembala, 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 was Michael Fryzel, Member.

Presentation: St. John Lions Club – Mr. Al Konieczka and Mr. Sam Zurich presented a check for \$2,500 to Chief Frego to purchase a protective vest for the Interlocal SWAT team with the Town of Munster. Mr. Forbes thanked the Lions Club for their donation.

Approval of minutes: March 24, 2011 Regular Meeting - Mr. Gembala motioned to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2011 Regular Meeting as posted. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

New Business

Consider request from St. John the Evangelist for annual festival – Mr. Forbes stated that every year St. John participates in this; their request is for picnic tables, traffic control sign, and the Police Department is involved (off duty officers paid by the festival). **Mr. Barenie motioned to accept the request as written and read by the Chair. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.**

Resolution #11-04-21, a resolution regarding entry into a Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Mr. Forbes stated that this is the SWAT agreement with Munster. Mr. Austgen added that this is a Resolution that is required by Statute for entry into an Interlocal Agreement and it has been drafted and prepared so that it contemplates the immediate agreement entry between St. John and Munster, and contemplates the expansion as time goes on into other communities that are interested in participating. **Mr. Gembala motioned to adopt Resolution #11-04-21. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.**

Consider replacement Letter of Credit for Three Springs – Phase 2, in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Five Dollars and Sixty-Cents (\$494,005.60) (with a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission) – Mr. Volk stated that this is just a renewal letter. **Mr. Volk motioned to accept the Letter of Credit for Three Springs – Phase 2. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.**

Consider Northwest Indiana Local Elected Officials' Workforce Service Area Agreement – Mr. Austgen stated that this is an initiative that was at one time inclusive of various towns and government units in Lake County and Northwest Indiana. It disappeared for a while and now has reappeared. Mr. Kil was contacted by the Chair and the entity and he has reviewed the regulations. The Council's agreement simply supports the initiative and the activity, and also permits the appointment of Commissioner Gerry Scheub to the local board who recommended entry into this. **Mr. Barenie motioned to approve the agreement and authorize the Town Council President to sign. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.**

Ordinance #1536, an ordinance amending the 2011 Salary Ordinance for Animal Control - Mr. Gembala motioned to consider Ordinance #1536 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Barenie motioned to adopt Ordinance #1536. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Proclamation for “Fibromyalgia Awareness Day” on May 12, 2011 – Mr. Forbes read the proclamation. **Mr. Barenie motioned to authorize the signature of the Town Council President for the Proclamation of Fibromyalgia Awareness Day. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.**

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council

Mr. Barenie stated that he had good news for the Town. Cender & Company reviewed the bonds issued in 1998, taxes were even for that District (Ravenswood) and they now have a surplus of \$76,000 that is to be used towards the repair and pavement of roads in that District area. He stated that there is also \$246,500 left that can be used anywhere in the Town, there are some stipulations; however, they can be used for road improvements, parks, etc. Mr. Austgen stated that the money will be available for use once the distribution of property tax has been made and went over the accounts involved. This is a last use of funds for this District. Mr. Forbes stated that this is basically retiring this district – the money from this district will go back to the entity’s that should be receiving the money.

Mr. Kil asked the Council to authorize the Public Works Department to begin inspecting the roads in Ravenswood. **Mr. Barenie authorized the Public Works Department to begin the review of road projects in Ravenswood for pavement. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.**

Mr. Barenie asked Mr. Sobek to look into areas for potential locations for new parks, including the Renaissance area

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff

Mr. Austgen provided an update on the status of the Safety Manual and stated that it is in near final form, it is ready for implementation and dissemination in the Public Works Department and to begin training.

Mr. Austgen stated that the review of the credit card payment agreement has been drafted; there are still some items to complete. It is in much better form and much better content. His recommendation is that the Town Council authorize the Town Council President to execute and the Clerk-Treasurer to attest entry into the agreement upon Mr. Austgen’s office completing the revisions that are recommended for the benefit the Town and the citizens. **Mr. Volk motioned to execute the PayGov contract upon review by Mr. Austgen or his office and authorize the Town Council President to sign. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.** Mr. Gembala confirmed that this would also be used to pay for EMS service.

Chief Frego gave the March Monthly Report for the Police Department.

Chief Willman gave the March Monthly Report for the Fire Department.

Mr. Forbes stated that Bob Davis of the Public Works Department has been surveying the roads in Town to see where repairs are needed. There is about 200,000 square feet of patching needed. Mr. Kil added that the number may go as high as 225,000 – 230,000 square feet.

Mr. Sobek stated they did have some of the Easter Egg Hunt before the rain. He thanked the Board and Police Department for their help, Standard Bank for their donation and First United for the Easter Bunny. The brochure for the summer programs will go out next week.

Payment of Bills for the Corporation APV's #7563 - #7551 for \$1,053,159.50 – Mr. Kil referenced a bill for Robinson Engineering, for the finalization of a 2010 road project. The invoice was for \$19,279.99 and the Town was owed some credit. There was a net change of \$13,439.98 owed Reith Riley. The way it was presented in Mr. Faberbock's letter there was a mistake made where only \$3,840.01 made the docket. They need to get to \$15,439.98. He asked the Council to authorize a total payment to Reith Riley of \$15,439.98; added to what is on the agenda would be \$11,599.97. **Mr. Volk motioned to amend the claim docket as recommended by the Town Manager for the correct amount of payment to Reith Riley with the authorization and approval of the change order. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.**

Mr. Barenie motioned to authorize payment of the bills to include the previous change order. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Public Comment

Mr. James Sury, 11703 West 97th Lane – Questioned why the PayGOV contract is taking so long to be approved. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Adrian Bugariu, 11747 West 90th – Questioned why he has not received copies of the documents he requested from the Town.

Adjournment – **Mr. Gembala motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer