



TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town Council of Clear Lake, Indiana was held at the Town Hall on Monday August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council members Bonnie Brown, Roger Dammeier, Bruce Spangler, and Molly Wehrenberg. Absent was Council President Darin Thorp. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer - Jessica Swander, Town Marshal - Chris Emerick, Town Superintendent- Bob Hull, and Zoning Administrator – Gary Johnston. There were six property owners who signed the guest register.

Council Member, Bonnie Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the sighting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular Town Council meeting held on Monday, July 8th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Bonnie Brown presented the minutes to the Council. Bonnie Brown then asked for any additions or correction. None were given.

Roger Dammeier made a motion to accept the Regular Town Council minutes as presented. Seconded by Molly Wehrenberg. Motion passed.

2. Approval of Voucher Register with Warrants – Jessica Swander presented the Voucher Register with Warrant details. Bonnie Brown had a question on Frontiers bill. Questions were answered.

Disbursements on the Voucher Register are as follows:

Operating Funds:	\$74249.13
Sewer Funds:	<u>\$28274.65</u>
Total Disbursements	\$102523.78

Bruce Spangler made a motion to approve the Voucher Register. Seconded by Molly Wehrenberg. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Employee Handbook- Bonnie Brown asked council if there were any more discussion, corrections, or changes. None were given.

Molly Wehrenberg made a motion to pass the handbook. Seconded by Bruce Spangler. Motion passed.

2. Truck Bid and Settlement- Molly Wehrenberg presented the corrected Jim Schmidt Ford bid for the MVH Truck in the amount of \$66,558.00, still being the lowest Bid. Molly Wehrenberg Presented the correct Insurance Settlement in the amount of \$57,002.00.

Molly Wehrenberg made a two-part motion to accept the bid for \$66,558.00 from Jim Schmidt Ford and to accept the Settlement amount of \$57,002.00. Seconded by Bruce Spangler. Motion Passed.

3. IT Update- Bonnie Brown asked Jessica Swander for an IT update. Computers have been installed and everything is up and running aside from the fax.
4. Purchasing Ordinance- Molly Wehrenberg stated that at the next council meeting a new purchasing ordinance will be introduced to allow Chris Emerick to have spending authority.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Donation Fund for Marine Patrol- Molly Wehrenberg presented Ordinance 2019-01 Marine Patrol Donation Fund.

Roger Dammeier made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2019-01 as read. Seconded by Bruce Spangler. Motion passed.

Roger Dammeier made a motion to suspend the rules and have a second and third reading of Ordinance 2019-01 and have it considered by title only. Seconded by Molly Wehrenberg. Motion passed.

- a) Bonnie Brown asked Molly Wehrenberg to explain again why the fund is being established. Molly Wehrenberg explained it was at the request of the Adams family in light of the accident on the Lake. They requested donations be made to the Clear Lake Marine Patrol in memory of Jack Adams. Anyone that wanted to donate to this is to write a check to the Town of Clear Lake for the Marine Patrol.

Roger Dammeier made a motion to consider Ordinance 2019-01 to create the Clear Lake Donation Fund by title only. Seconded by Molly Wehrenberg. Motion passed.

Roger Dammeier made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2019-01 to create the Clear Lake Donation Fund by title only. Seconded by Molly Wehrenberg. Motion passed.

2. Donation Fund for Radar Equipment and Supplies- Molly Wehrenberg presented Ordinance 2019-02 Radar Equipment and Supplies.

Roger Dammeier made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2019-02 to create the Clear lake Equipment Donation Fund. Seconded by Molly Wehrenberg. Motion passed.

Roger Dammeier made a motion to suspend the rules and have a second and third reading of Ordinance 2019-02 to create the Clear Lake Donation fund and have it considered by title only. Seconded by Molly Wehrenberg. Motion passed.

Roger Dammeier made a motion to consider Ordinance 2019-01 to create the Clear Lake Police Department Equipment Donation Fund by title only. Seconded by Molly Wehrenberg. Motion passed.

Roger Dammeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-01 to create the Clear Lake Police Department Equipment Donation Fund by title only. Seconded by Molly Wehrenberg. Motion passed.

3. Resolution to Transfer Funds- Molly Wehrenberg introduced Resolution to Transfer Funds 01-2019.

Roger Dammeier made a motion to approve resolution 01-2019 Resolution to transfer Funds as presented. Seconded by Molly Wehrenberg. Bonnie Brown did a roll call. Molly Wehrenberg- yes, Bruce Spangler- yes, Bonnie Brown- yes, Roger Dammeier- yes. Motion passed.

4. 2020 Budget- Jessica Swander talked about the budget which will be introduced in September. Molly Wehrenberg spoke about the Salary of the Marshals.
5. Plan Commission - Bonnie Brown gave an update on current issues.
 - a. Four enforcement issues- 1.) Cecil Fleeman-240 Penner - permit is expired- Daily fines. 2.) Jerry Hewes - 130 Penner Drive that has had a daily fine since October of last year, mowing, Property Liens for \$9,900.00. 3.) Hefflinger-108 Sunset Court - Items left behind after House Fire; the deck, grill, and patio furniture. Deadline of the end of Aug for cleanup. 4.) Wickland residence - 66 West Clear Lake Drive- Looking at several ideas of what we can do to work with him and the issues at this property.
 - b. UDO Books- Bonnie Brown Located 14 copies of the UDO books. We have a few people that do not have book and will need to look at getting copies of the books printed.

- c. Bonnie Brown is looking at getting basic standard information for putting canopy trees in on the website. It will be the basic standards for landscaping. Don Lupke is working on a folder that talks about the definition of a canopy tree.
- d. Bonnie Brown spoke about the outdoor storage standards. We have more than one case of items being set outside for years. We could amend the outdoor standards or amend the nuisance ordinance. Plan commission would need council's help in doing that.
- e. Bonnie Brown stated that BZA case versus the Reynolds, who did not like where the BZA said they could put their shed, have dropped their suit.
- f. There will be zone change at the next meeting.

REPORTS:

- a. Financial Report – Jessica Swander presented the financial report showing financials through July 31, 2019. Report is on file.
- b. Marshal's Report – Chris Emerick gave an update on the activities at and around Clear Lake over the last month. Report is on file.
 - a. Chris Emerick has ordered the speed radar signs and they should arrive in the next few weeks. Chris stated that he has been looking at the data and there is now 96% of traffic going the speed limit or below the speed limit. They are being effective. Several lakes in the county are now looking into getting them.
 - b. Discussion was had about signs being stolen around the lake. Chris Emerick stated that signs need to be marked so that if they are recovered, they can be identified as ours.
 - c. Tahoe Received new tires but will need new breaks at the next service.
- c. Fire Department – Molly Wehrenberg gave an update on the fire department runs. Report is on file.
 - a. Molly Wehrenberg spoke about the Fremont Fire Departments increased activity. The number of volunteers they have.
 - b. Molly Wehrenberg discussed the current cost of the contract with the Fremont Fire Department, \$27,205 and possible increase for the year 2020. The Fremont Fire Department would like us to be in the range of \$30,000 to \$35,000. Molly did the calculations to show that a 12% increase would put us at \$30,469.60, a 10% increase would put us at \$29,925.50. The Fremont Fire Department will entertain a multiyear

contract if the Council is interested. In the multiyear we could set increase percentages. Molly asked them what they could do more for the Town and they have offered to bring things in for an open house and be more involved with the Fire Works. Molly stated she would like council to think about what they would like to do and discuss at the next council meeting.

- d. Zoning Administrator – Gary Johnston gave an update on the number of cases and what has transpired in the PC/ZA office. Report is on file.
 - a. Bonnie Brown asked about specifics on a case. Gary Johnston gave details.
- e. Superintendent – Bob Hull updated the Council on the sewer/street department activities over the last month. Report on file.
 - a. Bob Hull presented the Lift Station agreement with Engineering Resource. The lift station is starting to deteriorate. It will be done in three phases. The Contract is for \$44,600 and will be paid out as work is completed.

Roger Dammeier made a motion to approve the contract with Engineering Resources in the amount of \$44,600. Seconded by Molly Wehrenberg. Motion passed.

- b. Bob stated we had a lot of complaints about mowing the sides of the road and was able to come to an agreement with Fremont to use there's at \$200 per day. However, he would like the Town to purchase their own.
- c. Bob stated it will be a few more weeks for the new truck and it will be sent to Kolida after that.
- d. Bob stated that he will be getting a new phone as his is not working correctly.
- e. Molly Wehrenberg asked if Roger Dammeier would be willing to take over Roads and Sewer. Roger Dammeier agreed.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Molly Wehrenberg- Wanted to talk about the no dumping signs residents put up at South Shore. She asked if Bob could get some of that cleaned up.

Bruce Spangler- Wanted to make a statement about leaving the Town Council at the end of the year.

Molly Wehrenberg- Attended Clear Lake Association and they want to do more branding. Wants to put labels on the Buoys.

Molly Wehrenberg- Home Land Security meeting. She will be attending but will not be attending all and needs people to step up to come to these meetings. In order to apply for grants someone from the Town needs to attend. Examples were the grants for the Tornado sirens.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Bridget Harrison made some announcements for the Conservancy. She hired a new employee. Steps at the Kasota Island have been scrubbed and are looking for anti-slip options to make sure they are safe. At the Clear Lake Nature Preserve they are trying to work on water issues there.

Residents addressed various

There being no further business or discussions President Thorp Adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.



Darin Thorp, Council President



Attest: Jessica Swander, Clerk/Treasurer