



TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 15, 2021

The Regular Council meeting of the Town Council of Clear Lake, Indiana was held at the Town Hall and by teleconference on Monday, February 15, 2020 at 7:00PM. Present were Town Council President Darin Thorp, Council Members Brent Schlosser, and via teleconference Bonnie Brown, and Dan Rippe. Absent was Council Member Tyson Johnston. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer - Jessica Swander, Marshal- Chris Emerick, and Street & Sewer Superintendent - Guy Rodgers. There was one resident who signed the guest register.

Council President Darin Thorp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. started with the sighting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

1. Approval of minutes from Special Session Town Council meeting held on Thursday December 31, 2020 at 7:00AM. Darin Thorp presented the minutes to the Council. Darin Thorp then asked for any additions or corrections. None were given.

Dan Rippe made a motion to accept the Special Session Town Council minutes as presented. Seconded by Bonnie Brown. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

2. Approval of minutes from the Regular Town Council meeting held Monday January 18, 2021 at 7:00PM. Darin Thorp presented the minutes to the Council. Darin Thorp then asked for any additions or corrections. None were given.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to accept the Regular Town Council minutes as presented. Seconded by Bonnie Brown. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to change the order of the Agenda to discuss new business item a. Pay App 2&3 Parish Excavating Lift Station. Seconded by Bonnie Brown. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

New Business:

1. Pay App 2&3 Parish Excavating Lift Station was discussed by Council and Guy Rodgers. All items were signed off on and delivered to the site.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to approve Pay App 2&2 Parish Excavating Lift Station. Seconded by Bonnie Brown. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

3. Approval of Voucher Register with Warrants – Jessica Swander presented the Voucher Register with Warrant details.

Disbursements on the Voucher Register are as follows:

Operating Funds:	\$47,687.82
Sewer Funds:	<u>\$121,459.92</u>
Total Disbursements	\$169,147.74

Bonnie Brown made a motion to accept the Voucher Register with Warrants. Seconded by Dan Rippe. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe made a motion to change the order of the Agenda and to add and discuss API Grinder installation to unfinished business. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. API Grinder Installation Contract was discussed by Dan Rippe.

Dan Rippe stated that on January 18th, 2021 the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the Notice to Proceed with API on grinder installations on 804, 1114, and 1121 SCLD. On January 29th, 2021, the Town proceeded with the survey for this process. On January 31st, 2021, several claims and notices were issued by Mr. Hoagland and his attorney to the Town, ERI, and API. API received a total of five claims and notices between January 31st and February 1st. The Town received a letter recently from API requesting the contract be terminated based on the threats of Civil Lawsuit. API has agreed to forfeit any compensation for work performed in anticipation of mobilizing the project. The Town's legal counsel finds API's request for termination valid.

Dan Rippe made a motion to terminate API's contract for the three grinders as requested by API. Seconded by Bonnie Brown. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe made a motion for the Town to continue its efforts in the search activity for a contractor to install the grinders beginning with the original submitters and then seeking others if needed.

2. Amended Resolution 01-2021 Covid Sick pay for employees was read out loud by Jessica Swander.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to approve Resolution 01-2021 Covid Sick Pay. Seconded by Bonnie Brown. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

New Business:

2. Plan Commission Appointments were discussed by Bonnie Brown. Bill Hanna and John Wilhelm are executive appointments and will finish terms that end in January 2022.
3. Employee Health Insurance was discussed by Jessica Swander. IPEP was quoted, but the rate is higher than currently in the budget. Jessica Swander will continue to work on getting quotes for affordable health insurance for Town Employees.

REPORTS:

1. Financial Report – Jessica Swander presented the financial report showing financials through January 31st, 2021. Report is on file.
2. Marshals Report- Chris Emerick discussed Marshal activity around the lake. Report is on file.

Chris Emerick discussed warranty on Radar signs and the cost of \$299 per year per sign. We have a set that are expiring now. We currently have one being repaired under warranty.

Bonnie Brown made a motion to purchase two-year warranties for the two radar signs that are currently expiring. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Chris Emerick discussed price and turn around time for ammunition.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to purchase up to \$1,048.00 plus shipping. Seconded by Bonnie Brown. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

3. Fire Department Report- Brent Schlosser read the Fire Department Report. Report is on file.
4. Zoning Administrator- Bonnie Brown discussed activity around the lake. Report is on file.
5. Superintendent- Guy Rodgers discussed activity around the lake. Report is on file.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Brent Schlosser stated that he relayed to Fremont that the Town Council had declined participation in the Fremont Fire Territory at this time. He also stated he and Darin had attended the Territory meeting on February 11th, 2021 and is still trying to gather more information that can be discussed with the residents here at Clear Lake. Two more meetings are scheduled for February 25th in Orland and March 18th in Fremont.

Dan Rippe stated that he provided Jessica Swander with the appropriate paperwork for Darin Thorp to sign in order to cancel the API contract.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

There being no further business or discussions Council President Darin Thorp Adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.



Darin Thorp, Council President



Attest: Jessica Swander, Clerk/Treasurer