



TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2022

The Regular Council meeting of the Town Council of Clear Lake, Indiana was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday April 19, 2022, at 7:00PM. Present were Town Council President Darin Thorp, Council Members Brent Schlosser, Dan Rippe, Molly Weber, and George Schenkel. Clerk/Treasurer - Jessica Swander, Marshal – Chris Emerick, Street & Sewer Superintendent- Guy Rodgers, and Zoning Administrator - Larry Lillmars were also in attendance. There were four residents who signed the guest register and two via teleconference.

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

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular Town Council meeting held March 15, 2022, at 7:00PM. Darin Thorp presented the minutes to the Council. Darin then asked for any additions or corrections. No corrections were given.

Molly Weber made a motion to pass the Regular Town Council minutes as presented. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

2. 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:	\$68,384.23
Sewer Funds:	<u>\$25,452.90</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$93,837.13

Dan Rippe made a motion to accept the Voucher Register with Warrants. Seconded by Molly Weber. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Plan Commission Action Items update was discussed by Dan Rippe with status updates on upgrades to the Town Hall and recognizing those who helped with getting painting and other items done. Also discussed were UDO and Plan Commission monthly meetings for UDO changes that would lead to community feedback on new feedback forms. Discussion of designing the back wall with significant timelines from over the years.

Council members discussed liking the ideas and the progress.

Council discussed the budget if extra meetings are held by the Plan Commission. Larry Lillmars stated that with the two extra summer meetings they would still be within the budget.

New Business:

1. Street and Utility worker applicant Denver Simpson was discussed by Council.

Dan Rippe made a motion to hire Denver Simpson at \$17.00 per hour with a review in 90 days. Start date would be based on notice to current employer. Seconded by Molly Weber. Motion passed.

2. Ordinance Amending Designating Purchasing Agency and Purchasing Agents was introduced and discussed by Dan Rippe.

Dan Rippe made a motion to read Ordinance 2022-03 Amending Designating Purchasing Agency and Purchasing Agents out loud. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe read Ordinance 2022-03 Amending Designating Purchasing Agency and Purchasing Agents in its entirety.

Council discussed increased limits and the addition of the Zoning Administrator to the Ordinance.

Dan Rippe made a motion to open to the public for comment.

Resident Kathy stated spelling errors.

No other comments were given.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to close to the public. Seconded by Molly Weber. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe made a motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2022-03 Amending Designating Purchasing Agency and Purchasing Agents by title only for its second and final reading. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe read out loud Ordinance 2022-03 Amending Designating Purchasing Agency and Purchasing Agents by title only.

Dan Rippe made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-03 Amending Designating Purchasing Agency and Purchasing Agents with correction of spelling errors. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

3. Training for Plan Commission was provided by George Schenkel. George gave the training schedule. George discussed the need for updates to the Rules of Procedure.

REPORTS:

1. Financial Report – Jessica Swander presented the financial report showing financials through March 31, 2022. Report is on file.
2. Marshal's Report- Chris Emerick discussed Marshal activity around the lake. Report is on file.

Brent Schlosser discussed the Metric for the Police Department information reporting.

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

COUNCIL REPORT:

Dan Rippe gave an update on the upcoming Saturday in the know on Sanitation for April 30th at 9am.

Molly Weber gave an update on the region 3A meeting and discussed the grant money that is out there for water related projects.

Molly Weber discussed attending the AIM meeting and budget workshops that are coming up. There were discussions on training and AIM is willing to help put information together if we need anything. Also, in the AIM meeting, ARP funds and reporting were discussed.

Molly Weber discussed the Clear Lake Association and their newsletter and recommended that they use pieces of our current newsletter.

Darin Thorp discussed meeting with two GIS companies Silver Smith and Landmark GIS about locating grinders, ditches, and roads. He is waiting on estimates from them.

Brent Schlosser said that he would like the parking agenda to be put back on the future Agenda so that it can move forward. He will send it to Dave Hawk he so can look at it.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Resident Brandi Brown recommended that the trash service use trucks specifically for electronic recycling since it is not picked up on large trash pick up days.

Resident Brandi Brown also asked for the Town to look into an easement on Lake View Drive near Spangler Grove and Round Lake to do some mulch sidewalk because it is terrifying walking on that section in the summer.

Resident Brandi Brown discussed the new light bulb in the streetlight, it shines completely on her property and not the road.

Council discussed the new LED lights that Nipsco is putting in.

Resident John Wilhelm discussed the Hewes property and wanted to know what the Town and attorney is going to do about it.

Resident John Wilhelm asked about tree trimming.

Guy Rodgers stated that tree trimming will begin with the worst trees and work their way around the lake.

Resident John Wilhelm gave kudos to the Fremont Fire Department about a recent fire near the Town.

Bridget Harrison with the Clear Lake Land Conservancy stated that she would be interested in learning more about the funding available that Molly Weber had spoken about. Molly stated that she would follow up with her.

There being no further business or discussions, Council President Darin Thorp adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.



Darin Thorp, Council President



Attest: Jessica Swander, Clerk/Treasurer