

October 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Jon Lykins, Council Vice President, declared a quorum and called the council meeting to order. An attendance sheet was made available for non-officers and citizens present. Present besides Jon were Dennis Richardson, Council Vice President; Jo Temple, Council Member, and Mary Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer. Others present were Marvin Hedrick, Marshal, Paul Sembach, Utility Supervisor and Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney.

Jon led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made by Dennis Richardson and seconded by Jon Lykins to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 13, 2021 meeting. Approval was unanimous. There were no amendments.

A motion was made by Dennis Richardson and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the claims as. Approval was unanimous.

General Fund	\$35,640.87	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$4,821.04
Motor Vehicle Highway	\$350.46	Payroll Fund	\$6,736.60
Park Fund	\$225.82	Total	\$53,245.32
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$5,470.53		

#### Unfinished Business

In his written report Paul Sembach provided an update on the status of the water project equipment purchase that will primarily be paid from State Revolving Loan Funds. It was noted that OCRA has closed out the water project grant.

Paul provided an update for the wastewater project. The Engineer will need to modify the NPDES permit. Paul will monitor the situation.

Mary Richardson passed along a sidewalk project update from Marc Rape, Strand Engineering. To allow for 30 days for the INDOT review, the Stage 3 Design date will be changed from 6/24/2022 to 3/1/2022. This should satisfy INDOT's concern to allow sufficient time for the ADA approval.

The revised environmental document (switching the sidewalks in the project from west side to east side) was submitted to INDOT for review on 9/20/2021. Strand is complete with the R/W Engineering for the parcels that we were previously authorized to complete. That means that the legal descriptions and parcel plats are complete. Strand's appraising subconsultant will be starting on the parcels by mid-October.

Marc is hesitant to commit to adding more parcels until he sees how our budget came out from the current parcels. Our agreement (and our agreements with our subs) was based upon the revised number of parcels. Marc thinks that we will have enough to add back those 4 or 5 parcels that we eliminated, but he wants to wait until he gets more information, especially since INDOT will not carry funding from one phase to the next.

Marvin said the blighted property is pending legal proceedings.

The Council discussed the alley that is obstructed with items including a gas tank. Marvin reported that posts have been placed reflecting the alley based on an adjacent property survey. Marvin also stated that there were complaints concerned about the mulch in the alley having ants and termites. A motion was made by Dennis Richardson and seconded by Jon Lykins to clear the mulch to the dumpster available on October 16. Approval was unanimous.

The railroad crossing claim was filed with INDOT. However, they want a picture of the completed project. Mary requested the street be painted with the railroad template as soon as possible with a picture provided electronically to Mary. Paul is concerned about the weather getting colder but will try to paint the railroad sign on the street and provide pictures.

Mary said she talked with the person from Davey at the AIM conference. If Jo sends her the tree inventory list noting the trees in the sidewalk project, she will provide the cost options.

Mary stated she attended an ARP workshop at the AIM conference. Mary feels Glenwood is on the right tract. It was mentioned that new street lights might be acceptable under the public safety section. However, Mary received more information in a workshop provided by state agencies that report to Suzanne Crouch, Lt. Governor. Mary explained Glenwood's broadband situation to Scott Rudd, Director of Broadband Opportunities and Eric who said he has talked to Denny. They both said they would help Glenwood in an effort to get better broadband. I explained the concern of getting a broadband study grant but not having a provider that will commit to submitting a grant to service our area. Mary also talked to the Lt. Governor and thanked her for the help Scott and Eric have committed to Glenwood.

Mary will post a special meeting notice for Monday, October 18 at 4:30 p.m. for the Council to consult with the Greg Beumer from Kleinpeter Consulting Group regarding options for the ARP funds.

Denny provided an update regarding maintenance for the cemetery culvert. Denny contacted a vendor to look at the culvert and present a proposal for cleaning it.

Paul said Brycen Watson is waiting on approval of his plan for painting the fire hydrants for his Boy Scout Eagle project.

A motion was made by Dennis Richardson and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the 2022 budget as presented. Approval was unanimous.

Denny said that he ordered the dumpsters for the October 16 clean-up day. They will arrive Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

The Council discussed the Halloween celebration on October 31 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

### New Business

Paul explained the need for a chainsaw. A motion was made by Dennis Richardson and seconded by Jon Lykins to authorize Paul to purchase a chainsaw with a cost up to \$600. Approval was unanimous.

The Council received a request from G. Jackson for permission to hunt geese on the lagoon. They have the liability forms to sign and drop in the town's utility box. Paul Sembach expressed concern with the current construction project. The Council agreed it would not be a good time to hunt but they can check back with the Council after the first of the year. Mary will email Mr. Jackson.

### Reports

Mary stated the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission is meeting on Oct 28. She will have company that week but will try to attend.

Geoff and Mary noted that the Rush County Planning Commission is still working on revising the planning ordinance. Geoff discussed the Solar project approved by the Rush County BZA. One-third is in Rush County and two-thirds is in Henry County. Geoff also talked about the Fayette County CAFO ordinance modification. There will be a buffer around Connersville and Glenwood.

Mary provided some additional information from the AIM Conference. There was a good session on Placemaking which is creating areas for people to gather. There are grants available at a 50% match. Towns have done projects like outdoor restrooms, gathering areas, farmers markets, etc. Mary liked one area where outdoor exercise equipment was provided.

Mary provided recent census information reflecting the town's population may have decreased from 250 to 245.

One workshop at the conference covered public records. The workshop was held in the Nixon room which tied to laws that happened after Watergate. The presenter was Mark Crandley, Partner Barnes & Thornburg LLP. Since town business is conducted via private emails because we do not have government emails, he suggested business-related emails should not be deleted and be provided if requested. Violations can cause criminal penalties. Mary said she would send the Council and Attorney the handout for review to consider this situation since we cannot have a policy to not discuss town

business via personal emails. Geoff said the officers and employees need town emails. Mary will work on obtaining designated emails.

Marvin Hedrick stated that there are two properties that require mowing.

Marvin and Jeff Sherwood, Deputy Marshal, discussed the situation with the north/south alley. There was a complaint about the alley being blocked that was addressed. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Dennis Richardson for the town to trim the trees adjacent to the alley to make the stop sign more visible. Approval was unanimous.

Paul Sembach commented on the written report provided to the Council.

#### Other Business

A motion was made by Dennis Richardson and seconded by Jo Temple to adjourn the meeting. Approval was unanimous.

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer