

Minutes of the Worthington Town Council Meeting  
August 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the president, Gerren Cullison. Present were Gerren Cullison, Tom Franklin, Kim Archer, Barry Hoover, and Brian Stoner. After the pledge of allegiance and an invocation. At the request of the Town President, and due to the absence of the Clerk Treasurer and Deputy, Marilyn Hartman agreed to serve as secretary for the meeting.

The first order of business was approval of minutes. A motion was made by Barry Hoover and seconded by Kim Archer . and seconded by to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. The Council then reviewed the claims presented for payment. A motion was made by Tom Franklin and seconded by Kim Archer that the claims be approved as submitted.

There were no reports submitted by the Street Department or the Police Department.

The next item of business was consideration of the hiring of a new town marshal. The president noted that the Board had interviewed candidates in executive session prior to the regular meeting. After discussion a motion was made by Barry Hoover and seconded by Kim Archer to hire Jacob Gambill as the town Marshall. The motion was approved unanimously. Marshal Gambill then was sworn into office by the Deputy Clerk of Greene County.

The president discussed obtaining wex cards to allow mileage to be kept. Wex cards are available through the State of Indiana. The wex cards are free to the Town as a governmental entity. The card will cover gas, some mechanical repairs and incidentals. After discussion the Motion by Brian Stone and seconded by Tom Franklin to authorize the acquisition of wex cards. The motion was approved unanimously.

Marshal Gambill discussed with the Council the general condition of the uniforms. Many of them have holes. There is already \$500.00 appropriated in the budget for the purchase of new uniforms. The total cost would be \$625.00. Gambill suggested that the Town purchase a dark navy color that isn't currently being used by other law enforcement agencies in the area. After discussion, a motion was made by Brian Stoner and seconded by Tom Franklin to approve the additional appropriation and authorize the Town Marshal to proceed with the purchase of the uniforms. The motion was approved unanimously.

Marshal Gambill advised the Council that there's a center gap in the Explorer that is wide open and potentially dangerous. Gambill suggested that the Council authorize the purchase of a partition similar to that used by the county ambulance service to correct the problem. The cost is approximately \$540 to \$600. After discussion a motion was made by Tom Franklin and seconded by Kim Archer to approve the purchase. The motion was approved unanimously.

Marshal Gambill advised that there are three police cars, two Dodge Chargers and one Explorer that have exhausted their useful life. Advertising for sealed bids is one option, but Johnny Swalls indicated he would sell all three for \$300 Options to do closed bids. Swalls will sell all 3 for \$300 through a live auction. Swalls said the September 6 date available. After discussion, a motion was made by Barry Hoover and seconded by Kim Archer to authorize Swalls to sell the vehicles at auction. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next item of business was the establishment of a date to accept applications for the deputy marshal position. After discussion a motion was made by Tom Franklin and seconded by Kim Archer to accept applications by August 19, 2022. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next item of business was consideration of a contract with Local Government Services to provide professional services to assist the Clerk Treasurer. Under the contract, the Town will be billed at the hourly rate of \$150 for services provided. After review of the contract, a motion was made by Tom Franklin and seconded Kim Archer by to approve the contract with Local Government Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

Michelle Carrico from SIDC reported that she has worked with the State to get approval for an income survey. She provided the Town with a copy of the income survey forms and confidential sheet. The number that has to be surveyed is 34 households or 93 people. Michelle completed the random samples. The time frame for the survey is from September 1 to October 1. Michelle will send a notice in the paper. She has prepared two lists for random survey for the OCRA grant which the Town Council members will use to conduct the survey.

Jeff Farmer presented an operations contract for the Council to consider at its next meeting. Wessler provided a time line for the PER. Farmer advised the Council that Jeff Fanyo is retiring from Bynum Fanyo Utilities, but he will still be involved in the engineering. Farmer now owns the company which has a new name of BFU. Rick Coppock has retired but he will still be available for consulting as needed.

The Town Council next discussed the Royer Veterinary Drainage issue. Water is pooling along side the building following rain events. After discussion, a motion was made by Tom Franklin and seconded by Kim Archer to authorize Brian Stoner to look into the possibility of installing a dry well to alleviate the problem. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was a discussion of a Light shield which is, however, a Duke Energy. Also, complaints were heard about a speeding problem on Third Street that has two school bus stops. Marshal Gambill said he would check into enforcement, and will follow up regarding the placement of stop signs at Myra and Terre Haute Road when they become available.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Barry Hoover and seconded by Kim Archer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2022.

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Marilyn A. Hartman, Acting Secretary