

TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

MEETING MINUTES JUNE 13, 2023

Presented for approval Jul 11, 2023

Michelle Carrico from SIDC called the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Improvement Project at 6:02 PM on June 13, 2023. The purpose of the hearing was to hear about the project. The project consists of replacing old equipment, adding new equipment, and building a new lab building to meet long term compliance with IDEM. Total project cost will be \$2,000,010. Grant will cover \$700,000 and the rest will come from the State Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$1,310,000. The Grant application will be submitted on June 30, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

The Worthington Town Council met for the monthly meeting on 6/13/2023 at Town Hall at 6:00 PM. Members in attendance were Gerren Cullison, Brian Stoner, Tom Franklin, Kim Archer, and Barry Hoover.

Meeting was called to order by Gerren Cullison. Kim Archer offered a prayer.

Motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting was made by Tom Franklin. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Motion to approve and pay claims was made by Kim Archer. Brian Stoner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

- Clerk Treasurer Mindy Hoover presented the Monthly Fund Report. The General Fund showed a negative cash balance until the first installment of property tax is received later in the month.
- A Trust Indiana statement for May showed interest earnings of \$3,718.

Street Department Report

- Tim Edelman reported that they have been cleaning out lines that have been neglected.
- Alleys continue to be cleaned and graded. Tom Franklin commended the guys for their hard work.

Police Report

- Chief Gambell reported 106 calls. 53 were traffic stops, 13 warrants
- Body camera usage policy was approved.
- Less legal impact policy for bean bags in shotguns was approved.
- Tom Franklin made a motion to approve both policies. Kim Archer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Chief Gambell outlined the Community Clean up Days to be held July 13-15.
- Resource Officer Jim O'Malley will be working as a part time officer for the town.
- 3 other part time officers will be hired at the July 11, 2023, meeting. The Board agreed that as long as candidates are academy trained, they will not require interviews and hiring will be at the discretion of the Chief.
- Funding ideas for lobby construction and breathalyzers was discussed.

Utility Clerk Report

- Last year wastewater brought in \$390,275 in collections. So far this, we have collected \$193,555.
- Clerk Renie Powell made a presentation about the benefits for using the WTH GIS system. We would be able to add layers to add our sewer lines, etc. on the map. She got a quote for the software at \$3625.00. \$580 per year maintenance fee.
- Barry Hoover made a motion to proceed with getting the software. Kim Archer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

- Clerk put out a survey for elderly and disabled people to be put on a list with information needed to contact them after an emergency or natural disaster.
- Clerk presented several Ordinances and Resolution that need to be approved for general accounting and internal controls,
 - **Resolution 2023-03** regarding credit card usage policy. Tom Franklin made a motion to approve. Kim Archer seconded. Motion carried 5-0
 - **Resolution 2023-04** regarding EFT/ACH policy to pay bills. Brian Stoner made a motion to approve. Kim Archer seconded. Motion carried 5-0
 - **Resolution 2023-05** setting a mileage rate of .65.5 cents per mile and a per diem of \$50 a day was set for business related travel and expenses. Tom Franklin made a motion to approve. Kim Archer seconded. Motion carried 5-0
 - **Resolution 2023-06** regarding the authorization of SIDC to submit the grant proposal for the sewer project was approved. Barry Hoover made a motion to approve. Kim Archer seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Michelle asked the board president to sign a letter authorizing permits.
 - **Resolution 2023-7** regarding changes to the Employee Handbook. Kim made a motion to approve. Brian Stoner seconded. Motion carried 5-0
 - Ordinance 2023-01 regarding salary changes for part time Police Officers, changing the distribution of Officer pay, changing the distribution of Street and Sewer employee pay was amended with **Ordinance 2023-06**. Barry Hoover made a motion to approve the amended salary ordinance. Kim Archer seconded. Motion approved 5-0
 - Code 91.02 Title III, Article 2.1 regarding the ban on all fireworks was repealed and replaced with **Ordinance 2023-07** allowing fireworks that meet IC 22-11-14-1 to be legal between the hours of 5:00 PM and 2 hours after sunset on July 3-4, and between the hours of 10:00 AM on December 31. Tom Franklin made a motion to approve. Kim Archer seconded. Motion carried 5-0
 - Code 90.10, Title iii, Article 1.10 regarding owning Pitbull dogs was repealed by **Ordinance 2023-08**. Barry Hoover made a motion. Tom Franklin seconded. Motion carried 5-0
- Fire Territory President Chuck Stricker suggested at the last meeting that he would be willing to make additional payments on the principal of the fire truck lease. Since that meeting he said he discovered Wells Fargo would not allow additional payments. He has no other solution. He is seeking legal counsel. Gerren asked if we were tabling it for another month. Clerk Treasurer Mindy Hoover said she needed an action at this meeting regarding the sharing of PS LIT money. She refuses to pay anymore fire territory claims until a decision is made by the Town Board. Discussion about changing the provider unit was entertained. Gerren suggested we come back to the July meeting with a resolution to give them PS LIT money until the end of the year with no additional money allocated in the 2024 budget. Brian Stoner made a motion to bring a resolution to the July Meeting. Kim Archer seconded. Motion carried. 5-0

New Business

- Duke Energy made a proposal to change all the street lights to LED at no charge to the town as well as giving us a rebate from the manufacturer. Town will save over \$400 a month. Clerk Treasurer has already added us to the list.
- A job description for Part-Time police officer was approved. Motion was made by Tom Franklin to approve. Barry Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Franklin and seconded by Brian Stoner. Motion carried 5-0

Gerren Cullison, President

Melinda L. Hoover, Clerk-Treasurer