

TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

MEETING MINUTES July 11, 2023

Presented for approval Aug 8, 2023

Clerk Treasurer, Mindy Hoover, called the Additional Appropriation Hearing to order at 6:02 PM. She requested an additional appropriation to the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$25,000 to make improvements to Town Hall. The improvements include dividing the main town hall office into a lobby/utility office, a storage room and an office for the clerk treasurer. This will also cover the cost of replacing 4 of the rusting metal exterior doors and upgrading the technology infrastructure. The public hearing was closed at 6:12 PM.

The Worthington Town Council met for the monthly meeting on 7/11/2023 at Town Hall at 6:13 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

- Tom Franklin made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09 regarding the additional appropriation. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Clerk Treasurer Mindy Hoover presented the Monthly Fund Report.
- A Trust Indiana statement for May showed interest earnings of \$2776.66.

Street Department Report

- Tim Edelman reported on the cleanup of storm damage.
- A proposal to fix broken parts of the aeration system was presented. Madison Truemer explained that this work is not included in the scope of work for the upcoming project. Gerren explained the need to take care of this and wants to see other bids.

Police Report

Chief Gamibill was called away on an emergency call and was unavailable to provide a monthly report.

Utility Clerk Report

- WTH GIS was able to start the set up of our new software. Renie will start adding the sewer blueprints.
- The county sent a check for the liens that were filed earlier in the year for \$7,108.65.

Old Business

- Madison Truemer from Wessler Engineering was in attendance to explain the funding process. Worthington did not make the original list of funded projects, but we can be added to a pooled fund from the SRF to move forward with the sewer project. The interest rate may be slightly higher. She asked the board if we would like to be put on the list for pooled funding. We need to start now in order to be included in the pooled funding plan for next spring.
- Marilyn Hartman and Jim Higgins advised to start the process of a rate study to increase user rates.

- Michelle Carrico explained that the grant application has been submitted and we should know in late August if we are awarded the grant. The grant administration award was given to SIDC as they were the only proposal we received.
- Resolution 2023-08 stating that PS LIT money for 2023 would be split equally between the Fire Territory until December 31, 2023. After 2023, no additional revenue will be shared with the Fire Territory. A motion to accept was made by Tom Franklin and seconded by Brian Stoner. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

- Mindy Hoover and Renie Powell thanked the board for allowing them to attend the ILMCT conference in June.
- At the conference, they learned of a program called TRECS which is a program through the Association of Indiana Counties. It allows municipalities to capture past due utility bill payments by garnishing the state tax return of those owing the town money. There is no fee to participate. They are funded by fees deducted from the tax return. A motion was made to participate in the TRECs Program by Kim Archer and seconded by Barry Hoover. Motion passed 5-0.
- Mindy Hoover presented the new town website at www.townofworthington.com.
- Since Chief Gambill was unavailable to introduce the new part time police officers. Clerk Mindy Hoover, asked each to introduce themselves to the board. Orry Phipps, Dustin Martin, and Mike Coy were in attendance. Jim O'Malley will also serve as a part time officer.
- The Community Clean up days will be held July 13-15. Dumpsters will be available behind the Street Department Building.
- Tom Franklin brought up allowing TIm Edelman to take the town truck home since he is on call at all times.
- Jacob Gambill would like to make Washington Street a two way street instead of one way. The board agreed to make the change.
- Barry Hoover stated that Clerk Treasurer opened the Town Hall after the storms to allow people to cool off and charge devices.
- A citizen asked about speed bumps on Terre Haute Road but was informed that the Board decided against it because of the trucks that use that road regularly.
- The application for the Community Crossings Grant has been started.

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

Gerren Cullison, President

Melinda L. Hoover, Clerk-Treasurer