

# TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

## MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2023

APPROVED NOVEMBER 14, 2023

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Michelle Carrico called the public hearing regarding the Town securing funding for the sewer project together at 6:02 PM. The project will include clarifiers, new uv disinfection system, new laboratory building, a new uv storage building, a new sludge pipe, and other piping. The cost is \$2,010,000.00. We are seeking a grant in the amount of \$700,000. The town is seeking the remainder of the matching funds from the State Revolving Loan Fund. The floor was opened for comments. Gerren Cullison explained the need for the grant funding to help keep the rate increases as low as possible for the citizens. Michelle asked for letters of support from residents. Clerk Mindy Hoover said she would request letters from residents via social media. The hearing was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

**FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:** The final 2024 Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:10 PM. Corrections were made to the fire territory budget in order to keep their budget the same as 2023. The CAV for the fire territory was corrected and approved by Chuck Strickler. Resolution 2023-11 regarding the final budget was presented. The hearing adjourned at 6:12 PM

**BOARD MEETING:** The Worthington Town Council met for the monthly meeting on 10/10/2023 at Town Hall at 6:13 PM. Members in attendance were Gerren Cullison, Brian Stoner, Tom Franklin, and Barry Hoover and Kim Archer.

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 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 and seconded by Barry Hoover. Motion carried 5-0.

### Treasurer's Report

- September fund report and Trust Indiana statement were presented.
- Resolution 2023-11 regarding the 2024 Budget was presented. Barry Hoover made a motion to approve. Tom Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0
- SBOA contacted the clerk about Internal Controls training that was never completed after the last audit. Mindy, Renie, and Gerren completed the training and signed the certification document to bring us into compliance. They also requested missing documents and bank statements dating back to 2020 that had never been uploaded to the DLGF. Mindy has since found and uploaded the missing documents.

### Sewer Utility Report:

- Clerk Renie Powell reported that she sent out delinquent letters that totaled \$16,961.00 in past due payments. So far this month she has been able to collect \$6,000 of that amount.
- Mindy and Renie reported on the Boyce training that revealed some things have not been done correctly in the accounting software. Both are working to make some corrections. Both received training on how to report delinquent accounts to TRECS.
- Vern Spoor asked if the due date is adjusted based on the mailing date or the date of receipt. Renie explained that all bills are due on the 15th regardless of when the bill is delivered in the mail. She does at times postpone adding penalties by a few days.

**Street Department:**

- Superintendent Tim Edelman reported that the barn roof was repaired for \$1800 which was \$3000 less than the highest estimate.
- He requested new back tires for the backhoe at a cost of \$1370. Mindy said now that MVH is in the black, we have money for tires. Brian Stoner wanted to know about buying a new backhoe instead of replacing the tires.
- Brian asked if we still have MVH money for paving next year. Mindy appropriated enough from LRS and MVH Restricted in the 2024 budget to cover the town's portion in case we receive the Community Crossings Grant.
- The new pump at Terre Haute Road has been installed and we are still waiting on the pump for the main lift to be delivered.
- Tim reported that when the inmates were in town, he had them clean up an abandoned property and alley on 2nd Street. A lien will be placed on the property to recover the cost of clean up.

**Police Department:**

- The police department had 215 incidents. 144 of those were traffic stops, issued 26 tickets, 124 warnings. 24/26 tickets were for speeding. The average was 22 mph over the speed limit

**Old Business:**

- FEMA Floodplain Ordinance 2023-12 was finalized by Marilyn Hartman. Tom Franklin made a motion to approve. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Trick or treat times were set for October 31 from 6-8 PM.

**New Business:**

- Michelle Carrico asked for signatures on documents related to the grant application. The 4 factor analysis Foreign Language Access Plan is not needed as the non-English speaking population is below 5%. Town will make every effort to provide support to non-English speakers if needed. The FFATA was also signed to confirm that we do not receive more than 80% of our gross revenue from federal funding. Mindy will provide W-9 and ACH information.
- Dennis Cullison has researched the cost of a hydraulic broom attachment to sweep streets. He requested that it be considered if we are looking at new equipment. He has also talked to Rick Graves to see if the former Barb and Andy's site could qualify for help to clean it up and make it usable.

Kim Archer made a motion to adjourn. Barry Hoover seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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Gerren Cullison, President

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Melinda L. Hoover, Clerk-Treasurer