

TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2023

Presented for approval April 11, 2023

The Worthington Town Council met for the monthly meeting on 03/14//2023 at Town Hall at 6:00 PM. Members in attendance were Gerren Cullison, Brian Stoner, Tom Franklin, and Barry Hoover.

Meeting was called to order by Gerren Cullison. Tom Franklin offered a prayer.

Motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting was made by Tom Franklin. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to approve and pay claims was made by Brian Stoner. Barry Hoover seconded. Motion carried.

SIDC:

- Michele Carrico was in attendance and reminded the board that the income survey needs to be completed ASAP.
- There will also be a public hearing at our next meeting (6:00 PM) in regard to the sewer project. The proposal will have the grant amount, total project cost, and where the difference will be coming from. The proposal is due on April 28th.
- The full application is due 30th, so we will hold another hearing at the June meeting. They would like to have input from citizens about problems and issues with the system, and 7 pages of support letters for the project. Michelle will help with getting that info together.

Treasurer's Report

- Mindy Hoover presented the Board with a current fund report.
- Mindy will be going to the bank to consolidate the accounts down to 2 accounts.
- A proposal was made to move our CD's to TrustIndiana. Tom Franklin made a motion to sign the documents to enroll the town in the trust. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Mindy made a presentation about getting a new printer copy. She got bids from Office 360 and Bedford Office Supply. Office 360 wanted to take our old printers in trade. BOS had a cheaper bid even without trade. Tom Franklin made a motion to approve the purchase of a new copier from Bedford Office Supply. Barry Hoover seconded. Motion carried.

Street Department:

- Tim Edelman reported on the pump at the plant. He has been working on it, but it is on its last leg. Gerren asked about buying a new pump and if Tim could install it.
- Doors for the generator plant need to be replaced. He contacted a person in Bloomfield who could sell him used fiberglass doors for \$20 each.
- He reported that he needs rock for alleys and holes.
- The security light across from Haton's house. Duke wants to put in a whole new light pole and light for over \$1500. Board decided to let Tim adjust the limit the light shining towards the house.

Police Department:

- Officer Gambill attended the meeting through Zoom from the Academy. He expressed concern about the amount of ammo he will have available after returning. \$3000 from Top Gun will give them enough to get us through the next two year. Permission to purchase was given.
- He addressed the applications that have been submitted. He wants someone hired in time to get physicals for PERF along with the other officers. Board will try to arrange a time for interviews.

Utilities Report

- Renie Powell reported that after sending our late letters she was able to collect over \$7000 in delinquent sewer fees.
- A request was made by Tammy Marsh to move a camper to the site of her burned home for 6 months in order to make repairs. They will connect to sewer line or have waste hauled off. Board allowed her a year to use a camper with agreement that it will be reevaluated at the end of that time.
- Renie contacted the assessor's office regarding the number of mobile homes in town. This report can assist with creating better mobile home ordinances.
- We addressed the \$500 tap in fee for new homes and trailers. This will be enforced from here forward.
- Permit fees were discussed. We need clarification on how much and who will follow up with permit applications.
- Barry asked about blighted property. Renie asked about filing weed liens. Marilyn will look at our blighted property ordinances and will advise.

Marilyn Hartman:

- Marilyn discussed ordinances regarding commercial sewer rates. We must negotiate with the business with a uniform set of conditions to agree to a rate. These agreements must be reviewed yearly and renegotiated. Renie should move forward with contacting businesses.

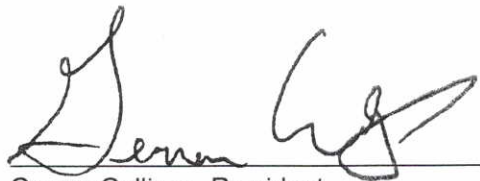
New Business

Dennis Cullison came to the board with a proposal to pursue building a new Community Center. He contacted surrounding towns about what they have. He would like to see a building that has an indoor walking track. He and Jake Thacker have approached the Greene County Foundation. The town agreed to let him move forward with discovery.

Residents Autumn Fuller and Sam Smith spoke to the board about regulations for putting up a fence at both of their properties. They are concerned about the condition of neighboring properties at Myra and Edwards Streets and the second property at 230 South Edwards Street.

The applicants for Assistant Sewer Superintendent were discussed. It was decided that the interviews will be held after Tim narrows it down to 3 applicants and interviews will be held March 22 at 6:15 PM.

Barry Hoover made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.



Gerren Cullison, President



Melinda L. Hoover, Clerk-Treasurer