

**PITTSBORO TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019 @ 7:00 PM**

QUORUM:

Shelby Smith
Jim Hill
Doug Joiner
Kimberly Carmean

Jim Buddenbaum, Attorney
Shari L. Ping, Clerk Treasurer
Major Scott King

OTHERS: Jason Love, Town Manager; Steve Maple, Building Comm; Bill Zeunik, Pittsboro Fire Chief; Steve Carter, Rep. US Senator Mike Braun; Jeff & Stacey Lewis, 394 Karen Dr.; Adam Cloyd, 6876 Fennel Ct.; Alan Stolz, 382 Karen Dr.; Thomas Stinson, 388 Karen Dr.; Christy Yoder, 4 Lakeview Ct.; Victoria Yoder, 4 Lakeview Ct.; Roger Estes, 279 Lockerbie Ln.; James Gregory, 290 Lockerbie Ln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:

President Shelby Smith brought the Council Meeting to order by establishing a quorum. There were four (4) members present. Bill Majeske is absent. Shelby asked the Council, staff and audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, Victoria Yoder led the pledge-she is earning her communication badge for Scouts, and to follow with a Moment of Silence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Shelby Smith asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the June 4th meeting. Kimberly Carmean made a motion to approve the minutes, Jim Hill seconded. Three (3) ayes, one (1) abstained. Motion carries.

TOWN STAFF REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER:

Jason Love reported on an email he received from someone wanting to ride a 4-wheeler on our Water Plant property. After much discussion, the Council agreed this was not a good idea so the vote is no.

Jason Love reported that Larry Shaw, 116 E Main St., approached him to see if the Town was interested in selling any of the Park property located behind his house. He's been mowing it for years and would like to square up his property. He has discussed it with the Park Board as well. Jim Buddenbaum informed everyone that you can't sell Town property. There will be a buffer between Larry's property and the Park property. Shelby mentioned his concern on this tongue and cheek, keep control of as much green space as possible. It's not right to sell 1.4 acres - Jim Hill agrees that it is a lot of property and we need to set a precedent. Doug Joiner and Kimberly Carmean agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shelby Smith introduced Steve Carter, Representative to US Senator Mike Braun. Steve explained he is Senator Braun's Director and Senior Advisor. 1) Senator Braun comes home every weekend from DC. He thanked the Council for their service to the community. 2) Senator Braun's office is available for concerns. 3) Steve applauded Victoria Yoder for opening the meeting with the pledge. Jim Hill asked Steve if Senator Braun came to other Town Hall meetings? Steve said he is committed to visit all 92 counties. Shelby asked if he had been to Hendricks County yet? Steve said no, he still needs to visit the surrounding counties. Jim Hill told Steve that there is a breakfast every month in Avon that he would be welcome to attend.

POLICE CHIEF:

Major Scott King reported for Chief Christi Patterson. Scott reported that they have applied for several grants. The COPS grant is to cover the replacement of radios. The two (2) new officers are working on late shift.

CLERK TREASURER:

Shari Ping gave an update on the 90 day balance – there is a difference of \$213 from last report.

Shari also informed the Council and audience that the Town Hall has new office hours. Monday – Thursday, 7 am – 4 pm; Friday – 7 am – 12 noon.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

Shelby Smith asked if the BZA could start reporting at the Council meeting if they met the month prior. It seems they are meeting more frequently as in previous years. Need to reach out to Larry Herring to see if he can report at the July 16th meeting.

FIRE BOARD:

Bill Zeunik reported on the attached May Operations Report.

PARK AND RECREATION:

No report

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Steve Maple reported that they had a very productive meeting. He is going to check with Adam Reaper, Rundell Ernstberger Assoc. to see if he will be responsible for all mailings and advertising for all projects.

REDEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC:

No report

CONTRACTED BUSINESSES:

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Next Level DNR Trail Grant Denial Summary – (see attached report) Shelby went over the Conference call with DNR on June 6th. He explained how the first round had an overwhelming response with 82 applications and over \$140 million in grant dollar requests. There was only \$25 million available making the grant process very competitive. Only 17 applicants were able to be awarded out of the 82. DNR staff noted that the Town's application was one of the best that they reviewed, both in presentation and quality. Weaknesses – project timeline, matching 20% and eminent domain as last resort. Hendricks County has more trail coverage than other counties. Doug Joiner said he does not want to take someone's property in order to put in a trail. Jason Love said they made us put eminent domain in the application, then they ding us for it. It was suggested to use sidewalks as part of the plan and not associate them with the dollars spent with the grant.

Comprehensive Plan Review/Maps – Steve Maple reported that the plan needs to look nice for the next submission of the grant. Adam Peaper gave us several options – 1) Basic map updates would cost \$9-11,000 estimate. There would be public forum, workshop and then a presentation. 2) The mapping estimate would cost \$16-20,000. 3) A complete overhaul would cost \$50-60,000. What do we want Adam Peaper to do? After much discussion, we would need updates to the demographics and town profile section. Jim Hill doesn't feel we need a complete redo of the Comprehensive Plan. He would like to see a copy of the entire document. Doug Joiner would like to digest a little more before making a decision. Shelby told everyone to plan on taking action at the July 16th meeting.

Shelby went over the maps in detail. Doug Joiner asked if we could do the first phase now and do the next phase next budget? Steve Maple said we should do the most of it now. These trails were done back in 2014. Doug Joiner doesn't want to rush and doesn't want to submit another application until we revise the Comprehensive Plan. Shelby would like to see the public involved and form a committee to do the next grant. Stacey Lewis asked if Eric Wathen would be on the committee. Shelby said absolutely. Go back to Adam and ask for concrete numbers. Doug Joiner made a motion to go with option #2, Jim Hill seconded. All ayes. Be ready to vote at the July 16th meeting. Shelby asked Stacey Lewis if she would be interested in serving on the committee? She said yes.

Gas Agreement w/Arbor Homes – Jason Love reported the gas agreement is complete. They asked about rebates, there are no rebates. Steve Maple reported they have sold four (4) lots but the Town can't issue permits yet.

Whispering Fields Parking & Turnover Request – Adam Cloyd, 6876 Fennel Ct., representative of Whispering Fields HOA, went over the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the HOA agrees with all mutual covenants and promises. Shelby asked for a motion to agree to the MOU. Jim Hill made the motion, Kimberly Carmean seconded. All ayes, motion carries 4-0.

Resolution 2019-07 Dedication of Right-of-Way was attached to the MOU. This gives the Town all of the streets located within Whispering Fields Estates subdivision. Kimberly Carmean made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-07 and Doug Joiner seconded. All ayes, motion carries 4-0.

Atlas Collection Agency/Collection Fee Language in Ordinances – Jim Buddenbaum was to add language to our current ordinance in regards to collections fees. He does not have anything ready. He will bring it on July 16.

NEW BUSINESS

Concrete Issue-Main Street – Jeff Lewis sent Shelby photos of the concrete around the light pole on the corner of Maple Street and 136. Jason reported he has not been able to get anyone from the State to return his calls. The State is responsible for the repairs since it has the stop light bolted to it. Jeff Lewis doesn't want to see anyone get hurt.

Petition for Voluntary Annexation – USDI purchased the ground off of 225 and wants to be in Town. Shelby asked if they carried through with the proper notice. Steve explained what was left to do.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shelby announced the Public Comment was closed.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Doug Joiner asked if there was an update on SDI drainage issue on 150. It was announced at the May meeting that it would be complete under the railroad inside the plant property in June and the County would tie in under 150. Jason wanted it on record that SDI was supposed to do the entire drainage and now they are putting it on the County to finish under 150.

ATTORNEY:

Jim Buddenbaum had nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shelby Smith acknowledged the report from RQAW as correspondence.

REVIEW & APPROVE JUNE DRAFTS AND CLAIMS:


Shari Ping presented the drafts and claims for June 18, 2019. Doug Joiner made a motion to approve the June 18th drafts and claims, Shelby Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carries 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Doug Joiner made a motion to adjourn, Jim Hill seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carries 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari L. Ping
Clerk Treasurer



Shelby Smith, President

William Majeske




Kimberly Carmean



James Hill



Doug Joiner

Attest: 

Shari L. Ping