

Ordinance 2019-02 Amending ordinance 2016-5 and Title V, Chapter 55 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pittsboro regarding water utility rates, charges and fees

Ordinance 2019-05 Amending and Restating Ordinance 2017-08 Adopted on Oct. 4, 2107 Authorizing the Acquisition, Construction and Installation of Certain Improvements to the Waterworks System, the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Provide for the Cost Thereof, the Collection, Segregation and Distribution of the Revenues of Such System, the Safeguarding of the Interests of the Owners of such Revenue Bonds and other Matters Connected Therewith Including the Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of Such Bonds and Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith

Ordinance 2019-06 Amending the Official Zoning Map of the UDO No. 2015-02

Ordinance 2019-07 Amending Sections 10.2 and 10.9 Regarding Street Standards and Street Improvements of the UDO Ordinance 2015-02

Ordinance 2019-08 Materiality and Process for Reporting Material Items

Ordinance 2019-09 For Compliance with Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions.

**PITTSBORO TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019 @ 7:00 PM**

QUORUM:

Shelby Smith
Jim Hill
William Majeske
Kimberly Carmean
Doug Joiner

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

OTHERS: Jason Love, Town Manager; Steve Maple, Building Comm; Eric Wathen, RQAW; Sue Haase, LWG; Larry Hart, 400 Karen Dr.; Jeff & Stacey Lewis, 394 Karen Dr.; Brenda Keller, 206 Woodland Place; Nancy Richey, 476 Karen Dr.; Patrick & Amee McGrath, 201 Deer Trace Ct.; Leslie McDonald; Mark Michael, 267 Broadmoor Bend; Dick Alberts, 480 Meadows Dr.; Rodger Watson, 424 Karen Dr.; Becky Rollett, 207 Fawn Court; Pete & Patty Enders, 444 Karen Dr.; Roger Crist, 500 Woodland Place; Al Boulanger, 405 Karen Dr.; Cathy Vandivier, 402 N Meridian St.; Dave & Linda Rutherford, 383 Karen Dr.; Dan Crum, 206 Deer Trace Ct.; Todd Payne, 408 Karen Ct.; Jane Berry, 230 Deer Trace Ct.; Bob Thompson, 251 Brixton Woods E Dr.; Jon Breeding, 166 Warrington Dr.

President Shelby Smith brought the Council Meeting to order by establishing a quorum. There were five (5) members present.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

President Shelby Smith opened the continued Public Hearing for the water rate ordinance by giving a synopsis of the project of building a water treatment plan. He went over the drawings by RQAW presented at our last meeting and Sue Haase from London Witte Group will explain the financial part of the project. Shelby went over the drawings in detail and explained how the water plant will allow us to grow in the future. Part of the reason why we are pursuing our own water plant is to get away from Citizens and their rate increases every two (2) years. Again this item has been discussed for over a year and we want to get away from the mercy of Citizens. Shelby explained if any citizen wanted to speak they should stand and state their name and address and ask any question about the plant. Eric Wathen, RQAW, can explain the plant and Sue Haase, London Witte, can explain the financial part of the project. Jason Love felt it would be best if Sue Haase would go first before the questions from the citizens. Shelby then turned the meeting over to Sue Haase.

Sue Haase informed everyone that over the last two (2) weeks the project went to bid. Why we didn't deal with everything at the Public Hearing two (2) weeks ago is because the engineers wanted a chance to go back to the bidders and do "Value Engineering" and see if we could squeeze every last penny out of it. She explained the process of the rate analysis for the financial part of the project. We start with estimates, add in the debt service and then we roll it into our rates to see what the impact would be. If we didn't do the value engineering to get the bids down it would have been a larger increase which the Council was not in favor of. The Council wanted everyone to go back to the

drawing board and let's look at everything again. The financial picture looks like we don't have any outstanding long term debt, this debt since it is for distribution lines and a water plant, we can get 24 years of amortization, which lowers our annual payments. We also have a very growing community and we are using the Indiana State Revolving Fund, using the state of Indiana's AAA rating for bonding in a pooled rate to get the best interest rate we can get. At the direction of the SRF, we are using a 3.5% interest rate on the debt of \$6.517 million dollars over an amortized 25 year period. When we set rates, we look at what your current expenses are and what the need to be accumulating for the year over year capital needs. We put the money in a capital improvement fund in order to pay back the debt service. We look at what the debt service (Principal & Interest) will be and the need of \$409,500 maximum annual to be put in the debt service reserve with the State Revolving Fund and it will draw interest. Bottom line is we have \$646,175 worth of present rate customer revenues. We need \$883,769 revenues. So that is once we gross it up for the state utilities receipt tax, it is 37.3% increase. We also have to generate net operating income, prior to paying the debt, at least 1.25 times the \$409,500. At that increase we have a 1.27 coverage. SRF wants a higher number than that because over time we will have inflation and you will have higher expenses therefore lowering your net income. We said no, we have proof of all this growth and developments in the pipeline. We can't justify a higher coverage just to have money sitting there, which would be generated by the rate payers. We allowed \$15,000/year for capital improvements through rates therefore this gives us this 1.27 coverage which is above the 1.25. If we estimate and use the 37.3% they will market their bonds the first or second week of May. We may do better than that with the interest rate depending on the market.

Shelby asked Sue to go over the debt we currently have and the rates based on 2500 gallons. Sue said that when we went looking to do this project, the town did not have the funds available to pay all the engineering and research. What you do is issue a Bond Anticipation Note, go out and borrow and it is renewable year after year. The SRF will take this Note and pay off the bank and roll it into this debt. Your total is \$6.517 million dollars, \$1.752 is all the work done to date. Includes construction where the lines went under 74. Shelby said this was going to be done no matter what to get the service to Fleece and future business on the north side of 74. What we see in communities that are growing, the rates stay steady where they are at. The Town currently pays to Citizens for purchased water \$250,000 annually for the actual water. We are subject to their rate increases under the IURC. With our own water supply the risk of rate increases with the City of Indianapolis is taken away.

The Town currently charges \$23.24 for 2500 gallons of water. With the 37.3% increase, 2500 gallons increase to \$31.91. The SRF likes to measure the increase using 4000 gallons when figuring rates which currently is \$32.32 and with the increase it will go up to \$44.38. Sue also presented a comparison of the surrounding areas, Pittsboro will fall, after the rate increase, below the scheduled increase to the outside town residents in Brownsburg. We will fall below the scheduled increase to outside town residents of Brownsburg in 7/20. Shelby explained the reason behind using 2500 gallons. Jason said it is completely separate from the sewer. Doug Joiner said when you look at your bill, just look at the water usage, that is the only thing going up. Shelby also mentioned that the Bond Anticipation Note of 1.752 million dollars will have to be paid back regardless if we do the water plant or not. Doug Joiner explained about Fleece paying to the Town \$25,000 a year to help with the infrastructure. Our hope is to attract more businesses to go in north of the interstate, that's why we ran the utilities under 74. Be more attractive to businesses.

Larry Woods, 457 Woodland Place, stated he is a long time resident and was wondering about the infrastructure creating lower rates. We are being asked to finance future opportunity. Eric Wathen said that Plainfield has a large bottling water company that uses millions and millions of gallons of water. So Plainfield is selling millions of gallons of water as bottled water. Doug Joiner said it's not going to lower your rates, the 37% is what it is, it's going to help. Jason Love said it is more of a stabilizer. Sue Haase informed the council that certain costs go up. What it will do as you get more growth and you can serve more people, if you stay within your relevant range of expenses, will keep the rate the same due to growth. The growth will allow us to build up the funds to allow us to cover future costs without going back to the rate payers for an increase. By going through the State Revolving Fund, it is the state that is regulating us when it comes to this debt. The funds will not stay at a Pittsboro Bank, it will go to the Bank of New York Mellon, and they hold the money to keep their rates low. They know on a monthly basis we are putting the money in it to cover the debt. According to the Bond Ordinance, we must keep a working capital balance in our operating fund, anything over that gets put into a restricted fund for capital improvements. The only way money can come out of the restricted fund is if the Council approves for the expenditure. With purchasing our water we don't have the luxury because they will determine the increases. We control our own destiny by providing our own water

utility. It's up to the Council to reduce the rates, but they can reduce them too low and then in a few years increase them again.

Doug Joiner said we are looking at a long term investment. Yes there will be additional costs involved, but we aren't looking at the 20% increases passed on by Citizens. Larry Woods asked that the citizens are asked to pay 37.3% increase all at once and the Council is okay with that???? Doug said no we are not asking, we just want you to think long term.

Todd Payne, 408 Karen Court, to answer your question, no the price won't go back down. I see what they are trying to do, get businesses in here to help build the fund to help with maintenance on the building during the 25 year term on the bond. Another question, when the wells were dug, did they guarantee how long they will produce water? Eric Wathen said they aren't going to guarantee it but the well drillers said the aqua firs are going to last a long time. Todd said that if they run out of water in five (5) years we are stuck paying a 6.517 million dollar bond. Jason said the reason they are taking people away from wells is because there is contamination in the shallow wells from finger systems. We currently sell 225,000-275,000 gallons and the plant is sized to produce 1 MGD. Eric explained the treatment part of the project costs \$700,000 and a smaller unit would be couple \$100,000 less. Makes sense to build it for the growth instead of finding out in five (5) years we need to expand the building.

Linda Rutherford, 383 Karen Drive, asked if there were businesses knocking on our door? Jason Love said there has been chatter for the area north of the interstate. Shelby Smith said that if you build it, they will come. Shelby said he was involved in the Keers' project years ago, gave them tax abatement for 10 years and look where it is now. Fleece Performance approached the town about the north side of 74. With the investment from Fleece to help out, expenses, the Council decided to build it and hope they will come. Jason Love mentioned new poles along 74, they put in 3 phase along the Frontage Road and fiber optic is there too.

Larry Hart, 400 Karen Drive, with the increase in water, what is that going to do to the sanitation? Jason said the sanitation plant is a 1 MGD plant and it currently has 250,000 gallons going through it and we have been lining the sewer lines for the past several years. We have a plan in place with finding leaks in the sewer lines. Customers aren't overloading the plant, mother nature is.

Roger Watson, 424 Karen Drive, who is this company north of the interstate? Fleece Performance-they produce high performance diesel parts for pick-up trucks, turbo chargers and high-performance trucks. They acquired another company, Freedom Racing Engines, building stock car engines, sprint car engines and racing engines.

Dave Rutherford, 383 Karen Drive, historically may not be a good gauge to look at Indianapolis Water but have we looked at the next 10-20 years and see where our rates compare to their rates. Shelby Smith said that if we didn't do the value engineering and try to cut costs, anything above the 37.3% probably wouldn't get approval. Shelby then asked Sue what would it take from Indianapolis Water to pass on before we got to this potential increase? Sue said she looked at what it would take if we kept paying to Citizens Water what we currently pay them for purchased water and then take out the debt to see what it would come out to. That's assuming you don't have your own source and don't have the ability to provide then you probably would see an increase of double. Doug Joiner said the last rate increase was 20% and it was three (3) years ago. Jim Buddenbaum said that Citizens Water raises their rates and they may get an 11% rate increase but the way they allocate costs, the town has experienced higher than average increases. Citizens in Indianapolis might get an 8 to 11% rate increase and the Town receives a 24%, 20% or 17% increases. City of Indianapolis purchased the company from Nye Source in 2002 and they weren't supposed to have a rate increase for five (5) years but they are trying to cover bonding problem. In 2005 they called for an emergency rate increase because they couldn't pay their debt. In the settlement they would provide a Cost of Service study-what rate classes cost what. Residential meters have to be read so there are costs associated with that. The cost of industrial dumping on sale for resale people. The analysis to do the Cost of Service Study is \$3-5 million just to do that. Bill Majeske said we could have eight (8) rate increases by Citizens in the next 24 year period. Jason Love said we have a really good water system, Indianapolis is busting at the seam. They have to fix the problem, we don't have that. We are vesting in our future not what we already have. We haven't had a main break in two (2) years. Larry Woods asked for clarification...why didn't the rate increases get passed onto the customers each time? Jim Buddenbaum explained that the town has growth to help absorb the increases. If it costs \$100 to run Pittsboro water system and \$50 of it is the cost of the water purchased from Citizens. That means not 100% of the cost is the water. So if we get

an increase of \$50 its not every dollar is for the water. Do you pass that on? We pass some parts on but not all. Since 2001 there have been an additional 500 water meters installed. Larry Woods asked what the margins are? The purchased water for twelve months ending June 30, 2018 was \$248,000, total operating costs were \$543,000. Our rates need to recover \$543,890 of \$247,680 we have no control over. Our net operating receipts was \$74,888. That money went into \$171,000 of the \$409,500 that we have to fund for a debt service reserve account. After doing the adjustments for working capital, we have \$86,000 in our depreciation fund. Jim Buddenbaum said that over a five (5) year period the lion share comes from growth.

Larry Woods is an average water user, the increase will be \$8-\$9 for 2500 gallons. He also asked if there is guidance from the State Board of Accounts would be for debt service reserve. Sue said it will be in the Bond Ordinance. They don't tell you what the reserve for capital improvement are. She said it has to be 1.25% times what are debt payment is. Larry Woods asked can you build a million dollar reserve fund? Jim Buddenbaum said yes. Sue said if we save \$100,000 a year, you'd be nuts. They don't do it. Going through the SRF, you have to have an asset management plan, look at what shape the assets are in and when work needs to be done on them. So you're going to have something that another state body looks at and oversees in order for you to get a good borrowing rate. They look at the water infrastructure and it's falling apart. But not here. We are in good shape. The asset management plan is public record.

Eric Wathen said that the county implemented a tax to help pay for the Communication Center. It costs \$4.3 million to operate a year. The 1% tax brings in \$5 million a year. This allows them to pay cash for new equipment for the 911 center. This will allow the county to pay cash for a new bridge or new equipment, instead of borrowing the money every time you need to make a repair.

Mark Michael, 267 Broadmoor Bend, if we are no longer purchasing water from Citizens, and being upcharged here. Is there any document that shows the how the savings contributing to the 37.3% rate increase. If we're not paying them and producing our own water. Sue said that the revenue requirements that we need cover, what we need rates to cover is \$544,000 worth of operating and maintenance costs. We have a total gross revenue requirement currently of \$579,890 and we have no debt. When we look at maintenance and operating costs when we no longer purchase water from Citizens we go from \$543,000 to \$890,000. So that's \$392,429 difference there that the difference of \$240,000. We are generating \$38,888 more than what those requirements are. The extension and replacements (capital improvements) line item doesn't have anything in it. Because we didn't have a plan for them. We have a capacity of \$38,888 so that capacity rolled into the revenue requirement we need for the new rates based on the maximum annual debt service. The debt service reserve annual funding will go away after three (3) years. By the end of this time, we have to have our asset management plan in place. We can fund it faster if we grow faster.

Leslie McDonald, 242 Brixton Woods E Drive, representing the lower income neighborhoods with children playing in water and an increase of \$5 or \$6 makes a difference. Is there anything that can offset the cost with the other utilities, trash and sewer? Hose meters are available for the outside water usage. We need to get the word out that they are available. Heavy trash being charged different for 3 or 2 or 1 times a year? No cost to the residents, the town pays for it. Have you approached Steel Dynamics to help out? They are a Citizens water user only, we can't produce enough water to supply SDI.

Roger Crist, asked if we need to hire an operator to run the water treatment plant? Jason said yes and the cost is figured in already.

Linda Rutherford asked about the quality of the water. Eric explained our filtration system. Brownsburg purchases 1/3 of their water from Citizens. The testing of the water on the wells is softer than what we are purchasing from Citizens.

Larry Woods asked about the possibility of drilling more wells. The debt service does not include this. It would come from the improvements. What about a water tower? We don't have to tank one day's worth of water. We will maintain an emergency connection with Citizens that way we can keep the smaller water tank. The new homes coming in the next year will produce \$40 per household. These figures are not included in these figures. Larry doesn't want to be back here next year discussing another rate increase. Shelby Smith does not want to pay the 37.3% increase either but we are already in to this project 1.752 million dollars.

Shelby Smith closed the public comment for the Public Hearing. He asked if the council had any other comments. Bill Majeske doesn't want the increase either but we could be facing 6 or 7 increase over the 25 years. We could be at this rate for the entire time. Kimberly Carmean, doesn't want the increase either because she has two kids who use a lot of water. But she doesn't want to see the increases from Citizens either. Jim Hill said he was in favor of the project. We have to control our own future. Why do we want Citizens to control our future. Doug Joiner said we are doing everything to control in house. Full support of anything we can do in house. Jim Hill said we know Jason has given us a good system and Citizens does not. Why would we be at their mercy?

Eric Wathen asked when does the new rate take effect? Sue said the rate should start with the June usage billed July.

Shelby Smith closed the Public Hearing by taking a 60 second recess.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:

President Shelby Smith opened the regular meeting at 8:28 pm and asked the Council, staff and audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance 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 April 2nd meeting. Bill Majeske made a motion to approve the minutes, Kimberly Carmean seconded. Four (4) ayes, one (1) abstained. Motion carries.

BOND AND RATE ORDINANCE

Ordinance 2019-05 Amending and Restating Ordinance 2017-08 Adopted on Oct. 4, 2107 Authorizing the Acquisition, Construction and Installation of Certain Improvements to the Waterworks System, the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Provide for the Cost Thereof, the Collection, Segregation and Distribution of the Revenues of Such System, the Safeguarding of the Interests of the Owners of such Revenue Bonds and other Matters Connected Therewith Including the Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of Such Bonds and Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith. Sue Haase told everyone the Ordinance is our "Bible to follow" agreeing with SRF. Must have (2) two months average operating account. After value engineering phase (original cost was \$4,286,521) and the bids came in at \$4,643,700. Shelby Smith asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-05. Jim Hill made a motion, Bill Majeske seconded. All ayes by Bill Majeske, Kimberly Carmean, Shelby Smith, Jim Hill, and Doug Joiner.

TOWN STAFF REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER:

Jason Love wanted everyone to know that the Town doesn't own any 4 door trucks with no rust on them as pictured in the plant drawing.

POLICE CHIEF:

Chief Christi Patterson told the Council that the reserves are starting training and they received the JAG grant.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

Steve Maple said the Advisory Plan Commission looked at UDO changes on parking and zoning. Ordinance 2019-06 Amending the Official Zoning Map of the UDO No. 2015-02 was introduced with a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. This ordinance changes 6.67 acres from Agriculture to R2 (Single Family Residential) at the request of someone building on the ground. Bill Majeske made a motion to approve, Shelby Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

Ordinance 2019-07 Amending Sections 10.2 and 10.9 Regarding Street Standards and Street Improvements of the UDO Ordinance 2015-02 was introduced with a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. This ordinance will make parking on one (1) side of the street for future phases of new development. Doug Joiner made a motion to approve, Bill Majeske seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

Steve Maple reported that new homes is up 25%

CLERK TREASURER:

Shari Ping had nothing to report

FIRE BOARD:

Chief Bill Zeunik went over the attached report. Shelby Smith asked about the different fire trucks he has been seeing around town. They are on loan from Liberty Township.

PARK AND RECREATION:

Jon Breeding informed the Council that the open position was filled by William Nickrand. The TWLL is replacing the sod on the Scott Park diamond. Clay bricks have been put on the batter's box. Gutters have been put on the buildings at Scott Park. The fence on the new ball diamonds at Scamahorn Park have been installed except for the area around the basketball court. Preparing the area east of the playground and north of the barn to install the basketball courts. Shelby Smith said he received an email from Rachel Miller regarding attorney fees that should not be charged to them. Shari Ping will look into and get back to Rachel and Shelby. Steve Maple said he is spraying the grass on the new ball diamonds to kill the grass so Jason Love can strip the sod. They are going to saw cut the old basketball court soon. They are waiting on the concession stand before putting up the safety nets.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Steve Maple informed the Council that two (2) people are applying for annexation. There is a possibility of two (2) more.

REDEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC:

Nothing to report at this time

CONTRACTED BUSINESSES:

Eric Wathen reported that they had a pre-construction meeting with Grady Brothers. They should be ready to start paving the first of next week. They will be doing Mitchell Avenue, Jeff Gordon Blvd. to 136 and the overpass to 74. Todd Payne asked about lights over 74. That would be up to the state.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance Opt-Out Option/HSA – Shelby Smith reported he was not able to talk to Mike Steele prior to tonight's meeting. Jim Buddenbaum will call the guy he knows. Shari Ping will call Mike Steele and ask him about the Blanket 125 plans.

Town Green Space – Shelby Smith reported on the piece of property we purchased originally for wells south of 136. He would like to make a portion of it into a quiet space with picnic tables, walking trail for dogs, and shelter houses. Jason Love showed the attached pictures of green space in Danville. This area could accommodate green space for a walking trail. There is an interested buyer for the property but Shelby Smith doesn't want to sell it. Jim Hill said it would be low cost for green space. Doug Joiner likes the idea of the walking trail, don't sell it. Bill Majeske said the park in Danville is used a lot. Jane Berry asked if Brownsburg just did this? Yes. Kimberly Carmean is all for it. Bill Majeske is all for it. Shelby Smith asked Jason Love if he could put some figures together and report back.

Ordinance 2019-02 Amending ordinance 2016-5 and Title V, Chapter 55 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pittsboro regarding water utility rates, charges and fees – This ordinance was brought up for discussion. The minimum amount (2500 gallons) of water will go from \$23.24 to \$31.91. Shelby Smith made a motion to approve said ordinance. Doug Joiner seconded. All ayes, motion carries

NEW BUSINESS

Gas Agreement Arbor Homes – Arbor Homes contacted Jason Love about installing gas mains to the current phase.

Whispering Fields Parking and Turnover Request – Steve Maple reported that K & J Capital wants to turn their streets over to the Town. They will put in escrow \$92,000 for the finishing of the streets. The signs are in for the streets. Shelby Smith agrees we should take the \$92,000 and be done with K & J Capital. Then we can turn it over to the homeowners. Per previous dealing with K & J Capital, we need to make sure all I's are dotted and T's crossed. Shelby will talk to one of the homeowners in Whispering Fields to make sure everything is good with K & J Capital and the builders.

Jason Love brought up giving incentives for developments to hook up to our gas. Vectren costs \$51,039 and our cost is \$38,000 to put gas in during the infrastructure phase. Shoopman Homes are total electric. Jason is asking for the Council's authority to negotiate a contract with Arbor Homes. Bill Majeske made a motion to give Jason Love authority to engage in negotiating the proposed gas agreement. Jim Hill seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carries. After some discussion, Bill Majeske amended the motion to give Jason authority to negotiate, finalize and incorporate the agreement for gas. Jim Hill seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

Atlas Collection Agency – Shari Ping explained the proposal from Atlas Collection Agency. There would be no cost to the Town. Any fees would be added to the customers balance. Jim Buddenbaum said we would need to pass an ordinance to include the fees charged by a collection agency. He also advised the Council to remove the indemnify them if wrong doing clause in the contract. Jane Berry asked why do we wait six (6) months before turning them over to collections? Shari Ping said it was a lack of time in the office to do it any sooner. We are going to try to do them every 6 weeks going forward. Shelby Smith recommends adding collection fee to the Ordinance across the board. Research further with other municipalities. Jim Buddenbaum will look into the deposits too.

Internal Control Policy – Jim Buddenbaum went over the two (2) different ordinances. Doug Joiner made a motion to introduce **Ordinance 2019-08 Materiality and Process for Reporting Material Items**. Shelby Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carries. Bill Majeske made a motion to introduce **Ordinance 2019-09 For Compliance with Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions**. Doug Joiner seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

10' Platted Alley – Shelby Smith read the attached letter from Michael Gilmour, 514 W Main Street. He would like to know if the Town has any plans to vacate the alley on the east side of his property? If so would he lose his driveway? The alley was used to make coal deliveries years ago. The Council recommends he add gravel to fill the holes. The Town has no plans to vacate.

ATTORNEY:

COUNCIL COMMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Rutherford asked about the Next Level Trails Grant. We won't know anything until end of May first of June. She then asked who does it serve? Shelby Smith replied our community. Jefferson Park to Deer Meadow, Quail Creek to Deer Meadows. Jane Berry asked if we wait until then to suggest altering the plans? Shelby encouraged everyone to watch past videos and read the minutes. Nothing more to discuss until we receive approval of the grant. If approved, there will be more discussions with the homeowners to determine if the Town proceeds with the concept plan as filed with the application or omit some of the plans. Shelby said no further discussion until we know. Doug Joiner said he will tell you exactly how he feels about it after the meeting. Shelby Smith explained his visit with Jeff and Stacey Lewis and encouraged the other Council members to do the same.

Public Comment is closed

Roger Watson asked why he wasn't notified about the trail. He would be the 11th home affected by the trail on his property. Brenda Keller said it's not just the ten (10) homes along Karen Drive that are affected, all of Deer Meadows is affected. Shelby explained those ten (10) homes would have the trail directly behind their homes. The answer is still the same. We have to follow the process and if approved there will be lengthy discussions to follow. We are not here to determine if just Deer Meadows is affected.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE:

REVIEW & APPROVE MARCH DRAFTS AND CLAIMS:

Shari Ping presented the drafts and claims for April 16, 2019. Bill Majeske made a motion to approve the presented drafts and claims, Jim Hill seconded. All ayes, motion carries. The drafts and claims were passed for Council signatures

ADJOURNMENT:

Shelby Smith announced that he would not be here for the May 7th meeting. He would like to cancel it and the next meeting would be on May 21, 2019. He asked Shari to post on website and on Facebook. Doug Joiner made a motion to adjourn, Shelby Smith seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari L. Ping
Clerk Treasurer