

Battle Ground Town Council
Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2018

Attending: Steve Egly, Council President; Councilors Mike Bird, Greg Jones, James Miller, Zach Raderstorf, Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones, Town Attorney Eric Burns, Street Supervisor Ron Holladay, Town Marshal Jerry Burk.

Guests: Mike Owens, Jim Holmes, Mike Canaan, Lucien Lenhart, Joanne Titolo

Steve Egly opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Comment:

Jim Holmes requested use of the well field north of Railroad Street for Masonic Lodge function for approximately 25 people, 6:00 a.m. to noon on July 4, 2018. The Lodge will provide liability insurance. In the event of rain the outdoor program will be cancelled. Motion to allow the use of the well fields by Greg Jones, second of Zach Raderstorf. Motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

Lucien Lenhart requested a credit on the March sewage bill, for a water loss situation that spanned two billing periods. He received a credit on the February bill, but the water loss was a running hose that was not discovered until after the meter read date for the March bill.

Motion by Greg Jones to approve a sewage credit \$883.95 applied to Lucien Lenhart's March sewage bill. Second of James Miller, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

Police

Town Marshal Jerry Burk has hired another deputy and will need to purchase a handgun. Michael Boesch will be on the patrol schedule after March 10. Several violation notices for trash have been successful encouraging property owners to clean up properties in town. Inoperable vehicles have been tagged as well. Service liens for 2017 mowing expenses will be filed for 307 College Street and the vacant lot on Wappo Court.

Sewage Department

Ron Holladay reports finding subgrade manhole covers in River Bluffs subdivision. A series of deliveries will be scheduled to supply the various risers needed, approximately \$1000. Clarifiers at the sewage plant will be cleaned this month in preparation for disinfection season.

Motion by Mike Bird to approve the purchase of a mower, John Deere model 930, not to exceed \$10,000. Second of Zach Raderstorf, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

The trade-in quote for the Dixie Chopper is \$1500, however Ron prefers to keep it for work schedule efficiency and to avoid damage to the new mower.

Street Department

Joanne Titolo requested reflective paint on North Street sidewalk bump-outs, and curb stripes to mark parking spaces for better visibility.

The retention area at Hawks Nest needs to be cleared of fallen trees and the drain re-opened.

Road surface repairs on Battleview North and Warrior Drive are being reviewed for potential 2018 grant application. One request from property owner Maurice Roberts was deferred to this meeting. The road surface is integral with his driveway paving, requiring a decision how to separate the two for repairs.

Motion by Greg Jones that the town would provide saw cuts at appropriate locations to separate the street pavement from homeowner driveways. This will allow each section to be repaired as needed. Each property owner would be responsible for the section on their lot and the curb and gutter extending up to 12 inches beyond the curb line. Second of Mike Bird, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

Town Attorney

Discussion of unsafe building order and lack of progress toward extended deadlines provided to the current owner of 5500 State Road 43 North.

Motion by Zach Raderstorf to authorize Eric Burns to request enforcement of the original order, including a receiver to start the demolition phase. Second of Mike Bird, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

The Public Works bids for 2017 Community Crossing projects 1 and 3, received March 5, have been reviewed. Lowest bid contracts from Fox Hauling and Construction, Inc. were accepted for each. The accepted bids will be used to submit the request for grant distribution, which is due at this time.

Clerk-Treasurer

Motion by Greg Jones to approved minutes of February 12, March 5 and February 26 meetings. Second of Zach Raderstorf. Regarding February 12, comment by James Miller to change the word "underground" on page 1 to "below grade".

Call to approve minutes as amended, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

Motion by Greg Jones to approve a two month register of claims, January 1 to March 12. Second of Mike Bird, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

Discussion of liens that will be filed to meet the deadline for spring tax bills. Some liens filed in the past have not been released, however any over 6 years old are considered uncollectable.

Changes to 2018 hazard and liability insurance coverage have been submitted. Ron suggested we add the snow plows as covered items due to individual value over \$6,000. The next project is asset management for all departments.

The contract for garbage collection is due to renew this year, and some vendors have expressed a desire for notification of bid process.

Area Plan – no report

Committees

Communication – New website has favorable reviews, Zach is looking for more photos of town to use. Joanne offered some that she has on file.

Old Business

Motion by Greg Jones to adopt on second reading Ordinance 2018-566, An Ordinance to Regulate the Parking of Commercial Vehicles in Non-Designated Areas. Second of James Miller, motion carried.
5 Aye, 0 Nay

Motion by James Miller to adopt on second reading Ordinance 2018-567, An Ordinance to Restrict Parking on Northgate Drive, East of State Road 43 North. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried.
5 Aye, 0 Nay

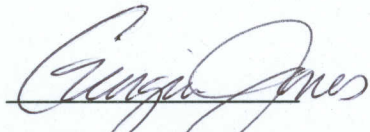
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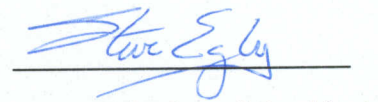
The Town Council has been reminded that the war monument flag on North Street should have a light if it remains on the pole all night. It was suggested to ask the Lions Club if there is interest to provide a light.

Discussion that INDOT highway signs do not include Town of Battle Ground with other directional signs at the exits from I-65. INDOT does not agree to provide or allow them.

Discussion of the need for signs to notify drivers of weight limits before they reach town streets and can't turn around. Locations suggested: northbound 9th Street south of the turn for Burnett Road, and northbound Prophets Rock Road south of the intersection at County Road 600 N. The first step would be to get permission from the County Highway Department to post the signs.

Motion to adjourn 8:52 p.m. by Mike Bird.


Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer


Steve Egly, Council President