

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2019

Attending: Zach Raderstorf, Council President; Councilors Greg Jones, James Miller, Steve Egly; Deputy Clerk Treasurer Beth Whitus, Attorney Eric Burns, Town Supervisor Ron Holladay, Town Marshal Jerry Burk. Not attending: Mike Bird, Georgia Jones

Guests: Trisha Hilderbrand, Mandy Parker, Louanne Condreay, Scott Condreay, Dave Buck, Buffy Rogers, Ron Evans, Joanne Kuhn Titolo, Carol Watson, Ben Wegleitner.

Zach Raderstorf called the meeting to order, 6:00 p.m.

Guest Comment

Dave Buck talked about progress for several projects.

Sewer repairs to Sherman Street and other locations will be coordinated with Elite Pipeline Services, a company out of Michigan. The residents affected will receive door hangers with information about the work schedule.

The Storm Water Utility Capital Plan has been prioritized with Tomahawk drainage as the first project. Dave will develop a task order to evaluate needs and recommend a schedule. Ron Holladay mentioned that there are nine turns with a 90 degree angle in the collection system to consider as the plan is developed.

The plan for County Road 600N road repairs will include drainage improvement and erosion control in three or four locations along with patching, mill and overlay where needed.

Battleview and Warrior Drive paving schedule is delayed due to weather, and a new start date will be determined. The engineers recommend removing a Silver Maple tree at the end of Battleview Drive, saying the roots will be compromised by project activity making the tree less stable. The Silver Maple is known to be a relative weak species and there is concern for subsequent property damage.

Steve Egly has been in discussion with developers who are interested in commercial land north of McDonalds. James Miller would like to see the Council involved in the evaluation and selection of Sewage Master Plan capital improvements strategies. Dave Buck recommends setting up phases for implementing selected plan priorities to guide decisions made with developers.

Railroad Street paving will start on or after July 8 with completion by August 9, 2019. A preconstruction meeting will be scheduled the week of June 17.

A residential drainage issue between Shawnee Ridge and Hawk's Nest was brought to the council. Homeowners affected by the situation are looking for advice. Zach Raderstorf talked with the HOA at Shawnee Ridge. Scott Condreay at 6303 Gallegos Drive owns one of the properties involved.

Carol Watson provided information on construction progress at the new tower site. Water lines and electrical conduit are in place, no wiring is installed yet. Crews are starting work on the foundation.

Department Reports

MVH

The town will provide misting for mosquitos on Thursday night before the Fiddlers Gathering.

Motion by Steve Egly to close Battleground Avenue June 26-June 29 for the event. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried. 4 Aye 0 Nay.

Sewage / Storm Water

Brush chipping after recent storms has taken a lot time. Ron Holladay mentioned major issues with Woods Edge lift station volute. Repair will take 10-12 weeks and estimated cost is \$25,000. River Bluffs lift station breakers tripped and caused an overflow. A Mission control box there would notify the operator to prevent the overflow. Cost would be about \$5000.

A storm drain in Hawks Nest was broken and required installation of a new structure.

Police

Grass height violations resulted in 36 contacts including Northgate. Jerry Burk requested review of Ordinance 219 and Ordinance 276 regarding solicitor's permit application and fee. Sales of produce or other products do not require one, but if orders are taken for future deliveries an application is required. Eric Burns verified that both ordinances are used. Jerry will update the application.

The marshal and deputies will provide security for the Fiddlers' Gathering, and Jerry will oversee security for the Beer Garden.

There was a request for additional No Parking signs on narrow streets near the school baseball fields especially during tournaments. Permanent signs have been ordered.

Town Attorney

Eric Burns said the demolition and cleanup work is complete and the receiver is ready for the final draw. The total cost is less than anticipated, the excess funds will be returned to Tippecanoe County Commissioners. A final court order will have the specific amount to reimburse. The owner has until March 2020 to pay off the debt or the property goes to sheriff's sale.

Butler Fairman Seufert is working out the details on a proposal which Burns will send to Fox Paving.

Clerk-Treasurer

Beth Whitus reported for Clerk –Treasurer Georgia Jones, who is attending annual conference.

Motion by Greg Jones to approve minutes of the May 13 meeting, with second of James Miller. Motion carried, 3 Aye, 0 Nay.

Motion by Steve Egly to approve register of claims, second of Greg Jones. Motion carried, 3 Aye, 0 Nay.

A conflict of interest statement was provided to the Council. Larry Bickett is interested in bidding on lawn mowing and cleanup when ordered by the town marshal for ordinance violation. This work does not conflict with his regular work assignment as a part time employee of the town.

Motion by Steve Egly to accept the conflict of interest statement dated 6/10/2019. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried. 3 Aye, 0 Nay.

Area Plan

Greg Jones reports the Area Plan Commission is looking into solar installations for the future.

Committees

Communication – No report

Streets and Sidewalks - The Total Patcher work planned for CR600 North will not be provided by the County Highway Department as anticipated. A hot box for patching would be available but this will not be the best repair for that road surface. There was discussion regarding the need to improve drainage along CR 600 North.

Personnel - no report

Waste Water / Storm Water - covered in Guest comment

Old Business

Asset management is still under consideration, tabled until July.


Aim membership was advocated by James Miller, noting that the town already receives some benefit from the legislative efforts, legal and technical opinions and educational programs provided by the organization. Members receive discounts for education to offset the membership fee of approximately \$1200 per year. Zach would like to look into it for the July agenda.

Greg Jones commented on the office floor repair. An agreement needs to be formalized with the Conservancy to allow a sharing of expense for property improvement. Georgia Jones requested the council go ahead with the repairs prior to the completion of that agreement. Greg and Steve Egly prefer to have a subfloor system installed above the concrete. Eric Burns mentioned that projects under \$5,000 do not have to go through the bid process. Greg Jones will ask Simon Construction for a quote.

New Business

The new Tippecanoe County MS4 public educator, Ben Wegleitner, was introduced. He works with homeowners and associations to research drainage issues and provide information.

Motion to adjourn 7:37 p.m. by James Miller.



Georgia Jones, Clerk-Treasurer



Zachary Raderstorf, Council President