

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2023

Attending: Council President James Miller, Councilors, Steve Hahn, Mary Jo Totten. Also attending: Attorney Eric Burns, Town Marshal Jerry Burk

Attending via Zoom.us: Matt Coppock, Greg Jones, Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones.
Guests: Bill Jones, Dave Buck, Chris Limiac, Colin Sullivan

James Miller called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Mary Jo Totten moved to approve the minutes of Jan 9 and Jan 26. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried with 3 Aye. Greg Jones and Matt Coppock are not eligible to vote via teleconference.

Attorney

Ordinance 2023-625 Storm Water Management was advertised to the public for approval. This ordinance confirms the town's adoption of the county MS4 management policies. Motion to approve by Steve Hahn with second of Mary Jo Totten. Motion carried with 3 Aye. Members present by teleconference may not be counted in the vote.

Encroachment – A survey was ordered to verify information requesting an injunction to remove items encroaching a utility easement. After filing this action, the council may meet in Executive Session.

Grant of Access – Access for repairs on Prophets Rock Road at CR 600 N hill may need to be written to allow intermittent access to maintain the right of way. Eric Burns requested a GIS map of the area and Jerry Burk said he would take photos of the site.

Contracted Services

Dave Buck reviewed the status of Tomahawk Lane and Milestone invoices, requesting approval of Task Orders # 7 and #8 to complete the current invoice. Final payment will be made after the "punch list" items are completed later in the spring. Mary Jo Totten moved to approve Task Order 7# in the amount \$8,954.73 and Task Order #8 in the amount \$28,032.80. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried with 3 Aye.

Clerk-Treasurer

Steve Hahn moved to approve the Register of Claims Jan 10 to Feb 13, 2023 in the amount \$158,352.33. Second of Mary Jo Totten, motion carried with 3 Aye.

Mary Jo Totten moved to adopt on second reading, Additional Appropriations ORD 2023-627. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried with 3 Aye.

Police

Jerry Burk informed the council that he would be changing the department operations manual to be consistent with updated Indiana code and asked if the town needed to adopt the same. Eric Burns said because it is a state law no additional action is necessary but the town could if desired. This will be fully addressed at the next meeting.

Utilities and Street Department

Ron Holladay requested repair parts for the clarifiers which exceed his purchase authority. Mary Jo Totten moved to approve up to \$6,000 for repair parts. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried with 3 Aye. Ron also request the council approve an amount to hire a service to bring down trees that lean over the sewage plant areas. Steve Hahn moved to approve the quote of \$1,700.00, with second of Mary Jo Totten. Motion carried with 3 Aye.

One quote for \$17,000 was received for installing a new storm water line and inlet at 104 Main Street. The council requests a scope of work with drawings to obtain a more precise bid for this work.

Jerry Burk has researched the purchase of a line painter for curbs and centerlines. The best price at this time for a painter and driver sulky is \$16,505. The model he prefers is also used by City of West Lafayette street department. Matt Coppock asked what it would cost to hire this work out. Jerry has a verbal agreement with the vendor pending council approval.

Area Plan

An amendment to the unified zoning ordinance for rural rental halls was reviewed. Motion by Mary Jo Totten to adopt Ordinance 2023-626 Amending 349-97 Unified Zoning Ordinance. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried with 3 Aye.

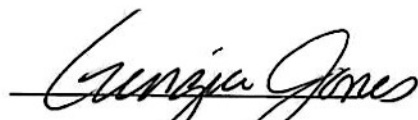
New Business

The town marshal is in agreement to provide a "Clean-up Day" on the first Saturday in April to help residents who are unable to take sticks and tree limbs from spring lawn clean-up to the compost area. Residents do need to call Town Hall ahead of time to be on the list for pickup. The crew will work Saturday morning to collect small amounts of compost materials from the curb.


Guest Comment

Joe Kline mentioned that on clean-up day there should be a phone number for pickup that is attended on the weekend.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. by Mary Jo Totten with second of Steve Hahn.



Georgia Jones, Clerk-Treasurer



James Miller, Council President

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance
Battle Ground Town Council

Date: February 13, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: James Miller, Steve Hahn, Mary Jo Totten

Member Present Virtually on screen: Greg Jones, Matt Coppock
Present by Telephone: Clerk Georgia Jones

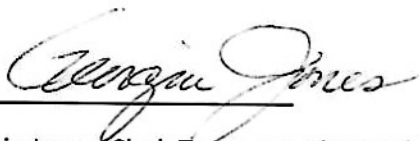
Also Present in Person: Jerry Burk, Eric Burns

Guest Present in Person: Colin Sullivan, Chris Limiac, Dave Buck, Bill Jones

Guest Present virtually: Joe Kline

Electronic Means of Communication Used For Members and Public: Zoom.us

Attest:



Georgia Jones, Clerk-Treasurer, Financial Clerk