

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2023

Attending: Council President James Miller, Councilors Matt Coppock, Steve Hahn, Greg Jones, Mary Jo Totten. Also attending: Attorney Patrick Jones, Town Supervisor Ron Holladay, Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones. Town Marshal Jerry Burk attended virtually.

Guests: Bill Jones, Dave Buck, Colin Sullivan

Greg Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Additions to the agenda include approving May 15 minutes, and discussing generator maintenance and sidewalk installation on Main Street.

Minutes

Mary Jo Totten moved to accept the minutes of May 15, June 12 and June 19, with second of Matt Coppock. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Attorney

The bids for waste collection were discussed. There was debate about a 3 year or 5 year contract term. It was suggested there is need for consumer education regarding acceptable recycling materials. No action at this time.

Contracted Services

Hawk's Nest and Shawnee Ridge sewer main - The legal process to remove encroachments from the Costello property has been resolved with an agreed order to add nine feet of width to the west of the current line, creating a total of twenty-four feet (24') to accommodate an access road for construction and maintenance. Matt Coppock requested CAD drawings from Butler Fairman and Seufert.

The Mayfield family requested repairs after a contractor made deep ruts in the lawn. They have a difficult time mowing that area and requested immediate attention. Dave Buck reports that a lawn company will make the repairs.

Milestone has milled part of Sherman Street to improve a drainage issue at the intersection. The town may want to restore a storm structure at that location for best result. The structure was filled in many years ago. Ron Holladay has no information why that was done however Gene Shumard may recall the situation.

Clerk-Treasurer

The register of claims in the amount \$ 224,534.01 was reviewed. The amount includes the bi-annual bond payment and some of the Woods Edge emergency expenses. James Miller moved to approve the claims, with second of Matt Coppock. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

The planned increase in sewer rates is effective June 15 for the August bill. Ron Holladay would like to review the tap fee with regard to current materials and excavation pricing.

The town has two worker compensation claims active with the insurance carrier IPEP. The experience of both employees is that Regional Occupational Care Center is not responsive to their specialized need for diagnosis and treatment.

The town received \$7,317 in a legal settlement, to be used for opioid education or treatment. The council will consider options to use the funds as prescribed by the settlement, or transfer them to a unit such as the fire department or county health department.

Police

Jerry Burk reports the street sign solar lights are back ordered and not yet available.

There is a load of construction stone in the street at 149 Tomahawk Lane that needs to be removed from the travel lane to the owner's driveway. It does not look like anyone is living at this address right now to talk with about the stone.

Utilities and Street Department

Ron Holladay is named the Employee in Responsible Charge (ERC) for INDOT projects this year. He will complete the online training requirement.

The list of requests for the Street Department includes a small pickup truck with snow plow to work the subdivisions, so many cul-de-sacs take too much time away from keeping main roads and the CR600 hill cleared. The shorter frame is easier to maneuver without damage to mailboxes and lawns. Steve Hahn knows of a pre-owned truck with plow that may still be available.

The salt barn replacement needs to be planned for 2024 after the barn is empty this winter. The street barn has a post that needs replaced, and the old gutter removed and replaced with seamless gutter.

Weight limit signs were received to place where needed on routes into town.

Area Plan

The APC sent Resolution 2023-04 advising the town of a 12-1 vote to exclude park land designation suggestions from West Lafayette Parks Department, which are located outside the city limits.

Committees

Strategic Planning – Land use committee draft plans give leverage to funding opportunities when there are feasible plans in place and local support. Bike trails and walking path plans are desired.

Old Business - Several items are deferred to a work session at 6:00 PM on Monday July 17. (Waste contract, solar project, labor planning, town hall options, 5 year priorities)

New Business

Culture of Battle Ground – James Miller mentioned the “Main Street” program that uses local organization involvement to go for grants for improvements. This is mainly for the historic area and “downtown”.

Matt Coppock advised the council to re-instate generator maintenance plans for emergency readiness.

Motion to adjourn 8:10 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: July 10, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present

in Person: James Miller, Steve Hahn, Mary Jo Totten, Greg Jones, Matt Coppock

Also Present in Person: Ron Holladay, Georgia Jones, Patrick Jones

Also Present virtually: Jerry Burk

Guest Present in Person: Dave Buck, Colin Sullivan

Guest Present virtually:

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

Attest:



Georgia Jones, Clerk-Treasurer, Financial Clerk