

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2024

Attending: Council President James Miller, Councilors Greg Jones and Mary Jo Totten.

Steve Hahn and Matt Coppock did not attend.

Also attending: Marshal BJ Moyars, Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones, Town Supervisor Ron Holladay, and attorney Michael Dean

Guests: in person, Dave Buck, Chris Limiac, and remotely, Joe Kline

James Miller called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes

Mary Jo Totten **moved** to accept the minutes of October 14 and October 28. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Town Attorney

The town marshal will contact Kyle Rottler for signatures to record the perpetual access license for the Woods Edge force main easement. There was a question about the status of felled trees in the utility easement off County Road 300 East. The attorney verified that land owners remain in control of property in the easement, including the timber, and would need to provide a release to anyone who would remove cut logs that were created during excavation.

The council reviewed Ordinance 2024-644 adopting the completed town code book and online resource. The ordinance was tabled until December.

Contract Services

Chris Limiac reported the Trail Master Plan is 99% complete, and a final copy will be provided to the Indiana Department of Health as a last step in the grant process.

Easement clearing and utility locate for the Hawks Nest lift station and force main is underway. The optimistic completion date is Friday November 15.

A revised estimate for the Woods Edge lift station replacement is \$323,750. The timeline from order to delivery is expected to be 32 weeks. Mary Jo Totten **moved** to approve the revised price for Package M, up to \$325,000, with second of Greg Jones. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Clerk-Treasurer

A **motion** to approve the Register of Claims October 15 – November 12 in the amount \$103,396.48 was offered by Greg Jones with second of Mary Jo Totten. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Police Department

BJ Moyars reported the department participated in the recent Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat events. The department now has a social media page.

Expenses for the move to 107 N Railroad Street are currently estimated at \$1225 with an unknown cost to repair a leak in the water service line.

Utilities and Street

Ron Holladay reported an issue with the flashing caution light on Prophets Rock Road at the CR600 N intersection. The county highway superintendent does not like the location.

Leaf pickup is estimated to be 75% complete based on the number of loads so far; 27 out of 40 total in a typical year. James Miller requested the addition of pedestrian crossing paint on Prophet Street, and posting signs that indicate pedestrian crossing.

The street barn was reviewed for potential repairs, to add spray insulation and propane heat, and install door openers. Estimates for this work will be requested.

There is a tree at the sewer plant which has branches over the fence and needs to be cut back before it damages a neighboring home. Ron will also have trees overhanging Prophets Rock Road trimmed.

Area Plan – The request by MGM Plaza for subdivision approval will be heard at the Area Plan meeting on Wednesday November 20.

Old Business

Salary Ordinance - Changes were discussed and tabled until December.

New Town Hall - Patrick Grimes is working on concept plans and will contact Greg Jones.

New Business

Several people in the community have questioned why detour signs remain on local roads, now that I-65 construction has been complete for such a long time. Residents should be directed to contact the Crawfordsville INDOT office.

Motion to adjourn 7:32 p.m. by Greg Jones with second of Mary Jo Totten. Motion carried.



Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer



James Miller, Council President

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance
Battle Ground Town Council

Date: November 12, 2024

Time: 6:05 p.m.

Members Present

in Person: James Miller, Greg Jones, Mary Jo Totten

Members Present Virtually: None

Also Present in Person: BJ Moyars, Ron Holladay, Georgia Jones, Michael Dean

Also Present virtually: None

Guest Present in Person: Chris Limiac, Dave Buck

Guest Present virtually: Joe Kline

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

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Georgia Jones", written over a horizontal line.

Georgia Jones, Clerk-Treasurer, Financial Clerk