

TOWN OF LAFONTAINE

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The monthly meeting of the LaFontaine Town Council was held at Town Hall on October 10, 2022 at 6 pm. Those in attendance were Council members Jay Gillespie, Lori Brane, and John Krhin. Clerks Teresa Snyder and Diana Heath. Lance Gray and Dustin Hurst. Jordan Tandy and Tom Simpson. Rob Bellucci from Commonwealth Engineers Inc. Citizens Jerry Bowman, Jed Derck, Janet Pattee, Ethel Eib, Tom Skeens.

The September meeting minutes were approved.

Rob Bellucci explained some of the construction procedures and how long they should take. He also made a request for a requisition of funds needed and the council needed to approve. Jay made a motion to approve the funds of \$82,211.57 Lori 2nd, vote 3-0 carried. Rob stated things were being finalized for the funds for the Water Project.

Utility Report: Lance stated there would be an odor of glue/fiber glass resin in homes and outside as the construction crew starts the relining of the wastewater lines on Friday, Oct 14th or Monday 17th.

Town Fall Clean up Oct. 13, 14, 15th Saturday till full or 2pm.

Marshall Report: Dustin Reported he worked 93.5 hours in September, 2 calls for service, 2 TS 2 Warnings, Rifle qualification, handgun qualification, vin check, paperwork, attempt to locate wanted subjects, and a dog complaint.

Fire Dept: Tom Simpson, Chief, reported the dept. had 5 Ems runs and 2 Fire runs.

Clerk report:

All banks reconciled for September except BNY Water account. Statement not received. 58 disconnect letters were sent, 4 shut offs. 2 have paid and service restored.

Diana reported do to her now collecting Social Security her Medicare payment is being taken from her personal checking account and she ask that the town add that amount into her salary. Jay advised they couldn't add it into the salary as that is not in the Salary Ordinance. The salary ordinance could be amended. John made a motion to pay the \$544.00 total in one check at the end of the year. (136.00 per month x 4 months) Sept was the starting month. Lori 2nd. Vote carried 3-0

Diana presented a mileage form for 105.56. John made a motion to pay Diana 105.56 for mileage. Lori 2nd. Vote 3-0 carried.

A Resolution No. 5 2022 to move the ARPA funds used to purchase Marshal truck and gear for truck was presented. John made a motion to move the funds. Jay 2nd. Vote 3-0 carried.

Invoice from KIOG for repair to the bridge at Kendall/Wabash Ave was presented for 1936.79. Jay made a motion to pay invoice, Lori 2nd. Vote carried 3-0.

Tom Skeens had a complaint about his neighbor's dog barking at every moped, golf cart or person walking by. Town Marshal, Dustin Hurst, had spoken previously with Mr. Skeens and told him most dogs do bark at those types of things. The dog is mostly an inside dog. Dustin also talked to other neighbors who didn't have a problem with the dog. Mr. Skeens said Mason Lloyd told him he couldn't hear his TV at times when the dog was barking. Dustin said he would talk to Mason.

A revised *Utility Billing Procedures* was presented and discussed. Lori made a motion that on page 7 section 19 be removed. The section allowed for the financial officer to hold hearings ref. payment plans from delinquent accounts. John 2nd. Vote 3-0. The section will be removed.

The Liberty Township Trustee had sent a letter and spread sheet showing what the budgets were and the 35% paid/due from the Town. The information stated the Town still owed \$3575.20. Jay asks that the Trustee be contacted and a meeting scheduled to discuss the issue.

John had information regarding the ONE85 project for Wabash County. The group has decided to hire a full-time person to oversee the projects that have been presented. They have asked the smaller towns to contribute to the salary of said person. The board discussed and decided not to contribute.

Payables and Payroll was presented to the Council for signature

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Diana F. Heath

A stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading "J. R. C.", written in dark ink.A second handwritten signature, appearing to be "J. R. C.", written in dark ink.

Don Brane 11/14/22