

Lynn Town Council

February 7, 2024

Minutes

The Lynn Town Council met Wednesday February 7, 2024, at 5:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.

Arthur Kirtley, Barbara Johnson, and Rob Hutchens were in attendance.

The meeting started with the pledge to the Flag.

Barb made the motion to accept the January minutes as written. Rob second the motion. The motion was passed all in favor.

Art called Linda Campbell with Randolph County Wide Cats. Linda gave handouts and stated that in September Randolph County met with Ball states at an event to discuss the cat problem in towns. Her daughter had now set up a nonprofit organization called Gracie's Gift. Linda's daughter is responsible for filling out the paperwork and running the website. She discussed pet friendly is promoting license plates that the money goes towards helping control the pet population. They have a traveling vet they are looking to rent the Lynn's Lions Club on May 17. It will contain 100 slots for cats from 7am to 7 pm. You must register online, and it is a \$100 fee with \$10 nonrefundable. Tractor Supply is holding an adoption event tomorrow afternoon. Stacy Hines is a great vet in the area that charges \$50 for spay and neutering and \$10 for shots. There is a donation box in Lynn's Clerk office for anyone wanting to donate.

The board thanked her for the presentation.

Art called for council information and there was none.

Art called for attorney information. Suzan did research on Hydrant on Main St. She hasn't found anything yet. She stated she has a few years left to search through. She stated that the one property was an attorney office at one point and the attorney was also Lynn's attorney. She stated that the water tower was built in 1920 so the hydrant should have been put in shortly after that; however, there is now record that she has found yet of allowing the town to put the water hydrant in. Suzan mentioned maybe looking through the minutes for water line easement. Art asked Mike Straley clerk if that was something that could be done. Mike stated he would talk with Sharon and see if they could research it.

Art called for clerks' information.

Mike presented to the board his recommendation to purchase the Indiana Professional program for \$100 a month for a website and payment options through IN.gov. Mike stated that he felt this gave us more security being through a government agency for receiving customers' personal information. Mike hopes to have the payment options and website up and running by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Barb made the motion to move forward with the professional plan. Rob second the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

Mike then presented the board with wanting to purchase a web cam and laptop for the clerk's office and Town council meetings. Mike reviewed the House Bill 1167 and stated that we did not need to spend a

lot of money on web cams to be in compliance with the Bill. He stated that we would have to live stream through YouTube and we could also archive it on the new website, which was 2 stipulations on the bill. Mike stated that he found a web cam on amazon that would be good for capturing whoever was talking by using multiple cameras.

Rob made the motion to purchase a webcam and laptop. Barb second the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

Mike then presented the board with the appropriation transfer that needed to be signed. Mike stated that he transferred money to funds that were negative from funds that had a positive amount. The board proceeded with signing the appropriation transfer.

Mike discussed that at the last meeting Mike Straley Jr water superintendent had discussed the water plant having a flow meter needing repaired the clerk's office received a bill stating that the cost would be \$5,505 but that it would take up to twelve weeks for it to come in.

Mike then discussed raising the room rental to \$50 a month. He stated that the chairs and tables would need to be replaced at some point. He also stated that some leave the room a mess and currently the \$25 doesn't cover the cleanup that Jackie must do. Mike also stated that he would like to allow the 3 people that have currently booked the room to stay \$25 and then make the new rate for anyone going forward. Suzan suggested there be a deposit paid that they could receive back if the room is left in good condition. The Board discussed a \$25 deposit that could be returned. Mike clarified that the total cost would be \$75 and if the room was left clean, they could receive \$25 back with the return of the key.

Rob made the motion to approve a \$75 fee for the room rental with \$25 being able to be given back upon inspection of the room and allowing the 3 current to keep the fee at \$25. Barb second the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

Mike then told the Board that Sharon called Bestway about clean up days. Bestway said the best date for them is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mike stated that the county will pay for the first 20 tons and then after that the town is charged \$40 a ton. They also charge \$195.00 per hour for Manpower. Last year the town ended up paying close to \$860.00. Mike also stated that the items they wouldn't accept are the same as last year, no tires, paint, electronics etc.

Rob made the motion to have the clean up days on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Barb second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Mike then brought up that the bill for the county of \$150k is coming due now that we have financing for the water tower. Mike suggested we go to the county commissioner meeting and discuss allowing us to keep the funds for the water tower. The board said to call them and get us on their next agenda, and they would all try to attend.

Mike then said we have received documents for the Community Crossing grant and needed Art to stay after to sign it.

Mike then presented paperwork for the DAR banners. Bonnie Hobbs asked Mike to show the board the documents. The board looked them over and said that it seemed good and agreed that Brad Fisher would hang them when he hung our flags.

Art then called for employee information.

Jonathan presented the board with the Year Review. He gave Suzan a resignation letter from Charles Nicholson for the EMAC committee. He stated that the meeting was held once a quarter and that Charlie attended the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, but the board would need to appoint someone by the second quarter meeting in May. Art asked if Charlie had any suggestions, and Jonathan said he assumed it would be him, but it was up to the board.

Barb made the motion to appoint Jonathan to the EMAC committee. Rob second the motion. Motion was passed all in favor.

Jonathan then stated that two of the trucks needed new tires. They both have original tires, one being 30 years old and the other being 20 years old. He got a quote too for \$7,500 for the new tires. Art asked Mike if there was enough in the budget for this. Mike stated he thought they could make that work.

Barb made the motion to purchase new tires. Rob second the motion. Motion was passed all in favor.

Jonathan stated that they have already had 36 runs this year. They were blessed for how many EMTs were on the dept. We have at least 8 EMT's in the department now.

Brad then presented to the board that 5 weapons, optics, and holsters were being purchased. The police have secured donations for the majority of this. The town may have to pay around \$600 to complete the order. The donations were received from Retter Farms, Apex, A1 equipment, and 1 anonymous. The Guns they currently have are 10 years old and it is time for updates. He then discussed that the department needed new body cams. He would like to purchase Axon stand alone body cams. He said that the subscription was too much and wasn't needed. He needs 3 bodycams, with mounts and docking station. The cost is \$2417.25. He spoke with Mike and there are funds in the opioid unrestricted account. It will cost \$6500. It will all be controlled in the department. It will auto activate the camera when the Taser is pulled. In the future he would also like the adapter for the holster. This would auto activate the body cam when the firearm is pulled.

Rob made the motion to purchase the weapons and accessories, and to purchase body cams from the opioid funds. Barb second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Brad then discussed 202 W Sherman St that has been abandoned for several years. It is a condemned trailer. The lot is owned by Gary and Christal Austin. The trailer is on record owing \$3,000 in back taxes. The title belongs to Jake Miller. Gary and Christal want to remove it, but they can't because the county told them that the taxes had to be paid back. Gary and Christal are willing to pay but they don't hold the title. The county also told them they could put in a new trailer. Brad then asked Suzan if she could give any input on if they made a Hold Harmless agreement could they then remove the trailer. Suzan stated she would not be able to say without seeing everything. Brad said the neighbor adjoining the property had called in with a complaint. He didn't feel comfortable citing an ordinance violation when the owners are trying to get it removed. Brad stated he just wanted to make the board aware of this in case it was brought in front of them.

Brad then discussed that the community crossing grant would be for State, Pearl, Franklin St. If money is left in other accounts, he would like to start on the alleys next. He would like to do the alleys around

business that way when people come to town it is nice around the business. He said the first alley would be by A&B Auto that is in rough shape. The community crossing grant couldn't be used for alleys.

Brad then stated that he would be getting quotes for the street signs for the west side of town. The previous street superintendent had completed the east side. He said he would like to maybe start with Church st and that would get a bulk of them completed. He then could go street by street over the next couple of years. He told the board he would keep them updated when he had the quotes.

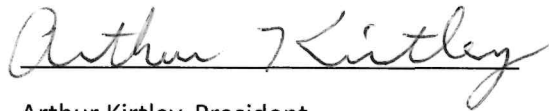
Art called for old business, there was none.

Art called for new business, there was none.

Art called for citizens' comments, there was none.

Art called for the paying of the claims. Rob made a motion to pay the claims Barb second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rob second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.



Arthur Kirtley, President

Attest: 

Michale L Straley III, Clerk Treasurer