

Lynn Town Council

March 8, 2024

Minutes

The Lynn Town Council met Wednesday March 6, 2024 at 5:00pm.

Arhtur called the meeting to order at 5:00pm followed by the pledge to the flag.

Barbara Motioned for the February minutes to be approved as presented. Robert second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Arthur asked for Council information-there was none.

Arthur asked for Attorney information-there was none.

Arthur called for the clerks' information. Michael presented the board with Curry & Associates quote to conduct the water loss and the iron testing. Michael explained that the water loss audit must be done yearly and that they had performed it the previous year. He also explained that this year there must be an iron survey and this company would also help with that. Robert made a motion to use Curry & Associates this year. Barbara second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Michael then presented the board with the quote on the Neptune device used to read water meters. Michael explained that Ben from utility supplies had stopped by the office and had told us that the meter system we use is soon to be obsolete. If we get the order in before July 1st then it will save us \$4,000. Robert asked if the total fee included training, and Michael said it does. Michael also stated that the quote has a belt transceiver that is not required. He suggested that they not get it. It is for bigger towns that walk to read the meters and it wouldn't be utilized enough to warrant the cost. Michael also stated that with the new equipment we had to have a tablet as well. He suggested that the town purchase an iPad to use. The iPad will work with the system at the water plant, and this would give Mike the ability to not only use it for reading meters but also for controlling the plant if something is not working out there. Barbara made the motion to approve the purchase of the new Neptune software and device and the tablet without the belt transceiver. Robert second the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Michael presented the board with a quote from Toxic Designs LLC to get a window tint for the clerk's office as well as the police office. Michael said this would help with privacy and would probably pay for itself with the cost of air conditioning. Brad said that the air condition runs nonstop when the sun is out in the summer. Robert made the motion to buy the window tint. Barbara second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Michael presented the board with a bill from Scott's door for \$3,536.30. Michael explained that at the end of December the fire dept was leaving the bay and the door came down and damaged a couple of panels. This was not turned into insurance at the time and according to Jonathan he took pictures but deleted them with training pictures. Michael called Cheryl from Matchett & Ward and she stated that she was not telling us to not turn it, but we needed to know that the insurance would have wanted to see it first or at least had pictures. That we have a \$1,000 deductible but because of the length of time since the occurrence it would not be guaranteed to get the rest paid for. She also

said that we don't want to turn any too many claims, that it could cause a future claim to not get paid. Arthur said that from his personal experience it would probably be best for us to pay for it, without turning it into insurance. Michael stated that this would come out of Fire Dept funds and that would only leave the Fire Dept with about \$15,000 to last the rest of the year. Barabra made the motion for us to pay the claim, Robert second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Michael stated that the board needs to discuss with Jonathan that any issues like this needs to be brought to the Clerk's office immediately so it could be handled properly.

Michael said that the clerk's office had received a visit From Todd Greene wanting to purchase the alley next to his business. Michael spoke with Suzan the town attorney and she had stated that he would need to get an attorney and they would have to vacate the alley. That at some point the board would have to approve this, but we would not need to do anything until it is brought to us. She had also stated that the town could not just sell an alley it would have to for sale and the highest bid would get it. She also stated that vacating the alley would give him half and his adjoining neighbor half. Olivia with the Town's attorney office stated that this is what Suzan had told her as well. Michael told the board he just wanted to bring it to their attention in case anything was said to them outside the office.

Michael then stated that he had us on the agenda for March 18th with the County Commissioner about keeping the \$150k that they had given us. He also stated that John Reece had given us information on some of the funds that had been spent on other towns and projects. Michael stated that when we go to this meeting, he thinks we should ask for \$150k plus some extra. Michael stated that the water plant is having some issues, and we need to have it fixed before the water tower gets completed and this money would help with that process.

Michael stated that the Eclipse is April 8th and Michael and Sharon had discussed and the city building would remain closed that day. We will still work but the doors will remain closed. We don't want everyone in here using restrooms and causing problems. Arthur asked if as a town do we need to prepare. Brad said he would discuss this in his portion.

Arthur then asked for employee information.

Brad stated that the emergency services had met regarding the eclipse. From the meetings they don't see the problem with people here, it will be when people are vacating the area. The Emergency services has met and will be working that day. The school is selling parking spots and the towns around us are having festivals. Lynn is at the epicenter with 4 more seconds of darkness. There is even a billboard in St Louis advertising to come to Lynn Indiana. Arthur asked what needed to be done at the lot next to the water plant. Brad said he doesn't know what to do out there. He stated we don't have an ordinance against people parking out there. He stated that if worried about oil, Astral is right beside it. Brad stated he would not issue citations because there are no ordinances. He said it is just hard to know if this is going to be chaotic or if this is going to be nothing. Arthur said no one is probably going to pay attention to no parking signs anyway. Brad said they are prepared for people coming in from Friday-Monday. They are prepared for overdoses. When this happened in Kentucky there was a bunch of overdoses. Wayne county and local businesses have had several meetings. Emergency services will be meeting the week before to prepare.

Chances are if it is sunny, it will be chaotic. Brad agreed shutting down the city building was a good idea. Arthur said we will be as prepared as we can be.

Brad then spoke on behalf of the Fire Dept. Brad stated that they had 3 vacancies. They had also approved 3 new members Zoe Fisher, Danielle Ruhl, and Abner Stoltzfus. They are going to get the information to the clerk's office within the next week for insurance purposes. He then stated that Chief Nicholson did training that was not mandatory for volunteer fire depts. Jonathan should be recognized for going because it wasn't mandatory. Brad stated that he knew the budget was tight and that there are a few grants that Jonathan is going for. Some are 100% grants. Arthur said Jonathan going to the training was commendable.

Brad then showed the new body cameras and said all was good with it. He stated it would Bluetooth to his phone allowing him to in attics or around corners. He stated that the weapons have been ordered and we could receive them by the end of the week. There was little expense to the town after the donations. He stated that the expense came from needing 9 ammos instead of 45. He stated the new weapons would not be used until after proper certification.

June is the cleanup days. On Pearl Street this is a house with a camper that is rough. They were supposed to get a dumpster when the weather broke, however that didn't happen. He stated that he was going to speak to them and then he would start charging \$25 a day until it is cleaned up. He had a situation on Maple-Linden, he spoke with the people, and everything worked out, the guy was respectable. He was cleaning brush by burning it and Brad asked him to stop.

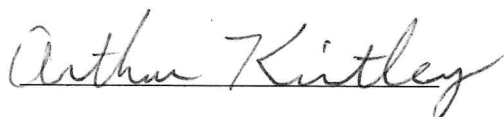
Brad stated Pearl, State and South Franklin were going to be paved this year we have the funding and are just waiting for Eb Paving to start.

Arthur then asked for Old Business-there was none.


Arthur called for new business- Arthur stated that we need better communication between the board, the departments and the clerk's office. This will allow us to know better what funds things need to come from.

Arthur called for Citizen's comments-there was none.

Robert made the motion to approve the claims, Barbara seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.



Arthur Kirtley, President

Attest: 

Michael L Straley III, Clerk Treasurer