

Lynn Town Council

May 1, 2024

Minutes

The Lynn Town Council Meeting was called to order by Arthur Kirtley at 5:00pm

The meeting was started with the pledge to the Flag and the Lord's Prayer

Barbara called a motion to approve the April 3, 2024 minutes. Robert 2 second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Arthur called for Council information, there was none.

Arthur called for Attorney information. Suzan said that she had something to discuss but would discuss it during old business.

Arthur called for Clerks information. Michael stated the website was live and that there had been several people stop by and call saying they really liked it, and it was easy to use. Michael stated that he felt it was already money well spent. Michael stated he had the process put in place to get the online bill pay set up and he thought the website would get used even more when that happens. Michael stated he had high hopes this would be either 1st of June or July.

Next Michael brought to the boards attention that he would like to change the fee for the room rental to just a straight \$50. He stated that the extra \$25 was a lot of extra work that he felt wasn't necessary. Robert stated that they did that due to people not cleaning up after they used the room. Michael stated that it was a few and that they are now keeping a book of who has rented it with their phone numbers.

Robert made the motion to do away with the \$25 deposit and have the room rental at \$50. Barbara second the motion. The motion was carried all in favor.

Michael brought up that he had heard from Steve Brock and he had requested more documentation. Sharon has sent him the documents, and Michael is hopeful this is the last thing he will need to get us the information on the rate increase.

Michael stated they had received the Natural Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit. This permit is for the Wastewater Plant. This will expire on August 31, 2029.

Michael stated that they had received the CSX Transportation Grant of \$5,000 for the Fire Dept.

Michael then stated that they had around 300 water surveys turned in. That this was going really well, and they hoped to get even more turned in with this billing cycle. He stated that this would make Mike happy, because the next step is going door to door. We have until October to get this turned in, and Michael feels like we are right on track to get this finished on time.

Arthur called for Employee information.

Jonathan asked Michael if the Clerk's office has received the grant from EDPR/Riverstart yet or the \$14k from Trans Canada. Michael stated the only grant we have received so far is the CSX. Jonathan

stated that they had 28 runs last month. He had gone to a fire conference and met with the people making the fire truck. He had a discussion with other fire departments, and they all said they wished they had added more fire hose to the trucks. This will cost \$4,500 to add the hose. After talking with other departments, he believes we need to go ahead and get this. The extra hose will allow us to get to Farm ponds on our runs. This would be 25ft between 2 hoses. We will then have 75 feet of hose. Arthur asked will this be included in the grant we received. Jonathan stated that no it doesn't and that we have already gone over that grant amount. Arthur asked Michael if the funds were there. Michael stated that we do have it, but this will lower the Fire dept budget significantly. Barbara asked if Jonathan seen any future needs that would take precedent to this. Jonathan stated that he was expecting the Trans Canada Grant for more material. He is also looking for other grants for the future needs.

Arthur called for a motion. Barbara made the motion to pay \$4,500 for the hose on the new fire trucks. Robert second the motion. The motion was carried all in favor.

Arthur called for Old Business. Suzan stated she is looking into the fire hydrant between the properties owned by Jessie Ballanger. Michael stated that the original map shows that the line was put in during the same time that the water tower was put in. Suzan said she would like to see the map and will do some research to see what she can find out.

Arthur called for New business there was none.

Arthur called for Citizens comments. Kevin Slick stood and said the property at 202 W Sherman was an unsafe structure. He stated Indiana code 36-7-9 and there should be a town ordinance stating that an unsafe structure need removed. He stated that the owners have owned the property for two and a half years. His understanding is that the owners of the property do not own the structure. Kevin stated he would like something done about this as it is unsafe and lowering property value. Arthur stated we will look into it with our lawyer.

Chrys Bond stood and stated that Harris still has the Camper on the property. She stated that it is also bringing their property value down. Chrys stated she is ready to sell her property because she is tired of nothing being done. Arthur stated that action is being taken but he isn't sure if the daily fee has happened yet. Michael stated that the fee is happening.

Mark Moody stated that he appreciated and thanked the town for putting his Birthday on the sign. Mark asked about the new sign if there was any update. Michael stated that the last he knew that Astral was donating \$5k to the new sign. This left us with owing \$31k. Unfortunately, the town does not have the funds to complete it. Mark asked if the town was taking donations, and Michael said we would if we can get enough. Suzan stated that the Randolph County United director is in the reserves and has been sent to Hawaii. The projects there are not moving the fastest due to the new interim director trying to catch up on everything.

Robert made a motion to pay claims. Barbara second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Barbara made a motion to Adjourn. Robert second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Arthur Kirtley

Arthur Kirtley, President

Michael L Straley III

Michael L Straley III, Clerk Treasurer