Town of Worthington April 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Jason Robertson, Kim Archer, Brian Stoner, Dustin Banning, and Chad Provo.

The Meeting was called to order by Jason Robertson, who led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kim Archer led in prayer.

Re: Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) – Payment Application #1 – WWTP

Kim Archer made a motion to approve payment application #1 for the WWTP Project – WW-22
115 to the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) in the amount of \$26,400.00.

Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

RE: Worthington Wastewater Project – WW-22-115

Re: McKenzie Hollingsworth: SIDC Representative – Grant Support

SIDC Representative McKenzie Hollingsworth talked to the Council about some of the grants available to the Town that SIDC can assist in obtaining. One such opportunity was the purchase of rundown commercial buildings in order to clean them up and put them back on the market to serve as a viable business opportunity in the Town itself as well as a steady source of tax revenue. The Council thanked Ms. Hollingsworth for her time and information.

Re: Meeting Minutes

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the March 11, 2025, Regular Minutes. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Re: Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll claims as presented. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-1. Dustin Banning abstained.

Re: Clerk-Treasurer's Report

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that a total of \$598.36 in interest was earned on investments through TrustIndiana in March 2025.

Re: Street Department Report

Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman reported that pumps have been pumping water around the clock on the north side of town due to the heavy rain we received earlier this spring. Tim also reminded town citizens that Friday April 25 through Sunday April 27, 2025, would be spring clean-up weekend. Dumpsters will be provided to aid in the clean-up process.

Re: Utilities Report

Utilities Deputy Renie Powell reported to the Council that she will be placing sewer liens on those citizens' accounts who have ignored repeated attempts by the town to get caught up on their sewer bills.

Re: Police Department Report

Town Marshal Jacob Gambill gave a report on police activity since the last Council Meeting. Mr. Gambill also told the Council that the Worthington Police Department will be holding a conceal carry class at the Community Building located in the town park on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., which town citizens are encouraged to attend.

Re: Live Streaming Meetings

The Council discussed the State of Indiana requirement effective July 1, 2025, to broadcast Town Council meetings for the viewing public. There were a few options discussed on how to accomplish this. In the end, live streaming in a simple system was approved by the Council. The Council directed the clerk-treasurer to order the materials necessary to make this happen.

Blighted Properties Actions

The Council looked at slides of several properties which might pose potential health and safety hazards, such as, breeding grounds for dangerous pests, hazardous conditions for children and pets, and accumulating material/refuse which could adversely affect the value of homes adjacent to said properties. The Council voted on each of these properties individually as to whether they met the criteria set forth in the Town's Ordinances to send the property owner(s) a notice of abatement stating that the property must be abated within 30 days in order to come into compliance with these ordinances. If the property owner(s) failed to abate the property in the allotted time, the Town would clean up the property and invoice the owner accordingly. Failure on the part of the owner(s) to pay the invoice could result in a lien being attached to the property. The properties are listed by number to protect the identity of the owner(s). The vote per property is listed below. Terms of each notice are incorporated by reference. Each property owner(s) receiving a notice of abatement will have the right to appeal the abatement at a Town Council Meeting in Special Session scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025, to start at 6:00 p.m.

Property #1 – Kim Archer made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #2 – Kim Archer made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #3 – Kim Archer made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #4 – Kim Archer made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #5 – Kim Archer made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Dustin Banning seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #6 – Kim Archer made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Dustin Banning seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #7 – Dustin Banning made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #8 – Dustin Banning made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. . Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #9 – Kim Archer made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #10 – Kim Archer made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Dustin Banning seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #11 – Dustin Banning made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #12 – Dustin Banning made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #13 – Dustin Banning made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #14 – Brian Stoner made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Dustin Banning seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #15 – Dustin Banning made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #16 – Kim Archer made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Dustin Banning seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #17 – Kim Archer made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Dustin Banning seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #18 – Dustin Banning made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #19 – Dustin Banning made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Property #20 – Kim Archer made a motion to present the owner(s) of this property an abatement notice by certified mail or in person by Town Marshal Jacob Gambill or his representative. Dustin Banning seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

As there was no more business to come before the Worthington Town Council, Dustin Banning made a motion to adjourn. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Jason Robertson, President

Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer

Town of Worthington April 24, 2025, Special Session Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the Town Hall at 4:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Jason Robertson, Kim Archer, and Brian Stoner. Dustin Banning and Chad Provo did not attend the meeting.

The Meeting was called to order by Jason Robertson, who led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kim Archer led in prayer.

Re: WWTP Graves Construction Payment Application #2 – SRF Draw #7

After much discussion about alternative solutions to the wastewater treatment facility's inability to properly lower ammonia levels in the treated water dispersed into the White River, Brian Stoner made a motion approve WWTP Graves Construction Payment Application #2 – SRF Draw #7 in the amount of \$76,589.00. The Council decided it would be best to continue the WWTP Project as scheduled to avoid any unnecessary construction delays and as the best action for the wellbeing of the Town's Citizens and the White River's water purity. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

As there was no more business to come before the Worthington Town Council, Kim Archer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Jason Robertson, President

Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer