

TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2023

The Regular Council meeting of the Town Council of Clear Lake, Indiana was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00PM. Present were Town Council President Darin Thorp, Council members George Schenkel, Brent Schlosser, Dan Rippe and Molly Weber. Street and Sewer Superintendent-Guy Rodgers, Zoning Administrator-Robert Hawley, Billing Clerk-Jennifer Sattison and Marshal-Chris Emerick were also in attendance. There were 11 residents in attendance and 4 attended via Zoom.

Council President Darin Thorp called the meeting to order at 7PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Zoom instructions were provided by Robert Hawley.

Molly Weber asked to have all Council and employees introduce themselves.

Council President Darin Thorp stated after discussion with our legal counsel because of our vacancy in the Clerk Treasurer it was recommended that looking at the agenda that we table items 4, 5, 6a and item 8, all the new business. Items were Election of Officers (Council President, Council VP, Council Secretary, Department Appointments and Plan Commission), Approval of Monthly Reports (Minutes from December 20, 2022 and Voucher Register and Warrant, Financial Monthly report and all New Business (Ordinance Amending Salary for 2023, Certificate of Appointment to Steuben County Economic Development and Certificate of Appointment Region 3A). Motion was made by Darin Thorp and seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

1. Marshal's report: Chris Emerick presented his report and report is on file.
2. Fire Department report: Brent Schlosser presented report and report is on file.
3. Zoning Administrator: Robert Hawley presented his report and report is on file.
4. Superintendent: Guy Rodgers presented his report and report is on file.
5. All departments then presented their respective Metrics which can be found on the TOCL website on the Metrics tab.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Dan Rippe presented a report he has pulled together titled: Closer Look @ DLZ Alternate Approach. Molly Weber made a motion to open for public comment, motion was seconded by Brent Schlosser.

Resident Kathy Schenkel asked why when some roads are built on sand and others built on swamp why we would need to start over with the roads. Dan responded and asked Todd Thurber for verification, that there are engineering solutions for roads in wet areas that entail a special process to distribute the load over larger areas.

Resident John Wilhelm suggested that the TOCL move forward with a Road Committee and to ask for input from residents who have expertise in the area of roads and construction and to not wait to get started on this.

Resident Brian Weber asked for clarification on the aggressive approach and cost difference per mile on roads that are projected to last 8-10 years vs 15-20 years. Dan stated he used DLZ's grind and resurface costs which were 2:1.

Todd Thurber from DLZ stated all items covered and he had nothing to add.

Resident Jim Nevin asked if the TOCL bids out the engineering work. Darin responded that it was not bid out as they are almost identical to other firms.

Molly Weber made the motion to close public comment which was seconded by Brent Schlosser.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

George Schenkel asked Darin Thorp if there was an update on when the GIS system would be available to other Council members and residents to view via the website. Darin stated that it is 'coming soon'.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Rippe stated that he and Robert Hawley have been looking at the ILP fee schedule and that Council will need to approve any updates. Dan shared this will come to Council in February with the intent to approve in March. Dan shared that TOCL current fee schedule has been in place since 2016.

#### TRAINING AND REVIEW:

Robert Hawley presented the Zoning Ordinance training along with some history and why this is so important to a community.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Council and residents in attendance extended a thank you to all the first responders.

Molly Weber suggested that in the spirit of managing the residents time and keeping the meetings flowing that Council consider posting the Department Metrics on the website and changing the order of the meetings so both unfinished and new business would occur prior to monthly reports. This would allow residents not to have to stay to the end of the meeting for key information that may/may not yet be posted on the website. Dan Rippe said he was fine as long as Department heads provided a brief overview of their metrics during their report.

Molly Weber asked if the TOCL had any follow up to do on Clear Lake Cove as there are still residents with sandbags in the driveways and at their back doors. Guy Rodgers stated no action was required and that all the work was complete. Guy also stated that if a resident needed he or Denver to pick up the sandbags to contact him.

Resident Kay Kummer stated this was a good meeting.

Resident Todd Rumsey stated that Council should consider a consent agenda to group items like routine reports to help keep the meetings moving along.

With no further business or discussion, Molly Weber made a motion adjourn and Brent Schlosser seconded. Motion passed and Council President Darin Thorp adjourned the meeting at 8:06PM.

Darin Thorp, Council President



Nathan Striker, Attest

