



TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 15, 2022

The Regular Council meeting of the Town Council of Clear Lake, Indiana was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday February 15, 2022, at 7:00PM. Present were Town Council President Darin Thorp- via Teleconference, Council Members Brent Schlosser, Dan Rippe, Molly Weber- via Teleconference, and George Schenkel. Clerk/Treasurer - Jessica Swander, Marshal – Chris Emerick, Street & Sewer Superintendent- Guy Rodgers, and Zoning Administrator - Larry Lillmars were also in attendance. There were five residents who signed the guest register and two via teleconference.

Council member Brent Schlosser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. starting with the sighting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

1. Approval of minutes from the Special Town Council meeting held January 13, 2022, at 7:00PM. Brent Schlosser presented the minutes to the Council. Brent then asked for any additions or corrections. No corrections were given.

George Schenkel made a motion to pass the Special Town Council minutes as presented. Seconded by Dan Rippe. Motion passed.

2. Approval of minutes from the Regular Town Council meeting held January 18, 2022, at 7:00PM. Brent Schlosser presented the minutes to the Council. Brent then asked for any additions or corrections. No corrections were given.

Dan Rippe made a motion to pass the Regular Town Council minutes as presented. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

3. Approval of minutes from the Special Town Council meeting held January 24, 2022, at 6:00PM. Brent Schlosser presented the minutes to the Council. Brent then asked for any additions or corrections. No corrections were given.

George Schenkel made a motion to pass the Special Town Council minutes as presented. Seconded by Dan Rippe. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Voucher Register with Warrants – Jessica Swander presented the Voucher Register with Warrant details.

Disbursements on the Voucher Register are as follows:

Operating Funds:	\$53,205.44
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Sewer Funds:	<u>\$34,458.11</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$87,633.55

Dan Rippe made a motion to accept the Voucher Register with Warrants. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Baker Tilly Sewer Rate Study updates were discussed by Dan Rippe which will be used to inform an Ordinance Amendment. Dan introduced Amber Nielsen, from Baker Tilly, to present the final updated rate study, conclusions, and recommendations.

Amber Nielsen, from Baker Tilly, went through the updates to the Sewer Rate Study that were discussed during the January 18, 2022, meeting.

Council discussed the action item updates that were met and the reasons why others were not at this time, but further evaluation was needed to make changes for those at this time.

Dan Rippe made a motion to open to the public. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

Resident John Wilhelm asked about his current amount with his sanitation.

Jessica Swander answered his rate question.

Dan Rippe made a motion to close to the public. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

2. Plan Commission Action Items- Communication Survey update was given by Dan Rippe. Dan discussed the error issue with the vendor and issuing the survey. Dan asked everyone to encourage everyone around the lake to fill out their surveys and get them back to us. Dan Rippe also gave an update on a draft tool to assess unintended consequences to a UDO change process. It forces the Plan Commission to assess the what ifs.

New Business:

1. Sewer Rate Ordinance was discussed by Dan Rippe.

Dan Rippe made a motion to Introduce Sewer Rate Ordinance 2022-02. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe read Sewer Rate Ordinance 2022-02 out loud in its entirety.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to open to the public. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

No questions or comments were given.

George Schenkel made a motion to close to the public. Seconded by Dan Rippe. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe made a motion to suspend the rules for the reading and read by title only. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe read Sewer Rate Ordinance 2022-02 out loud by title only and concluded the first reading.

Dan Rippe also shared with Council the public notice that would be published for the public hearing that would take place on February 15, 2022.

2. Full- Time Billing Clerk Position was discussed by Jessica Swander. Jessica requested that Jennifer Smith- Sattison be promoted from Part-Time Temporary Billing Clerk to Full-Time Billing Clerk with a \$2.00 per hour raise.

Dan Rippe made a motion to promote Jennifer Smith-Sattison from Part-Time Temporary Billing Clerk to Full-Time Billing Clerk with a \$2.00 per hour raise. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

3. New Printer for the office was discussed by Dan Rippe. Dan was requesting a printer that would allow large house drawings for compliance to the Towns UDO. Dan discussed the current printer's capabilities which is 8.5X11.

George Schenkel asked it was currently in the budget. Dan Rippe stated that it was currently within the Towns budget.

Larry Lillmars stated that the printer was older and that Mid Solve, our IT company, stated that the Town needed to look at updating to a newer printer.

Dan Rippe made a motion to approve the trade in and purchase of the Canon IR Advance C38261 Color copier at the value of \$7,995.00, minus the trade in of \$3,400.00 for a purchase price of \$4,595.00. Seconded by Molly Weber. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

1. Financial Report – Jessica Swander presented the financial report showing financials through January 31, 2022. Report is on file.
2. Marshal's Report- Chris Emerick discussed Marshal activity around the lake. Report is on file.

Chris discussed the Sheriffs app for updates around the County that residents can sign up for.

George Schenkel stated that he has the app and really likes it.

3. Fire Department Report- Brent Schlosser read the Fire Department Report. Report is on file.
4. Zoning Administrator- Larry Lillmars discussed activity around the lake. Report is on file.

5. Superintendent- Guy Rodgers discussed activity around the lake. Report is on file.

Guy Rodgers discussed the increase coming to the grinder pumps and recommended Council allow an additional twelve grinders to be purchased prior to the increase in addition to the twelve that were already approved for a total of twenty-four.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to approve the order of an additional twelve grinders. Seconded by Dan Rippe. Motion passed.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Dan Rippe gave an update on electronic equipment for audio and visual and will be presenting at the next Council meeting along with the Council room table.

Brent Schlosser discussed first quarter action items that will need to be done and discussed and the next Council meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Resident John Wilhelm thanked the Town and Guy Rodgers for his plowing and keeping the snow off the roads. John also had a question on who takes care of streetlights.

Darin Thorp stated that all lights will be switching over to LED.

Guy Rodgers talked about a request of streetlights through Quiet Harbor. Larry Lillmars stated the resident requesting stated he would pay for the light.

Resident Kay Kummer stated that people are speeding on her street.

Chris Emerick stated that on the speed radar signs a report prints and that the area she is talking about has cars going below the speed limit.

Resident Kay Kummer stated that her trash was missed the last two weeks.

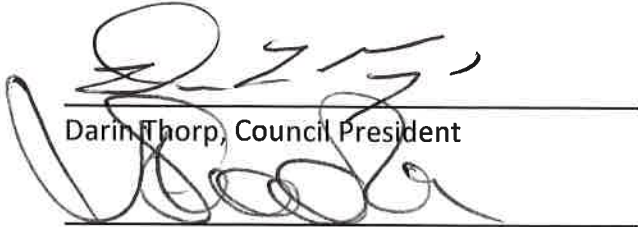
Resident Evelyn Schlosser asked if the radar signs show if someone breaks before the sign.

Chris stated that the signs do now show when someone breaks.

Resident John Wilhelm stated that Washler is combining trash and recycling.

Guy Rodgers and Chris Emerick stated that they have a split truck that can carry both.

There being no further business or discussions, Council President Darin Thorp adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.



Darin Thorp, Council President

Attest: Jessica Swander, Clerk/Treasurer