

TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The Regular Council meeting of the Town Council of Clear Lake, Indiana was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday February 21, 2023 at 7:00PM. Present were Town Council President Darin Thorp, Council Members Brent Schlosser, Dan Rippe, Molly Weber, and George Schenkel. Clerk/Treasurer Nathan Striker, Zoning Administrator Robert Hawley and Town Marshall Chris Emerick were also present. There were nineteen residents who signed the guest register and 7 attended via Zoom. Town Superintendent, Guy Rodgers attended via Zoom.

Council President Darin Thorp called the meeting to order at 7:00PM starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Zoom instructions were given by Robert Hawley.

Council Actions

1. Molly Weber made a motion to move unfinished business and new business up on the agenda. George Schenkel seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. Dan Rippe made a motion to end the council meeting at 10:00PM if necessary and begin again the next day at 6:00PM. Molly Weber seconded. Motion passed.
3. Dan Rippe made a motion to open comments to the public. Motion passed. There were no comments; public hearing was closed.

Election of Officers

1. President - Brent Schlosser made a motion for Darin Thorp to remain as Town Council President. Dan Rippe Seconded. Motion passed. Darin asked for other nominations; there were none.
2. Vice President - Brent Schlosser made a motion for Molly Weber to remain as Town Council Vice President. Dan Rippe Seconded. Motion passed. Darin asked for other nominations; there were none.
3. Secretary - Molly Weber made a motion for Nathan Striker to become Town Council Secretary. Brent Schlosser seconded. Motion passed.

Department Appointments

Infrastructure - Dan Rippe stated he would love to continue along with Darin Thorp.

Human Resources - Brent Schlosser made a motion for George Schenkel to become HR department head. Dan Rippe seconded. Motion passed. Darin asked for other nominations; there were none.

Fire Department - Molly Weber made a motion for Brent Schlosser to remain as Fire Department head. Dan Rippe seconded. Motion passed. Darin asked for other nominations; there were none.

Economic Development and Region 3A - Dan Rippe nominated Molly Weber and Brent Schlosser agreed to be the backup since meetings take place during the work-day. Brent Schlosser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Budget - Molly Weber made a motion to nominate Dan Rippe and George Schenkel. Brent Schlosser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Plan Commission - Dan Rippe made a motion to nominate Guy Rodgers. Darin Thorpe seconded. Council president did not ask for any other nominations. The vote passed with a no vote from Molly Weber and George Schenkel.

Approval of Monthly Reports

Brent Schlosser made the motion to approve the December 20, 2022 minutes with corrections. Dan Rippe seconded. Motion passed.

Molly Weber made the motion to approve to approve the January 17, 2023 minutes. Dan Rippe seconded. Motion passed.

Nathan Striker, the new clerk-treasurer, presented the December 2022 and January 2023 voucher warrants. Dan Rippe noticed that some corrections needed to be made. Nathan Striker stated that the corrections will be made and presented at the next council meeting. Dan Rippe made a motion to accept vouchers with corrections. Motion passed.

Disbursements on the January Voucher are as follows:

Operating Fund	\$43,799.03
Sewer Fund	\$24, 833.45
Total Disbursements	\$68,682.48

Disbursements of the February Voucher are as follows:

Operating Fund	\$99,646.31
Sewer Fund	\$34,175.18
Total Disbursements	\$133,821.49

Brent Schlosser made a motion to approve the January and February vouchers. Molly Weber seconded. Motion passed.

Fire Report: Brent Schlosser presented the monthly fire activity. Report is on file.

Marshall Report: Brent Schlosser discussed the monthly police activity. Report is on file.

Zoning Report: Robert Hawley discussed the current zoning activity. Report is on file.

Superintendent Report: Robert Hawley went through the report for Guy Rodgers who was not in attendance. Report is on file.

Unfinished Business

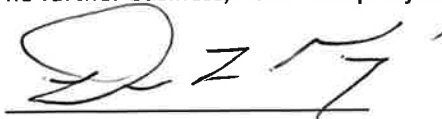
- a. Golf Cart Penalties and Registration fees
Council Members discussed the current and proposed changes to the Golf Cart fee schedule. Brent Schlosser spoke about the registration fee and a temporary registration fee for 7 days. Then he discussed how violations should be handled and how fines should be increased. Brent will move forward with these changes.
- b. Town Marshall's previous vehicle (Tahoe)
Council members, the Town Marshall and the Zoning Administrator gave their opinions about what should be done with the back-up vehicle. It was recommended that a cost analysis be presented including insurance, fuel, maintenance, and storage costs.
- c. GIS System is not accessible to the public.

New Business

- a. Ordinance Amending Salary for 2023. The new salary ordinance was discussed and reviewed by members of the Council. Brent Schlosser read through the amendment in its entirety. Molly Weber made a motion to open for public comment. Seconded by Brent Schlosser; opened for public comment. Motion to close public comment by Molly Weber. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Closed with no public comment. Salary ordinance was unanimously approved.
- b. Certificate of Appointment Steuben County Economic Development was covered.
- c. Certificate of Appointment for Region 3A was discussed by Council Members.
- d. Approval to advertise CCMG project for bid - Dan Rippe opened council discussion about the importance of opening the bid process for future CCMG projects; the deadline for submission is April 6. Dan Rippe stated that the updated designs, based on input from the public hearing, will be used for bidding purposes. Dan Rippe made a motion to open for public comment. Brent Schlosser seconded. No comments were made. Dan Rippe made a motion to close public comment. Molly Weber seconded. Motion passed.
- e. Fee Schedule Update - Dan Rippe introduced why we are increasing fees. Zoning Administrator Robert Hawley went over in detail all the reasons for raising the zoning fee schedule. There was no resolution.
- f. DLZ Work Order Agreement - Dan Rippe made a motion to accept the updated DLZ fee schedule and involve DLZ in inspections as needed; seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.
- g. Future of Our Roads Committee - Dan Rippe presented a power point on his work associated with the roads around our community. Committee will be composed of four residents and one council member. No appointments were made. Presentation is on file.
- h. CCD Fund - Dan Rippe requested that we re-establish the CCD fund; this would increase the tax rate to .05 from .044. Dan Rippe made a motion to approve; there was no second. Dan Rippe rescinded his motion.

General Discussion

There were some discussions about the back-up police vehicle from members of the public. There being no further business, Darin Thorp adjourned the meeting at 9:56PM.



Darin Thorp, Council President



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Striker', is written over a horizontal line.

Attest: Nathan Striker, Clerk/Treasurer