

TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Council of Clear Lake, Indiana was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday March 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, Town Superintendent Guy Rodgers, and Town Marshall Chris Emerick were also present. There were six residents who signed the guest register and 2 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

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Molly Weber made a motion to move Unfinished business and New Business up on the agenda. George Schenkel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes: Molly Weber made a motion to approve the minutes. Dan Rippe seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of March Vouchers. Nathan Striker presented disbursements on the March Voucher. They are as follows:

Operating Fund-     \$37,778.35

Sewer Fund-         \$13,121.78

Total Disbursements- \$50,900.13

Brent Schlosser made a motion to accept the March Voucher. Molly Weber seconded; motion passed.

Unfinished Business

- a. Re-Establishing the CCD Fund. Dan Rippe discussed the merits of re-establishing the funds in this account and why it is important for the future of our community. There is a deadline to set CCD at 0.050 on May 31, currently the levy is set at 0.048.
  - Dan Rippe made a motion to open public comment, seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion carries. Residents discussed the difference in the levy being at 0.048 compared to 0.050 and how that would affect future projects.
  - Molly Weber made a motion to close public comment, seconded by Brent Schlosser, motion carries.
  - Dan Rippe made a motion to approve the CCD fund. There was no second. The motion was withdrawn.

- b. Fee-Schedule Update. Robert Hawley presented his ideas on how to proceed with the scheduling of fees. Fees are driven by the complexity of ordinances. Robert will address the fees again at the next meeting.

#### New Business

- a. Road Committee Update. Dan Rippe has organized the new road committee. Bob Hill, Larry Dean, Jim Bushey, Tim Reith, Todd Thurber representing DLZ, and Dan Rippe make up the committee. The first meeting was on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. Subsequent meetings will be held twice a month on Thursday evenings. This committee will make recommendations about how to proceed with the CCMG project.
- b. CCMG Project Bid and Award. Dan Rippe made a motion to give Todd Thurber from DLZ the floor. Molly Weber seconded; motion passed.
- Todd Thurber presented the three bids; all meet the criteria for the project. API was recommended for the CCMG Project with the lowest bid of \$839,915.00.
  - Molly Weber made a motion to open public comment, seconded by Brent Schlosser. Discussions were had about previous work that API has done around the lake specifically on Clear Lake Cove. Also, residents talked about the quality of work done by API and the order of priority given to the new projects.
  - George Schenkel asked if changes were made as a result of the community input and pointed out the lack of transparency during the entire road plan process.
  - Molly Weber made a motion to close public comment, seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion carries.
  - Dan Rippe made a motion to award the 2023 CCMG project to API, seconded by Brent Schlosser, George Schenkel abstained. Motion was approved.

#### Approval of Monthly Reports

Financial Report- Nathan Striker presented monthly financials. Reports are on file.

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- Guy Rodgers Discussed the Current Activities. Report is on file.

Dan Rippe made a motion to approve grinder repairs not to exceed \$8000.00. Motion seconded by Molly Weber, motion carries.

#### General Discussion

Jim McClain thanked the council for the new street signs. Brent Schlosser made a motion to adjourn at 9.03pm, seconded by Molly Weber; motion carries.



Darin Thorp, Council President



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Attest: Nathan Striker, Clerk/Treasurer