

Special Session of the Clear Lake Town Council

111 Gecowets Drive, Clear Lake, IN
March 23rd, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

President, Christopher Folland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Roger Dammeier, Anita Thiel, Bruce Spangler and Jill Powers. David Hawk, Town Attorney was also present. There was one guest who signed the guest register.

The purpose of the Special Session was to discuss the issue of repair work on the sewer grinder station at 106 Sunset Bay with new owner Erick Strasser. Due to the fact that a determination cannot be made on who caused the damage to the station the Town has accepted Mr. Strasser's offer to pay one-half of the total cost of making their sewer connection serviceable again. The Town will pay the remaining half of the cost. The total amount will include the already incurred cost of \$1,590 to M & C Trenching for excavation of the site on February 27th, plus the new station with control panel (price to be determined) removal of the old unit and moving the replacement unit to a new location with a not to exceed cost of \$6,500. The station was modified by the previous owner to accommodate the expansion of the gravel drive without permission of the Town and has been being driven over for a number of years. The station was also located in the leach field of the original community septic system. Mr. Strasser will be working with his neighbor, Mr. Pfister to the north to obtain an easement for relocating the grinder station on the neighbor's property.

A motion was made by Bruce Spangler to accept Mr. Strasser's offer as stated above. President Folland asked all in favor to signify by saying aye. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2017-01: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 256, AS AMENDED, REGARDING PARKING REGULATIONS UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY, PUBLIC PROPERTY AND STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA

Councilman Dammeier read the ordinance in its entirety and made a motion to introduce the ordinance, Jill Powers seconded the motion. President Folland asked all in favor to signify by saying aye. All were in favor.

Councilman Dammeier made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Anita Thiel. President Folland asked all in favor to signify by saying aye. All were in favor.

Councilman Powers read Ordinance 2017-01 by title only. President Folland asked all in favor of adopting the ordinance to signify by saying aye. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 04-2017: RESOLUTION ADOPTING CLEAR LAKE PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY: Tabled until the April Council Meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: George Schenkel has agreed to complete Tom Schmidt's term on the BZA ending January 1st, 2018. As an appointee from the Town Council, Jill Powers made a motion to appoint George Schenkel to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the remainder of Thom Schmidt's term. The motion was seconded by Roger Dammeier. President Folland asked all those in favor to signify by saying aye. All were in favor.

DEPUTY J. GONYA'S RESIGNATION: After nine years serving the Clear Lake Police Department John Gonya has tendered his resignation effective March 12th, 2017. A motion was made by Jill Powers to accept Deputy Gonya's resignation, seconded by Roger Dammeier. President Folland asked all those in favor to signify by saying aye. All were in favor.

UPDATE ON FREMONT SEWER RATE INCREASE: Council President Chris Folland and Vice-President Roger Dammeier along with Town Attorney David Hawk made an appeal at the Fremont Town Council Meeting on March 20th requesting a rate change in Fremont's new Sewer Rate Ordinance for the Town of Clear Lake. After pursuing several options with the Fremont Town Council there was no amicable solution. After much discussion on four options for relief from the rate increase for the Town of Clear Lake a motion was made by Council member Anita Thiel to give authority to Town Attorney, David Hawk to be able to file a petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on Wednesday, March 29th, if all communications with the Town of Fremont Town Council fails. The motion was seconded by Council member Spangler. President Folland asked all in favor to signify by saying aye. All were in favor.

There being no future business a motion was made by Jill Powers at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bruce Spangler, motion carried.

Christopher Folland, President

Attest: Kay A. Kummer
Clerk-Treasurer