

TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 16th, 2024

The regular meeting of the Town Council of Clear Lake, Indiana was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday April 16th, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Present were Council Members Dan Rippe, Molly Weber, Brent Schlosser Bert Elliott and George Schenkel. Clerk/Treasurer Nathan Striker, Zoning Administrator Robert Hawley and Town Marshall Chris Emerick were also present. There were 5 residents that signed in and 3 were on Zoom.

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

Zoom instructions were given by Robert Hawley.

Council members introduced themselves.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Approval of meeting agenda: Bert Elliott then made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Will Howard, Steuben County commissioner. George Schenkel seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Wil Howard gave a presentation about the benefits of increased gas availability from Nipsco for the Northeast Indiana region. He then gave Council information about the potential investment to TOCL for this project. George Schenkel made a motion to open for public comment, Brent Schlosser seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Todd Rumsey presented some of the advantages of this project for the Clear Lake Community. Technical aspects of this project were discussed by the room as well as costs associated.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to close the public comment. George Schenkel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wil Howard then made an ask of Council to vote for the towns participation in this project via a MOU payable over 4 quarters (Total of \$10280.24). Bert Elliott made a motion in favor of this proposal, Brent Schlosser seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with Dan Rippe abstaining.

Approval of Minutes and Voucher

Approval of March minutes: Brent Schlosser made a motion to accept. George Schenkel seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of March-April Voucher: They are as follows:

General Fund-	\$92,568.73
Sewer Fund-	\$31,701.86
Attorney-	\$9,414.00
Total Disbursements-	\$133,684.59

Dan Rippe made a motion to approve voucher register and warrant. George Schenkel seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

- a. Opioid Funds Transfer (Resolution 02-2024) Dan Rippe made a motion to accept the resolution. George Schenkel seconded. Motion Carried 5-0
- b. Transfer of Funds (Resolution 03-2024) George Schenkel made a motion to accept the resolution. Brent Schlosser seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. 432 Point Park Sewer Easement. Robert Hawley presented the easement plan for this address. Dan Rippe made a motion to accept. Brent Schlosser seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- d. Police Staffing and Ordinance (2024-01). Brent Schlosser made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Dan Rippe seconded. Motion carried. Brent Schlosser then made a motion to accept the ordinance. Bert Elliott seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Discussions were then had about hiring 2 new part-time police deputies, that process is moving forward. Chris Emerick asked the council for approval and funding of the Lexipol police system. Brent and Nathan are going to work together to get this prepared for the next Council meeting.

Unfinished Business

None this month

Monthly Reports

Financial Report- Nathan updated the Council on Treasurer activities. Reports are on file.

Marshal's Report- Chris Emerick presented the monthly police activity. Report is on file.

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

Zoning Report- Robert Hawley gave an update on monthly zoning activities. Report is on file.

Superintendent Report- In Guys absence, Robert Hawley discussed the current activities. Report is on file.

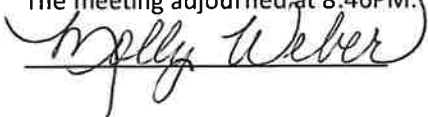
Dan Rippe- Dan talked about the swales and drainage with the 2023 road project. Dan also highlighted the work the Road Committee has done for the 2024 road project. Dan shared that Chris Schweikert has been added to the Road Committee.

Robert Hawley gave a progress report on the Condo Lift Station in Guys absence. Dan Rippe discussed that the town will be using our own equipment on this project to save money. Dan Rippe then made a motion to move forward with the Tristar quote. Brent Schlosser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

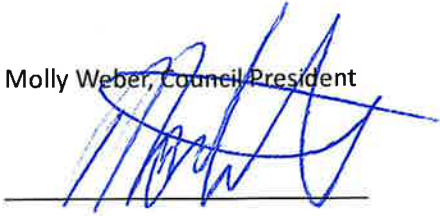
George Schenkel- George gave a brief introduction of the upcoming purchasing order system.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Schenkel seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46PM.



Molly Weber, Council President



Attest: Nathan Striker, Clerk/Treasurer