TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Council of Clear Lake, Indiana was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday April 18, 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 residents who signed the guest register and 6 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 members introduced themselves.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Molly Weber made a motion to approve the agenda. Brent Schlosser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of March minutes: Molly Weber made a motion to approve with corrections. Brent Schlosser seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of March Special Session minutes: Molly Weber made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Brent Schlosser seconded. Motion passed.

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

General Fund-

\$115,965.43

Sewer Fund-

\$45,056.44

Total Disbursements-

\$161,021.87

Dan Rippe made a motion to accept after review of the warrants; Brent Schlosser seconded; motion passed.

Unfinished Business

a. Golf Cart and Parking Ordinance: Brent Schlosser recommended that we move forward with the golf cart ordinance after consultation with legal. It was determined that the parking ordinance would allow Guy Rodgers and Robert Hawley to issue citations only while they are performing their normal town duties and the Marshall will review them.

New Business

- a. Road Committee Update: Dan Rippe has met with the new road committee, and they are working on the mission statement. Next meeting, they will be discussing the tools for prioritizing the road schedule. Molly Weber asked if there are checks and balances in place to avoid a Clear Lake Cove repeat. Dan will be checking daily on the progress of the road construction.
- b. Police Department Donation: Christina Cress, on behalf of the Steuben County GOP party and women's group, presented a check for \$2430.00 to be used for the boat fund.
- c. HR Hiring Update: George Schenkel stated that he and Guy Rodgers had been successful in finding several candidates; they had four interviews on Monday. They are looking to interview three more candidates on Friday.

Approval of Monthly Reports

Financial Report- Nathan Striker presented three monthly financial reports-fund report, revenue report and appropriations report. Reports are on file. Molly Weber thanked Nathan for catching the error on the 2023 fire contract budgeted amount.

Marshall Report- Chris Emerick discussed the monthly police activity including the new signs. Report is on file.

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

Zoning Report- Robert Hawley discussed the current zoning activity. Feedback forms for Plan Commission public hearing are due before the meeting. Report is on file.

Superintendent Report- Guy Rodgers discussed the current activities. Guy asked for approval to purchase 2 new grinders. Dan Rippe made a motion to approve the purchase of 12 new grinders not to exceed \$43,000.00. Motion seconded by Brent Schlosser; motion passed. Report is on file.

Brent Schlosser initiated general discussion of the following:

The need for residents to understand their grinders during a power outage.

The need to expand website access to more than one person.

BZA hearing recap.

The need to separate sticks and branches out of leaves for pick up; the Town cannot pick up sticks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51PM.

Darin Thorp/Council President

Attest: Nathan Striker, Clerk/Treasurer