



TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
April 19, 2021

The Regular Council meeting of the Town Council of Clear Lake, Indiana was held at the Town Hall and by teleconference on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00PM. Present were Town Council Members Bonnie Brown, Brent Schlosser, and Dan Rippe. Town Council President Darin Thorp attended via teleconference until he arrived in person, also present were Clerk/Treasurer - Jessica Swander, Marshal- Chris Emerick, and Street & Sewer Superintendent - Guy Rodgers. There were two resident who signed the guest register.

Council Vice President Bonnie Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. started with the sighting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular Town Council meeting held March 15, 2021 at 7:00PM were represented. Bonnie Brown presented the minutes to the Council. Bonnie Brown then asked for any additions or corrections. None were given.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to the Regular Town Council minutes as presented. Seconded by Tyson Johnston. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pay App 5 Parish Excavating Lift Station Project was presented and discussed between Council and Guy Rodgers. The project is almost complete.

Tyson Johnston made a motion to approve Pay App 5 for Parish Excavating Lift Station. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

2. Approval of Voucher Register with Warrants – Jessica Swander presented the Voucher Register with Warrant details.

Disbursements on the Voucher Register are as follows:

Operating Funds:	\$43,924.48
Sewer Funds:	<u>\$203,409.70</u>
Total Disbursements	\$247,334.18

Dan Rippe made a motion to accept the Voucher Register with Warrants. Seconded by Tyson Johnston. Motion passed.

### Unfinished Business:

1. Street Parking was discussed by Brent Schlosser. Brent has reached out to vendors and contractors about the need to address the current ordinance and keep the streets from being blocked. Possible fees and warnings were discussed about violations to a possible new Ordinance. Parking signage for construction projects were also discussed.

### New Business:

3. Sewer Ordinance Amendment 2021-01 was discussed by Dan Rippe with the follow reasons for a need to amend the current Ordinance.

#### Chapter 51 Sewers, Section 51.59, subsections (B) Shared Connections and (E)(1) Electrical Service

- The amendment reduces the risk of injury and property damage
- Potential for injury:
  - Our sewer grinders are powered either directly from NIPSCO poles or via the resident's house power. Many installations do not provide an electrical shut-off therefore exposing our service personnel to a health and safety risk.
- Potential for property damage:
  - Loss of power during storm events combined with increasing numbers of permanent resident and significant home investment generators are becoming a popular option for residents. However, installing a generator without powering the sewer grinder will result in sewage backing up into residence and risk damage to the Towns grinder.
- Superintendent Guy Rodgers and Dan Rippe have been working to resolve these weaknesses in our ordinance.
- The proposed amendment
  - Requires an electrical shut off be installed outside on house on grinders powered by resident's electrical service
  - Requires residents installing generators to power the grinder from the house
  - Ancillary change improves management of the Towns sewer system by requiring superintendent prior approval on all sewer related connections.

Dan Rippe made a motion to Introduce Ordinance 2021-01 to Amend Chapter 51 Sewers, Section 51.59, Subsections (B) Shared Connections and (E) (1) Electrical Services. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe introduced and read out loud Ordinance 2021-01 Section 51.59 of Chapter 51.

Dan Rippe made a motion to open the meeting to the public for public comment. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

Resident Todd Rumsey discussed with Council about sharing with neighbors and the shut off valve that would now be required for any ILP or Generator permit issued.

Dan Rippe made a motion to close the discussion with the public after no more comments and questions were given. Seconded by Tyson Johnston. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe made a motion to suspend the rules to one reading Ordinance 2021-01 Sewers by title only due to the emergency circumstances. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe read out loud Ordinance 2021-01 to Amend Chapter 51 Sewers.

Dan Rippe made a motion to Consider Ordinance 2021-01 to Amend Chapter 51 Sewers. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 2021-01 to Amend Chapter 51 Sewers. Seconded by Tyson Johnston. Motion passed.

4. American Rescue Plan Ordinance 2021-02 was presented by Tyson Johnston.

Tyson Johnston made a motion to introduce the American Rescue Plan Ordinance 2021-02. Seconded by Brent Schlosser.

Jessica Swander discussed the \$71,686.23 in funds that the Town will receive and the Ordinance that needs to be established to receive those funds. Spending the funds are limited to Federal requirements and is written in the Ordinance. The Town will have three years to spend the funds.

Tyson Johnston read the American Rescue Plan Ordinance 2021-02 out loud.

Tyson Johnston made a motion to pass American Rescue Plan Ordinance 2021-02 onto the next meeting for a final reading. Seconded by Darin Thorp. Motion passed.

#### REPORTS:

1. Financial Report – Jessica Swander presented the financial report showing financials through March 31, 2021. Report is on file.
2. Marshals Report- Chris Emerick discussed Marshal activity around the lake. Report is on file.

Dog biting incidents were discussed.

3. Fire Department Report- Brent Schlosser read the Fire Department Report. Report is on file.
4. Zoning Administrator- Bonnie Brown discussed activity around the lake. Report is on file.
5. Superintendent- Guy Rodgers discussed activity around the lake. Report is on file.

Dan Rippe made a motion for Guy Rodgers to spend up to \$5,500.00 for locks and risers. Seconded by Tyson Johnston. Motion passed.

#### COUNCIL REPORT:

1. Dan Rippe discussed the leachate from Washler Garbage trucks onto the road and his progress is as follows:

Leachate from Washler Garbage Truck onto Town Roads

- Investigation opened 7/3/20 and final report completed 11/17/20
- Root cause determined to be a combination of the hopper style truck weight capacity and drain configuration
- Possible corrective action is to change to an auto load vehicle
- Washler has proposed to switch to an auto load truck but requesting some process changes
  - Changing collection day from Monday to Tuesday
  - Property owner responsible for setting cart by roadside and placing back into caddies
- Requesting community feedback
  - Posted on bulletin board (50% in favor, 50% Not in favor)
  - Article being included in Clear Lake Association Newsletter
- Process changes are inconsistent with our Seasonal Population so planning further discussion of alternatives with Washler

Dan will continue to work further with Washler on other alternatives.


2. Sewer Project on South Clear Lake Drive was updated. Work will resume shortly.
3. Brent Schlosser gave updates on the Steuben County Economic Development meetings he has been attending.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Bridget Harrison from the Conservancy discussed the prescribed burn and the issues that she was addressing with Blue Heron Ministries.

Resident Todd Rumsey gave an update on the buoys from the Clear Lake Association. They received 130 and they have cut 1,000 feet of chain and have made 100 4lb. counterweights. They will begin installing. They want everyone to know the rules and speed. It is idle zone at 200ft to shore. They will be placed at 150 ft. so that there is a buffer.

There being no further business or discussions Council Vice President Bonnie Brown Adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.



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Darin Thorp, Council President



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Attest: Jessica Swander, Clerk/Treasurer