



TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE, INDIANA  
SPECIAL SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
December 5, 2022

The Special Session Town Council meeting of the Town Council of Clear Lake, Indiana was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday December 5, 2022, at 7:00PM. Present were Town Council President Darin Thorp, Council Members Brent Schlosser, Dan Rippe, Molly Weber, and George Schenkel. Clerk/Treasurer - Jessica Swander and Town Marshal- Chris Emerick were also in attendance. There were six residents who signed the guest register and four attended via Zoom.

Council President Darin Thorp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. starting with the sighting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing Sanitation Rate was opened by Dan Rippe. Dan discussed the bid process and the proposal that was accepted on November 15, 2022.

Dan Rippe made a motion to read Ordinance 2022-15 amending sections of Chapter 52 Town of Clear Lake, Indiana, Code of Ordinances. Seconded by Molly Weber. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe read Ordinance 2022-15 amending sections of Chapter 52 Town of Clear Lake, Indiana, Code of Ordinances in its entirety.

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

No public comments were given.

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

Dan Rippe made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe read Ordinance 2022-15 amending sections of Chapter 52 Town of Clear Lake, Indiana, Code of Ordinances by title only.

Dan Rippe made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-15 amending sections of Chapter 52 Town of Clear Lake, Indiana, Code of Ordinances. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

2. Sanitation Contract was presented by Dan Rippe. Council discussed the contract.

Dan Rippe made a motion to use the contract as presented and enter a contract with Washler Inc. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

3. Resolution for Additional Appropriations was presented by Dan Rippe. Council discussed the expenditures Council had previously approved for ARP Funds for \$36,000.00 for the GIS System.

Dan Rippe made a motion to read Resolution 06-2022 Additional Appropriations ARP. Seconded by Molly Weber. Motion passed.

Dan Rippe read Resolution 06-2022 Additional Appropriations ARP in its entirety.

Dan Made a motion to open for public comment. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

Resident John Wilhelm asked Council to give a brief description on what the GIS system does.

Darin Thorp described what the GIS System will do for the Town's sewer system, roads, and the Zoning office.

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

Dan Rippe made a motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 06-2022 Additional Appropriations ARP by title only. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed

Dan Rippe read Resolution 06-2022 Additional Appropriations ARP by title only.

Brent Schlosser stated the date needed to be changed on the passing date.

Dan Rippe made a motion to pass Resolution 06-2022 Additional Appropriations ARP with the correction date of December 5, 2022. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

4. Opioid Ordinances Restricted and Unrestricted were introduced by Molly Weber and discussed the reason the Town would be getting the Funds.

Molly Weber made a motion to introduce Restricted Opioid Ordinance 2022-13. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

Molly Weber read Restricted Opioid Ordinance 2022-13 in its entirety.

Molly Weber made a motion to open for public comment. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

Resident John Wilhelm stated the word form should be from. John asked for an overview of the funds.

Molly Weber stated it was a settlement and discussed the uses such as Narcan.

Molly Weber made a motion to close for public comment. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

Molly Weber made a motion to suspend the rules and read Restricted Opioid Ordinance 2022-13 by title only.

Molly Weber read Restricted Opioid Ordinance 2022-13 by title only.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to pass Restricted Opioid Ordinance 2022-13 with correction. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

Molly Weber made a motion to introduce Unrestricted Opioid Ordinance 2022-14. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

Molly Weber made a motion to open for public comment. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

No public comment was given

Molly Weber made a motion to close for public comment. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

Molly Weber made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

Molly Weber Read Unrestricted Opioid Ordinance 2022-14 by title only.

Molly Weber made a motion to pass Unrestricted Opioid Ordinance 2022-14 with correction. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

5. Steuben Economic Development Annual Agreement was presented by Brent Schlosser.

Council discussed the presentation that was given at a previous Council meeting by Steuben Economic Development.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to open for public comment. Seconded by Molly Weber. Motion passed.

Resident Kathleen Nevis asked about the \$2,000 the Town pays and how much the Town gets back.

Resident John Wilhelm stated that he endorsed the Council continuing their agreement with Steuben Economic Development.

Molly Weber made a motion to close for public comment. Seconded by Brent Schlosser. Motion passed.

Brent Schlosser made a motion to approve and move forward with the Steuben Economic Development Agreement. Seconded by Molly Weber. Motion passed.

6. Golf Cart Penalties and Registration fee discussion was presented by Brent Schlosser.

Council discussed possible differences in fee schedule for registration and penalties and what the council could look at changing. Council wanted more data to know the Town's cost versus the revenue that the Town brings in. Chris discussed with Council the process of registration and renewals. Council discussed having registration days and the possibility of doing that in the future.

Dan Rippe made a motion to table the discussion until further information is given. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

7. Outstanding Check List was introduced by Dan Rippe.

Council discussed reaching out to some of the residents on the list and seeing if they will sign a form to have the checks reissued.

Dan Rippe made a motion to table the Outstanding Check list for December. Seconded by George Schenkel. Motion passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Resident Joe Schenkel asked when the Town was planning on repaving the roads and the drainage issues he has on his and details of the project.

Darin Thorp stated that there are drainage projects included in the road improvements.

Dan Rippe stated it's not providing a utility it is taking the water off of the road and each situation should be looked at uniquely and it could be a partnership with a resident.

Resident Joe Schenkel stated the west side section drainage is addressed, but it needs to be addressed further down the stretch and communicated to the property owners and he wants to do the right thing with his drainage. The Town needs to address all appropriate drainage and the water needs to be taken off the road.

Molly Weber and Dan Rippe discussed the grant process and the drawings now being a concept and more in-depth details would be known once the Town has been awarded and Council moves forward.

Resident John Wilhelm asked about glass in the recycle being accepted.

Dan Rippe stated that it was not included because the current equipment is compacting and that will break the glass into small pieces and destroys the rest of recyclables.

Resident John Wilhelm asked about Gators on the roads and the cost of golf carts.


Chris Emerick stated they are state regulated and must be registered if they are on the road at the DMV.


John Wilhelm stated that the town is always playing catch up on cost of things and should go over 10-20%. He stated he appreciated the meeting, and he liked the new website.

Resident Kat Nevins asked about issuance and renewals of Golf Carts and the enforcement side and monetizing that. Averaging the amount of time, it takes.

Chris Emerick stated that they are always actively patrolling, and it would be difficult to break down, but stops could take 20 minutes or less.

There being no further business or discussions, Council President Darin Thorp adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

  
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Darin Thorp, Council President

  
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Attest: Jessica Swander, Clerk/Treasurer