

Town of Fort Branch Water & Sewer Departments February 17, 2016
THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL was held Wednesday January 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Senior/Community Center. The meeting was called to order with roll call as follows: Adam Bledsoe, Scott Michael, Tom Hauschild, Stacy Elpers and Jim McDonald.

Adam Bledsoe requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to approve and accept minutes on the 1/20/16 regular public meeting and the 2/3/16 special meeting, motion carried.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve claims from January 16, 2016 to February 12, 2016, motion carried. The amount of the claims was in the amount of \$755,990.84

Council signed off on the adjustment report in the amount of -\$641.31.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to approve sewer adjustment in the amount of \$30.69 for account #2229202 due to a busted line outside in the yard, motion carried.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve sewer adjustments in the amount of \$106.72 for account#2391002 due to a pipe that busted outside, motion carried.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve sewer adjustments in the amount of \$254.80 for account#2339699 due to a pipe that busted outside the house, motion carried.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve sewer adjustments in the amount of \$99.29 for account#2282000 due to a water faucet outside leaking, motion carried.

Council requested that citizen concerns be moved to right after sewer adjustments.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded that the council intended on pursuing the storm water grant. Council understands they need to figure out the funding of the match which may consist of a short term loan that Tom Hauschild is going to look into with Jim McDonald, Town attorney. Carol Hagadorn said she will start the environmental review and she will follow up with Eric Smith on the PER. The letter of intent is due April 8th, the application is due June 8th. The second go around for the grant is October 14th. We will need to get a letter of commitment from the TIF district and a letter of commitment from the bank and we need to continue to move forward with the income survey.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to amend the parks board ordinance next month to extend the district to include the FBCS district line versus the

city limits in order to increase the volunteer pool, motion carried. Jim will draft an amendment to the ordinance next month.

The street light at the intersection of Coal Mine Road and Red Bank Road is up and operating.

Jim McDonald reported to the council that the West Street home is in the bid on the blight elimination program but there are title problems so it may end up not being torn down.

Kevin, representative with Vanguard addressed the council concerning meter setters that will need to come from the contingency money. Each meter setter is \$901.00, at this point in the project only one meter setter has been broken however; Fred Brokaw said these meters are very old valves and setters and some are original and they do not make this style any more. The meter will have to be completely replaced and have to be excavated. It is hard to tell how many there will be, hoping for only 10-20. Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to have Adam and Stacy sign off on the change order to take meter setters from the contingency money, motion carried.

Johnson Controls would like to meet with the council concerning the horizontal filter rebuild at the water plant as this will be a change order and they would like to explain this to the council. Council said they can meet with Johnson Controls at 5:30 on 03/16/16, which is a half hour before the March meeting.

Stacy Elpers gave Scott Michael the quote she received from Tom Wallace on the generator from Scales. Scott said he would like to call and talk to them about the quote and he will bring this back to the March meeting.

Candy Yancey addressed the council concerning the Community Pride Festival June 2-4th and the Fort Branch Community Park. It will be as it was last year with a few changes. Thursday will be family night with a family bike night. She requested that a few of the streets be blocked off for about 1 hour for the bike ride. The ride will end at the park with a fireworks show and the fireworks show has been approved by the insurance. Friday will be the beer garden, a car show and rides. Saturday will be a 10-20 mile bike ride, the parade will move to 3:00 p.m. and they would like to reroute the parade just a little bit. The beer garden and rides will also be on Saturday along with live entertainment. Complaints came in last year that everything was too spread out, so the rides are going to be moved to the John E Weber field, which has been approved through the parks board, Food will be in the alley way and the car show will be on the soccer field. Candy ask for permission to upgrade the electric at the community pride's expense. Council was in favor of what the community pride is doing, Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to allow the street closures and the upgrades to the electric, motion carried. Candy also told council they want to have a community wide brain storming session and she wants to invite town officials and employees to attend. No decisions made and they are looking at late spring early summer.

The Community Pride is looking at a welcome to Fort Branch sign at the ground of the well fields off 41 by the trash site. There are signs in this area already. As long as it is not in the right away it is ok. Candy welcomes any ideas to put a sign up in that area.

The United Way Day of Caring will provide 80 students that will come from Gibson Southern in April to help at the Fort Branch, Haubstadt and Owensville parks.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to approve payment for the Lutz Brothers invoice for work that was performed in 2014 but never received, motion carried.

Council initialed off on the ordinance 2016-1 salary ordinance modification. There was extra wording that did not belong in the ordinance and Stacy Elpers marked it out and had council initial off on the portion that was marked out.

Council was in favor of allowing Jim McDonald to draft an ordinance to rename the water meter replacement fund to water replacement fund and the sewer meter replacement fund to sewer replacement fund for the March meeting.

Council was in favor of allowing Jim McDonald to draft an ordinance allowing a monthly transfer of \$7,500 from water operating to water improvement for capital improvement projects or early debt pay off.

Jim will draft up a resolution for the March meeting to transfer \$3,242 from CEF to the general fund due to golf cart revenue belongs in the general fund and not the CEF fund per and auditor from the Owensville audit.

Rick Sides reported he does not see a parking problem at Church and Williams Streets. Rick reported he has received an anonymous report of an animal running loose and a dog bite on the 400 block of south Main Street. Rick is going to contact Brenda at animal control.

Rick has access to some grants that he would like to participate in to get some cameras for their police vehicles but he needs permission from the council to pursue the grant. Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to allow Rick Side to pursue the grants for the cameras for the vehicles, motion carried.

Adam, Rick and Jim will schedule a meeting to discuss the clothing allowance change that took place at the yearend meeting. Scott Michael told Rick he was at that meeting and the only thing that changed was the pay out of the money at the end of the year that was not used.

Fred Brokaw reported that the telemetry project was almost completed he estimated about 2 more weeks until it would be done.

Glen Weiss told council that a double swing gate would be the easiest most cost effective way to move the gate back for safety reasons. This would move in 12 ft. which will give 22 ft. off the white line. Glen did not receive any quotes on the swing gate. Council requested Glen get quotes on the swing gate and bring it back to the March meeting.

The fence around the lift station at Little York Village will be a permanent fence on 3 sides and 1 gate on the 3rd side. The employees think they can put a fence with a gate up themselves so they will move forward with doing this. Glen will come back to council if they are not successful.

One of the clarifiers at the sewer plant is 80% operational and one is getting fabricated. Hydromax will have to come in and pump out in order to work on the skimmer arm. Glen told Stacy the quote from Service Pump and Machine is for the clarifier.

Stacy reminded council she would be out of the office 03/07/16-16/10/16 for continuing education.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to approve Stacy brining in temporary help to work on manually imputing radio read meter information into the Keybilling system at \$10.00 per hour at 29 hours a week to last until the 1st week in April 2016, motion carried. Adam will sign the contract when Jim gets it drafted up.

Jim McDonald said that any time the credit cards are used, the person that using them needs to start logging in the receipt when they return the credit card back to the clerk treasurer.

The next scheduled public meeting is set for March 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior/Community Center

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Stacy Elpers, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam Bledsoe, Council President