

**Town of Fort Branch Water & Sewer Departments March 16, 2016**  
**THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL** was held Wednesday March 16, 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 was absent.

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 02/17/16 regular public meeting, motion carried.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to approve claims from February 13, 2016 to March 11, 2016, motion carried. The amount of the claims was in the amount of \$366,745.75

Carol Hagedorn opened the public hearing on the storm water grant at this time; the verbatim minutes are attached to these minutes. Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to sign all documents that pertain to obtaining grant funds, motion carried.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to adjourn the public hearing, motion carried.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael motioned to adopt ordinance 2016-2, an addendum to ordinance 2014-3 pertaining to parks board, motion carried.

Stacy Elpers reported the house on Ulen Street will possibly be coming down in the next 3 weeks with the Blight Elimination Program.

Eric Smith, Engineer with Hannum Wagle & Cline addressed the council concerning sewer flooding issues along with I & I issues and slip lining. Eric told council he met with Glen during high flows and the town is going to have to address the I & I issues. Eric submitted a letter that is included in the minutes that addressed historical issues. The issues need to begin to be targeted annually. During big rains, flows increase very quickly. Eric recommended televising the Railroad Street interceptor; we can see cracks and holes and what needs to be lined. This will tell us what sections are bad. A good thing to look at is doing at least 15 – 20% per year and possibly looking at a grant in the near future. Eric will get some quotes to Stacy on the televising and will bring this back to the April meeting to make a decision on moving forward.

Council signed off on the adjustment report in the amount of -\$535.75.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to approve sewer adjustment in the amount of \$191.73 for account #3582000 due to a leak when vanguard changed out the meter, motion carried.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve sewer adjustments in the amount of \$562.49 for account #6323000 due to water was left on instead of being

shut back off. The bathtub was running full blast when relator came into to show the house the water was running full blast, thank goodness the tub was not plugged up, Johnson Controls will be responsible for giving town credit back for this, motion carried.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve sewer adjustments in the amount of \$80.70 for account #2282000 due to an outside water faucet leaking outside the house, motion carried.

A request for a street light at S. Lincoln Street between Strain and Walnut Street was requested by Holy Cross. Council tabled the discussion until next month so they can go look at the area of request.

Sabrina from the Fort Branch Library requested Elm Street be closed from Walnut to Locust Street for about 45 minutes on July 15<sup>th</sup> so the Evansville Boom Squad can perform for their summer reading program. This will go on during the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to approve the street closure. Rick Sides said his department will take care of getting it closed off, motion carried.

Discussion was tabled until April on the generator at the Municipal Center. Scott ask for an itemized quote from Scales and have not received it yet. He cannot see spending as much money as the quote is given as he has found much cheaper generators.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to approve the day care to use the grounds at the park for the inflatables. They will have to provide proof of insurance and a \$5.00 fee will be charged for electric for the inflatables, motion carried.

Council decided that a computer networking internship with the town would not be a good fit; someone like Parrish Consulting is someone they would need to consult with for this type of work. The Town would be interested in internships with GSHS in the future but not for this type of work.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild motioned to adopt resolution 2016-1, motion carried. This resolution transfers \$3,242 from CEF to the General fund as per SBOA for golf cart registrations.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to adopt resolution 2016-2, motion carried. The resolution allows a transfer of \$7,500 from water operating to water improvement on a monthly basis for capital improvement or early debt pay off.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to adopt resolution 2016-3, motion carried. This resolution renames the water meter replacement fund to water replacement fund and the sewer meter replacement fund to sewer replacement fund.

Rick Sides reported the grant he is going after is called Police One and they pay for half the cost. This place is sending a demo unit for cameras. The Toyota grant is for vest & tasers and radios.

Dennis reported that he will have a street paving list in by May. South Railroad Street is bad but he thinks we should wait until the work on the sewer televising/slip lining is complete before we move forward on that street. Dennis ask council to compile a list if they wanted to do so. Scott ask Dennis about the grinder that was rented and Dennis told Scott is not big enough we need to look at something larger to attach to the backhoe. Scott also ask Dennis about the manhole cover on John and West Street, it is beginning to crumble all around. Dennis will look into it.

Fred Brokaw reported to council that the telemetry system is complete and working.

Glen submitted a quote to council for a double swing gate at the sewer plant in the amount of \$3,520. Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to approve and move forward with getting the gate installed, motion carried.

The fence around the lift station at Little York has not been installed yet due to wet weather.

Glen reported that the basin is full; the pista grit system is off. The motors are going to have to be taken out baked and reinstalled. This has been installed to IDEM.

Residents at Willard and Oak had a sewer back up in clean outs in their yards. Hydromax was called in and this too was reported to IDEM.

Glen told Adam he needs to contact IDEM on confirmation of MRO reports.

Stacy Elpers reported a lot of changes are coming everyone's way with the internal controls policy. Each person employed by the town including council members has to be trained or budgets will not be approved.

Cell phone policy was discussed. Stacy had Adam sign off on Kerri's contract.

The next scheduled public meeting is set for April 20 , 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior/Community Center

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried.

---

Stacy Elpers, Clerk/Treasurer

---

Adam Bledsoe, Council President