

Town of Fort Branch Water & Sewer Departments June 15, 2016
THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL was held Wednesday June 15, 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.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve and accept minutes on the 05/19/16 regular public meeting, motion carried.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve claims from May 14, 2016 to June 10, 2016, motion carried. The amount of the claims was in the amount of \$145,334.30

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to approve the fund report for the month of May 2016. Council signed off of the fund report. A copy of the fund report is attached to the minutes. The grand total balance of all funds for May of 2016 was in the amount of \$2,786,376.32. See the attached fund report for a breakdown of each fund.

Adam Bledsoe reported Carol Hagedorn took the storm water grant application to Indianapolis; there is a copy of the application at the town hall for anyone interested to review.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to move forward with the televising project on the areas that Eric Smith sent to council (Indian Hills, Railroad St, John Street) and to give Adam Bledsoe authority to sign off on the proposal, motion carried. A copy of the proposed areas is attached to the minutes.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve adjustments in the amount of \$890.51 as well as \$57.16 for Martin once all the paperwork is turned in, motion carried.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to sign off on the May 2016 sewer adjustment form in the amount of \$2,295.78, motion carried.

Council approved to give Shelia Maikranz until the end of July to have the trailer moved and the junk cleaned up in the yard at 502 S. Lincoln Street.

After hearing from some of the residents in town Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approved Jim McDonald to make the following changes to the Golf Cart Ordinance to be brought to the July 2016 town council meeting: Change the registration fee from \$50 to \$25, change the location of the deposit of the golf cart permit to the general fund, Remove the Main and Locust Street restrictions and change the driving age from 18 to 16 with a valid driver's license. Council will also provide and extension to all golf carts already registered before the amended ordinance is adopted, motion carried.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to extend Claudette Martin's (Sarah DeLong) yard clean up on 107 Ulen Street until July 26th, motion carried.

Jane Queto of 8134 S. Victoria Drive addressed the council concerning the water department workers coming out to flush hydrants near her property at 1:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning without her knowing about it. Mrs. Queto was told that unfortunately she is at the end of the line and they have to start and stop somewhere. This was an emergency flush and notices were put up around town to make people aware. Council was sorry she was scared but it was something that had to be done.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to sign off on the change orders for the butterfly valve for the filter media at the water plant in the amount of \$3,951.00 and the adjusted plastic meter lids in the amount of \$23,975.00, motion carried. (Change orders attached to minutes)

Generator is still a work in progress; Stacy received a call from Mark H. Miller on the \$1,000 grant check from Vectren. He said if we are not going to use the money for a generator, they want the money back. The money has not been received as of this meeting on June 15, 2016.

Jim McDonald reported that he has no information yet to share on the storm drainage line @ Indian Hills that came about from the April meeting.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve the quote on replacing the motor on the air conditioner at the Town Hall that overheated and shut down. The price of the quote is in the amount of \$865.00, motion carried. Council ask Stacy to get a new quote from Midwest Mechanical on the maintenance agreement and bring it back to the July meeting.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Adam Bledsoe seconded to allow Jim McDonald to amend the storm water ordinance to follow the same strategy to collect past due amounts the same as mowing liens and sewer liens, motion carried. Jim will bring the amended ordinance to the July meeting.

Adam Bledsoe told all the department heads that anything that needs to be put on the agenda needs to be submitted to Stacy the Thursday before the meeting so you can get it put on the agenda and out to the council by Friday before the meeting. If it is just an update, just email Stacy and she can forward your email to the council.

Glen Weiss replied to council that he sent emails out with no response from any of the council members. Tom Hauschild said if it is urgent to call him because he does not always look at his email and Adam said the same thing.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve Rick Sides moving forward with trying to get a grant for police equipment. The cost of going with this company to help with writing the grant is \$1,700.00 and the amount of the grant is in the amount of \$17,000, motion carried. Next month we will prepare a resolution to transfer \$1,700 from police equipment to police professional services and then make the transfer.

Dennis Schmitt said he will have paving ready for next month's meeting.

Fred Brokaw said he will have quotes on painting and recoating the elevated tanks at the water plant at next month's meeting.

Glen Weiss reported the motors have been pulled to be cleaned and baked and the flow is good.

Stacy Elpers reported that the schedule has been made for the internal controls webinar; everyone working for the Town must attend before June 30th. The state board of accounts auditors will be coming any day to perform a four year audit. We are going to try to apply for the paving grant through INDOT but it has to be completed very soon.

Council told Stacy they want her to prepare the budget and then go over with them for any changes that need to be made.

The next scheduled public meeting is set for July 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior/Community Center

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Stacy Elpers, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam Bledsoe, Council President