

**Town of Fort Branch Water & Sewer Departments July 27, 2016**  
**THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL** was held Wednesday July 27, 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 06/15/16 regular public meeting, motion carried.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve claims from June 11, 2016 to July 15, 2016, motion carried. The amount of the claims was in the amount of \$369,179.78

Scott Michael motioned and Adam Bledsoe seconded to approve the fund report for the month of June 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 June of 2016 was in the amount of \$2,976,246.23. See the attached fund report for a breakdown of each fund.

Adam Bledsoe announced the Town of Fort Branch has been awarded the \$500,000 storm water grant! The grant agreement will be coming the week of August 26<sup>th</sup> in which time Jim said we will look into securing the bank funding once he has looked over the agreement. Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to give Adam Bledsoe the approval to sign off on the execution of the actual grant and paperwork related to the storm water project, motion carried.

Stacy Elpers reported she emailed with Eric Smith on the televising and Hydromax lost the letter to proceed so they are looking to get us on the schedule as soon as possible, so we are hopeful it will be soon.

There were no sewer adjustments due to summer sprinkling credit in active status.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded on the adjustments for June 2016, the adjustments totaled \$1,090.98, motion carried.

Jacob Hoffman addressed the council concerning installing a 14" drainage pipe at his house along the drainage ditch between his house and the highway. Council told Mr. Hoffman that the town does not have authority over this as it is a state right of way. Scott Michael said he will check with a guy he knows that works with the state and get back with him but other than that, he would have to contact INDOT for permission to do anything with the ditch.

Brooke Roberts father addressed the council concerning his daughter's water pressure and dirty water she had. He replaced the water filter and within a very short period of time the filter was very dirty again. He was told by a neighbor that vectren hit a line and water got into the line. He wanted to know when this happens, does the town contact

people. Fred Brokaw and the council explained that the water was not like that due to Vectren hitting a water line. The water was like this due to the filter media being changed out and the fact that hydrants had not been flushed in over a year and a half. Stacy Elpers said there is no way her office could contact every single person to let them know of this situation. Notices were posted all over town, put on WRAY and put in the papers along with the South Gibson Star Times Facebook page. She encouraged customers any time they may have a problem to contact the town hall directly so someone can address your problem directly as for those that called into the office were having their meters flushed.

Stacy Elpers reported to council she is holding Johnson Control's final check as Fred has a couple of issues he needs to address such as the raw water flow meter needs looked at, the well field pump control set points need to be addressed and the yard needs to be fixed where the filter media was worked on.

Scott Michael said we could get a 7kw generator for \$4-\$5,000; we could save \$2,500 on a manual transfer switch to keep cost down. Could be looking at \$6-\$8,000 for the generator and install which would be big enough to take care of the HVAC and lift station.

Jim McDonald said that the storm drainage lines in Indian Hills that were addressed in the April meeting is the homeowner's responsibility. This is private property and not a town right away. This is something the homeowners put in, not the town.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to approve and sign off on the Midwest Mechanical maintenance agreement in the amount of \$1,654.00 which includes four visits, each filter change and two inspections, motion carried.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to move the December 2016 meeting to December 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. this will be the monthly meeting and the year- end meeting combined into one, motion carried. Stacy will send notices to the papers and put notices up at the Town Hall.

Tom Wallace addressed the council in the form of a letter concerning a ditch problem out in Indian Hills. The letter was addressed at the storm water board meeting. Scott Michael reported that what came out of that meeting was the ditch is a privately owned ditch, the Indian Hills home owners association is going to speak with the landowner of the ditch. Some of the things that were discussed in that meeting of possible solutions were changing the direction of the water shed, where the water comes off the farmers field. A few other causes of the free flowing water have been due to landscape changes, changing back sets on lots. Storm Water board is hopeful the ditch owner will be willing to work with the residents to resolve the issues.

Adam Bledsoe reported that he spoke with the county surveyor and county engineers concerning the ditch at the Fort Branch Community Park. The county is getting quotes from JSE Excavating to regrade the bridge and resloping the ditch from the bridge to the gate where standing water will be addressed. The county is hopeful to get to this by the end of September.

Jim McDonald will work on amending the storm water ordinance for the August meeting. Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to adopt ordinance 2016-4 amending the golf cart ordinance, motion carried. This ordinance must be published one time in the South Gibson Star Times before it becomes law.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-9 Transfer of Funds, motion carried. This resolution transferred \$1,700 from police miscellaneous equipment to police miscellaneous professional services.

Jeff Beck was going to look into the 107 Ulen Street property clean up that was given an extension but he thinks it will be good. Scott Michael ask Stacy Elpers to send another letter to Shelia Maikranz to get the property cleaned up at 502 south Lincoln and there would be no more extension. The trailer is gone and now the junk needs to be cleaned up.

The proposed burning ordinance submitted by Rick Sides was tabled by council until the August meeting. Adam Bledsoe said he wants more time to look at the ordinances. Scott Michael said he thinks we can address the current ordinance we have as this ordinance is right in line with others. In other police business Jeff Beck reported they have been tagging more vehicles, and yards. There was a gas leak in town that was addressed and taken care of quickly.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Scott Michael seconded to give Adam Bledsoe the power to sign the road grant proposal that Stacy is applying for July 29<sup>th</sup> on paving, motion carried. Dennis Schmitt reported there has been A LOT of grass in the streets that is getting into the storm drains all around town. He would like to see the notice be put in the paper once again about not doing this and the ordinance being enforced for those that do not comply.

Fred Brokaw had nothing to report at this time and Glen Weiss reported he had been working with Eric Smith.

Stacy Elpers reported to council that she will be meeting with Robert Norris on August 5<sup>th</sup> for her budget workshop. We will be looking at having our budget hearing in September and our budget adoption in October. Stacy said when she gets the budget prepared she will send out to council to look over with any questions they may have.

Jim McDonald said he will be working on the apartment 2<sup>nd</sup> meter rate for the August meeting he needed to know the date this needs to be effective.

The next scheduled public meeting is set for August 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior/Community Center

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

