

**Town of Fort Branch Water & Sewer Departments August 17, 2016**  
**THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL** was held Wednesday August 17, 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 Adam Bledsoe seconded to approve and accept minutes on the 07/27/16 regular public meeting, motion carried.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve claims from July 16, 2016 to August 12, 2016, motion carried. The amount of the claims was in the amount of \$185,011.27

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to approve the fund report for the month of July 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 July of 2016 was in the amount of \$2,971,416.27. See the attached fund report for a breakdown of each fund.

Stacy Elpers said Fifth Third Bank contacted her on the loan for the Storm Water Project. Stacy told them once the contract came through I would be getting in touch with them. Stacy has a meeting with OCRA on Friday at 10 a.m. to go over the work completed and the scoring if any council member would like to attend.

Televising of the sewer lines is to begin on Thursday, August 18, 2016.

There were no sewer adjustments due to the summer sprinkling credit. The two adjustments requested from Roger Holzmeyer and LeeAndrea's Sweet Treats were denied.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded on the adjustments for July 2016, the adjustments totaled \$352.32, motion carried.

Joey Dewig was not in attendance however; Glen Weiss told council that there has been clogs repeatedly out at Indian Hills that has only 6" and 8" lines and residents out there have not been able to flush their toilets. The problem has been with residents flushing wipes, paper towels and feminine products that do not break down. Little York is just as bad with this problem. Council decided it would be best to put a notice in the paper and send a letter out to customers educating them on what not to flush. Glen is going to make a list of items and Tom Hauschild is going to prepare a letter. Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to prepare and send out a letter for publication in the paper, motion carried. Glen Weiss also mentioned to council that maybe the town should look into purchasing a rodding machine. A used one would cost in the neighborhood of \$15 - \$20,000 and a new one would cost around \$30,000.00

Bob Ort addressed the council concerning a No Burn ordinance that he is not in favor of. Tom Hauschild told Mr. Ort that what they were discussing concerning the burn ordinance was to eliminate burning a lot of things in a person's yard, Angie Michael stated she would like to have something more than just smokers and grills, this is a rural area, having a recreational fire on weekends gives her kids something to do. Adam Bledsoe said he personally is not trying to do away with recreational burning ordinance. Scott Michael had several ordinances from other communities that he gave to Jim McDonald that he will take under advisement for next meeting. Tom Hauschild said he thought we could revise the wording to the ordinance where what we have can be enforced.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to purchase new basketball goals for the Fort Branch Community Park in the amount of \$3,498, motion carried. These goals are 72x42, 6" pole all regulation. The park guys will pick up and install Jason Blackard is also looking into purchasing engraved stones for the park entrances; I will have more on those at next month's meeting.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to sign off on the substantial completion dated 06/30/16 and the final completion dated 08/15/16 pending the final grade of the ground at the water plant, motion carried. Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to request the \$20,000 refund check from Johnson controls due to materials we did not use in the water meter/ water plant project. Jim McDonald said for Stacy's book purposes he thought that would be the cleanest way to handle it. Mark Gough said he would put in a request to have this done ASAP. Tom Hogan with Johnson controls was asking council to meet on phase two of the project concerning the 4" water main for fire protection for Indian Hills. He is going to get with Stacy to get a time set up with council.

Scott Michael is still researching the generator for the Town Hall.

Stacy Elpers gave a copy of the Midwest Mechanical work order to council so they could see the work that was performed on the air units at the Town Hall.

Scott Michael motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to order 10 safety orange t-shirts each for the water, sewer and street department employees, motion carried. We will inquire next year about reducing the short sleeve uniform shirts to reduce cost. The reason for the change is for safety purposes and the t-shirt breaths much more than the polyester shirts do.

Tom Hauschild motioned and Adam Bledsoe seconded to change the money market fund we have in place with the Bank of New York on our SRF Loan to the Drefus Treasury Securities Cash Management Fund, motion carried. This fund does NOT lose money and is backed by the US Government. The prime money market fund what we are currently in is converting to a floating value fund in October and with this change the town has vulnerability to lose money, something we cannot do. Derick Rush told Stacy Elpers that 95% of government entities are going to this Drefus Treasury Securities Cash Management Fund.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to adopt ordinance 2016-5, establishing a restricted Rainy Day LRS Fund and a restricted Rainy Day MVH Fund, motion carried.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-10, Transfer of 2016 money to Rainy Day Funds, motion carried.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael adopted Resolution 2016-11, Reduction of 2016 Budget, motion Carried.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Tom Hauschild seconded to pass Ordinance 2016-6 on first reading, Modify ordinance 2015-2 storm water ordinance, motion carried. This ordinance will be published in the South Gibson Star Times one time. Council will vote on this ordinance at the next meeting and waive the second reading. This will be back on the agenda for the September meeting.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to adopt Ordinance 2016-7, Amending Ordinance 2011-7 sewer rate ordinance for two or more dwellings on one two inch meter, motion carried. This will be published in the South Gibson Star Times one time.

Rick Sides reported on the burning ordinance that he proposed was due to health issues. Chemical treated wood that is burning is not a problem until they do it. This creates an immediate effect with the fire with a person with health issues. Trash burning is an issue. Rick said he has received at least a half dozen health related calls with burning. Council is taking this under advisement and will discuss again at next month's meeting.

Dennis Schmitt reported he has 16 ash trees at the park with one tree that needs to be taken out. There is a pesticide out there that is supposed to kill the ash bore. Dennis ask council if they would like to save the trees. Council ask Dennis to check prices on what it will take to save the trees. Two people to check with is Larry Caplin and Jack Brown with Tenbarge.

Fred Brokaw had nothing to report at this time.

Glen Weiss reported to council he will start getting prices together on a mower at the sewer plant. He has had to weld the mower at the sewer plant now two times and the electronic connections are taped together. Glen will get with Dennis on what mower will handle the slopes safely. Scott ask Glen when he was looking to purchase since the mowing season was about over and Glen said next season.

Glen also requested to purchase some tools for the sewer plant such as channel locks, socket sets, sledge hammer, crescent wrench and a tool box. Things of this nature as there are no tools to make repairs at the sewer plant. Council ask Glen to prepare a list of tools to purchase and get back to them.

Glen reported that the fence is up at Little York.

Stacy Elpers reported that the budget hearing has been set for September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and the budget adoption meeting was set for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:45, Stacy will send the notice to the paper. Stacy also reported she submitted the road maintenance plan and

cross roads grant application. Stacy heard back that the maintenance plan looked good and to submit the grant which had already been done.

Stacy ask council to allow Jim McDonald to prepare an ordinance to allow her and her staff to refund park deposits and guaranteed water deposits on a weekly basis before a town council meeting. This money belongs to the customers that we are holding and customers are complaining that they have to sometimes wait an entire month before getting their money returned to them due to having to wait for a town council meeting to take place. Council agreed to allow Jim to prepare this ordinance for next month's meeting. Stacy will send the existing ordinances electronically that allow her to pay invoices in advance to Jim can modify them.

The next scheduled public meeting is set for September 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior/Community Center. The budget hearing will begin at 5:30 on this date.

Adam Bledsoe motioned and Scott Michael seconded to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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Stacy Elpers, Clerk/Treasurer

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Adam Bledsoe, Council President