

June 15, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Middlebury met in regular session at the Town Hall, Middlebury, IN and via Zoom at 6:00 pm, June 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Miranda Cripe.

Upon the roll call, the following members of the Council were present:

Scott Miller, Miranda Cripe, and Chuck Teall – Jeremy Yahwak and Dan Shoup were absent

Also present were Craig Buche, Attorney, Mary Cripe, Town Manager and Peggy Hutchison, Clerk/Treasurer.

Peggy Hutchison called all the votes so Miranda Cripe could vote.

MINUTES:

Scott Miller moved to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2020 meeting. Chuck Teall seconded, and the motion passed with a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Residents from Highland Hills would like to see the hours of the gate at Public Works extended from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Robert Miller explained the gate was struck by lightning which caused the gate to malfunction. It is now working properly. The Council will look at the possibility of extending the hours. Kevin Miler stated the cameras have aided in catching non-residents dumping their clippings.

Chuck Teall would like to start the process to have the County declare the property at 105 N. Brown St an unfit property. Mary Cripe will contact the County.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:

The following Accounts Payable Vouchers were reviewed and approved on a motion by Chuck Teall and seconded by Scott Miller. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Accounts Payable Vouchers payroll – June 7, 2020	\$108,844.57
Accounts Payable Vouchers – June 15, 2020	\$793,033.83

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Council acknowledged the engineering firms who submitted proposals for the Bristol Ave. preliminary engineering study. They are: DLZ, Butler Fairman & Seufert, Jones Petrie Rafinski (JPR), Abonmarche Consultants, Inc., Lochmueller Group, Inc., and VS Engineering. Mary Cripe is looking for volunteers to review the bids.

Zach Dripps from MACOG, presented a review of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. He explained the process and stated the virtual Open House will be June 23, 2020 from 4:30 – 6 pm.

Miranda Cripe presented an “Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Estate” for the property located at 409 N. Main St with Spencer Short. Chuck Teall made a motion to accept and approve the agreement with Spencer Short for \$8,000.00 and Scott Miller seconded. This passed with a voice vote.

Craig Buche gave an update on the new No Parking Ordinance. The Council asked if a vehicle length could be added to the ordinance. There will be a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance at the July 20, 2020 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miranda Cripe made the following appointment for the Department Commissioners:

Water & Sewer Department – Chuck Teall
Public Works Department – Dan Shoup
Parks Department, including Park Board – Jeremy Yahwak
Police Department – Scott Miller

Department Reports:

Water Department – Well 5 will be out of service for approximately 30 days for maintenance. The department's new truck is in.

Public Works Department – Nothing to add to report.

Wastewater Department – Dan stated the department needs to look into ordering new pumps to have spares on hand. He is getting quotes.

Park Department – Nothing to add to report.

Police Department – The department is waiting on new holsters. Kevin informed the Council there may be a protest, against Coachman, coming to Middlebury.

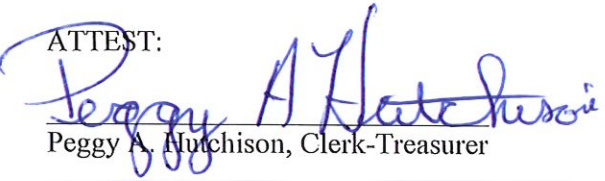
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Park Board meeting on June 17, 2020 – 3 pm – Town Hall
Spring Clean-up on June 18, 19 and 20, 2020
Virtual Public Open House for the Comprehensive Plan on June 23, 2020 at 4:30 pm
Public Hearing to discuss the Southwest Quadrant Infrastructure Project on June 24, 2020 - 6 pm NHS
Redevelopment Commission Meeting – June 25, 2020 at 7:30 am – Town Hall
Tree Board meeting on July 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm – Town Hall
Town Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020 for the 4th of July holiday
Next Council meeting - Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm -Town Hall
Elkhart Cty Redev Comm mtg – July 9, 2020 at 2 pm – Public Services Bldg on US 33

Meeting was adjourned.


Miranda J. Cripe, Town Council President

ATTEST:


Peggy A. Hutchison, Clerk-Treasurer

This meeting commenced pursuant to public notice under the Indiana open door law and Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders. This meeting was made available for the public and press to attend in person or engage in remote real-time electronic observation.