

## **February 6, 2017**

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 6th day of February, 2017 at the hour of 6:00 P.M., for a meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the Council. The meeting was called to order by Steve Rettig Council President. On call of the roll the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

**Present: Steve Rettig, Linda Brouillette, Pat Claire, Steve Sorenson, Laura Lee**

### **Disconnect Hearing**

No one was present for the disconnect hearing. Pat Claire motioned to proceed with the disconnects, Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mike Schwartz was present about the Deck the neighbors built he has surveyor coming later in the week to survey his property and confirm whether the deck is in violation or not. The survey will then need to go to the BZA for further discussion

Additional budget cuts were made \$420 Gen – Supplies, \$35,000 Police – Maintenance Equipment, \$10,000 Fire – Other Supplies, \$85,000 Gen – Infrastructure. Linda Brouillette made the motion to accept these cuts with Steve Sorenson seconding the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Judd Barce was present to discuss the Bonds for the Storm Drainage Project he will have the information by the next meeting. Keystone will be notified immediately of the \$5 fee's that need to be added to the bills.

Pat Claire said he had talked with Dennis Rice about the Vehicles all over town and the need to do a new Ordinance. Brad Lane also said he would like to do a new Ordinance. Judd will call the County Clerk's office to see if there was anyone fined last year. Steve Rettig mentioned raising the fines for First, Second, and Third Offense.

Judd also discussed the Chamber of Commerce Sign and was wanting to know if it could have something stating it was Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on it. The Board was in agreement but postponed the sign until later in the year.

### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

Pat Claire made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17th meeting Steve Sorenson seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Linda Brouillette made a motion to accept the minutes of the Special meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> Laura Lee seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Linda Brouillette made a motion to accept the minutes of the Emergency meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> Laura Lee seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

### **New Business**

Hoosier Hooves & Hounds new contract for 2017 Pat Claire motioned to accept the new contract for 2017 Laura Lee seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried to accept the Hoosier Hooves & Hounds contract for 2017.

Linda Brouillette agreed to represent the Town of Fowler with the North West Indiana Solid Waste District. Steve Sorenson motions to accept Linda Brouillette as our representative Pat Claire seconds the motion. All in favor Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Discussion was held about giving Alan Lueck an additional stipend of \$500. Steve Sorenson motions to give Alan Lueck the additional stipend of \$500, Pat Claire seconds the motion. Board was not in full agreement, majority voted to approve motion carried

**Department Heads**

Alan talked about the issue at the Jail with the Drains and provided pictures of the issue. Suggestion was made to call the State to come in and inspect it.

Cindy had a bill from NORAA Contracting for the work being done on the Curbs at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Madison St. Linda Brouillette made a motion to pay these from Economic Development Funds. Laura Lee seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

**Claims**

Pat Claire made a motion to accept the claims with the exception of one Water claim missing an invoice. Steve Sorenson seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

**Adjournment**

With no further business Steve Rettig motioned to adjourn with Steve Sorenson seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Approved:

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Steve Rettig, Council President

Attest:

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Cindy Gretencord, Clerk-Treasurer