

OCTOBER 19 2017

The meeting was called to order. All board members were preset. Mike McIntire led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Floyd moved to approve the September minutes. Delbert seconded the motion. Carried.

Audience concerns- Mike Balha asked if any thoughts have been given to what the traffic issue will be like at Apollo St and Vistula when the new medical facility is built. Traffic is already bumper to bumper on Vistula and it will be even more difficult to get onto the highway when coming up the hill from the new facility. It could become a very hazardous intersection. No one had any input on the issue. Bobbie Werker of 709 W. St Joseph St spoke of the problems she had recently with her sewer and the company doing the line for the fiberoptic cable being installed in Bristol, and ultimately the cost that was incurred by her for the projects repairs.. After a brief discussion, she was asked to provide an invoice of her expenses at the Nov meeting and the town will see if they might help with her costs. However, no promises could be made to help with any costs. Bill did say the area being work on is in the road right-a-way and the company has no legal obligation to fix the damaged area in her yard, or pay any charges she incurs with the repairs.

Police items- Mike gave his report. (See report) He stated that the speed limit signs that were installed on W St Joseph and Indiana St . have not taken care of the speeding issues on both streets so he asked if speed bumps could be purchased for both areas . He informed council the cost would be about \$2500 for 4 road bumps. Ron made a motion to approve the purchase. Cathy seconded his motion. Motion was carried. A transfer of funds in the MVH fund will be necessary to make the purchase.

Nik Kantz , fire chief, gave the fire report. Fire prevention classes will be Oct 25 at the Bristol School. The fire dept and the town board came to an agreement that the Town water utility maintenance men will care for the water hydrants. The water dept will exercise and grease at least once a year. And they will paint hydrants when needed.

Bill Wuthrich, town manger items- Bill reported the fall clean-up went well, however there were no electronic devices collected . This could be because we had to charge for such items, as we have to pay to dispose of them, at a cost to us. This type of dumpster may not be included in next years clean up.- Bill has ordered new bed liners for the street depts pick-ups and a plow for Tim's new utility truck. The cost will be between \$5100 and \$6000. Jeff motioned to approve this purchase. Cathy seconded the motion. Carried. Bill stated he obtained one quote of \$94600., for a new L series 310 back- hoe for the town maintenance dept. This could be a 5 year lease-purchase item. Cathy told board members she has contacts with other equipment providers, and she would get in touch with them. She moved to table the discussion until more information is available. Floyd seconded her motion. Carried.

The clerk presented the 2018 Budget for final approval. Ordinance 10-19-17 an ord for

appropriations and tax rates was read. The following is a list of funds and the amounts budgeted for each. General \$ 1,390,891- MVH \$242,444- Park \$162,254- Cemetery \$84,294 - Police Non-Reverting \$20,000- Local Law Cont Education- \$10,000- Cumulative Fire and Police Equipment \$20,000- Local Income (LOIT) \$96,000. The total of the 2018 budget is \$2,025,883. Floyd motioned to accept the ordinance as presented. Jeff B. seconded the motion. Carried by unanimous vote. The ordinance will be forwarded to DLGF through the Gateway program.

The bills were presented for approval. Floyd motioned to approve the bills. Delbert seconded his motion. Carried. The clerk told council she had received a call about a sign- (at the entrance of the Riverwatch subdivision), asking if the town would remove the sign , due to its condition and no new homes are being built as the sign indicates (all lots are filled). Legal council said it depends on whose property the sign is on as to who can remove it. The original developer of the subdivision is no longer in business. Mary will call the concerned resident and explain the situation.

Discussion on the proposed alternate route was held. Glenn informed council he has received 4 quit-claim deeds for the railroad (Grand Elk) right-of-way. One from Kibbi Kem- one from the Town of Bristol- one from Elkhart County and one from Mission Woodworking. Now he is waiting for the appraisals of the 3 properties on CR 29. He is also waiting on a response from Forest River concerning the area of property needed on the south side of the railroad for right-of-way.

Town council items:

Jeff stated he would be having a meeting with the planning committee of the new community facility and the rep from JPR.

Cathy asked about the signs that were on the alley way between her property and the daycare that restricted the weight of trucks on that roadway. The signs were removed due to the work at the entrance of the road, and she wanted to know if they were going to be put back up. A discussion was held. Ron felt there was no need to put them back up. Cathy disagreed. A motion was made by Cathy to put the signs back up, seconded by Floyd. Carried. A vote was taken- 4 ayes to put back up (Cathy, Jeff, Delbert and Floyd) - 1 nay -(Ron) . The weight limit signs will be put back up.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.
