

DECEMBER 20, 2018

The meeting was opened by Cathy Burke, President. Floyd Lynch led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were Cathy B., Delbert S., Jeff B., and Floyd L. Ron Norman was not present and Clerk, Mary Ryman was ill, as was Jill Swartz. Taking notes for the meeting was Linda Schrock.

Floyd motioned to approve the November minutes as presented. Delbert seconded his motion.. Carried.

The agenda for the Dec meeting was approved as submitted.

The bills were submitted for payment. Jeff moved to allow the bills, and Delbert seconded his motion. Carried by unanimous vote.

The Salary Ordinance for 2019 was presented with the correction to the salary for the town manager. The maximum and minimum for the clerks salary was also entered. Jeff motioned the council approve the 2019 Salary Ordinance.. Floyd seconded the motion. Carried. Jeff moved to change the salary for the town manager from Nov 1, 2018 in the amount of \$616.00. This change was negotiated when Mr Mitchell was hired. Delbert seconded the motion. Carried. Jill will be advised of the changes for year end amounts.

Public comments were heard, Mike Stoll commented on the street cleaning in February (which was not done). Drains are full. Streets have not been cleaned since July. Cathy will talk with the maintenance dept to locate the drains and then work with Mitch to renew the contract with Best Street Cleaning. Mike also commented favorably on the recent work completed on the face of the downtown clock. The lighting was changed and the face cleaned.

Reports: Michel Albin- Police impounded 14 vehicles. A letter of appreciation, in reference to the service rendered by Ron Norman, as councilman, was given. The purchase of new radios (800 mgh) was discussed. Finding funds for this purchase is a challenge to nearly every community in the area. The purchase will cost several thousands of dollars, but the purchase is being mandated by the county because the federal government has changed the scope of frequency and therefore the county needs to change the local frequency used by county departments. Officer Steve Priem was introduced as the recently hired officer for Bristol. He is a retired Goshen officer and lives in the Bristol area. Bristol is very fortunate to have him join our department. Albin thanked all that helped with the Shop with a Hero this season. They provided gifts for 22 children and families. Those that helped make the night a success were the Bristol Fire Dept., Chicago Eatery, Meijer and several volunteers.- The old jail door and the windor bars from the original town hall/police dept were donated to the Elkhart Co Museum.

Comp Time pay out for police officers Dernay, Hamood, and Heckathorn was discussed. According to Marshal Albin, due to the lack of numbers for the dept., the full time officers are working more, and are accruing comp time which he would like paid out at year end. This was discussed at work session, and each board member had time to consider the request. The total

dollars for the 3 officers is a total of \$2867.60 and could be paid from funds remaining in the overtime appropriation in the police budget. Jeff moved to allow the payout for \$2867.60 from the police overtime appropriation. Floyd seconded his motion. Carried by unanimous vote. A resolution will be presented at the January meeting for this pay out, but the clerk will make the required payments from 2018 budget figures at year end.

Glenn questioned the reimbursement to the town from the insurance company that was involved with the recent incident in the 300 block of Vistula St, which affected communications and put fiber optic lines at risk. The accident report stated all law officers were involved and emergency mgnt was called in from Elkhart. The town also has cost involved. Mitch stated a criminal investigation is also taking place. No other information is available at this time.

Albin stated he has not been able to get any answers for questions raised previously about an excessive levy.

Fire Dept report. Chief Nik Kantz reported call levels are above those received in 2017 and December has been busy. All the extra events held at the Dept went well. The Christmas Tree lighting was well attended for its first year at the fire house, and the Santa Stroll pre registration was also at the fire house. That event was hosted at St Mary's Catholic Church, and it was very well attended.- a bay in the fire dept bldg is filled with "stuff" and needs to be relocated. Jeff will help in looking for storage space.

Park Board- Mitch is researching the issue of having a 14 yr old on the board. They have received a request from a young girl that would like to be on the board in some capacity but board is not sure of the legality of that. A new climbing piece of equipment has been purchased for Cummins Park, about \$ 24,000, and a sound system for future events. A storytelling program will be scheduled later in January. The old jail door and window bars from the original town hall/police dept were donated to the Elkhart Co Museum.

Glenn advised council they needed to appoint the Re-Development Comm members, who will take their appointment 1-1-2019. Members are appointed from the town council, and they administer dollars from TIF funds received. Resolution #12-20-2018 was presented by Glenn for approval. Jeff motioned to approve the resolution, Cathy seconded his motion. Carried by unanimous vote

The next item of business was the Elkhart Co Revelopment Com transferring jurisdiction of 66 acres regarding GGT and Stoutco, to create a TIF district, and also create a revenue stream to the Town of Bristol. The county will transfer the jurisdiction to the Bristol Town council. Mr Craig Buche, county attorney, made changes to documents he had available, and will address the matter in January. The annexation agreement will be ready in January also. Glenn also stated that Shannon Marks will help set up the TIF district.

Council members items of business- Floyd spoke about the piles of leaves on SR 120, Trout Cr., and in the Bayridge Subdivision. Maintenance dept will be advised to pick up the piles.- Delbert nothing- Jeff, advised of a new business in town that is an internal office for a design studio that

imprints texture on regular lumber in Shipshewana- Cathy presented a list of utility outstanding accounts, requesting write offs for all. A total of 6 accounts totaled \$636.66. Account #41003, \$ 115.76. Account #416020, \$150.21, Account # 457020, 52.97, Account # 785010, \$277.16; Account # 831040 , 31.95 and Account #842050, \$8.81. Delbert moved to allow the accounts for write-off. Floyd seconded his motion. Carried.

New Business- Mr Dan Williams asked about the compensation (refer to letter) for the fencing requested at Forest River, on the corner of Kesco and Ponderosa. The matter was tabled until January in order for council to obtain more information.

Jeff motioned to adjourn the meeting. Floyd seconded his motion. Carried unanimously.
