

August 8, 2023 Workshop

Meeting was called to order at 7:58p.m. In attendance was Randy Decker, Justin Albright, Kevin Joseph, Linda Brebner, Josh Noel, Scott Sejda, Brad Ladwig, Sarah Bushell and John Spinks, Mike Wallace, and Jamie Uzelac.

Pledge was said.

Lots of citizens were in attendance, they are here because of their concern for Project Ribeye. Randy explained that the Town is in the process of working on an agreement with Project Ribeye concerning the water and wastewater. John explained why the Town was considering letting them connect to the Utilities. Questions were asked concerning the waste. Randy explained about the Town's wells. Questions were asked about why no one from Porter County was not in attendance at the meeting. John would not take questions concerning the County. Frank Stalbaum inquired about penalties if Project Ribeye did not meet their requirements? Randy stated that there would be penalties, but we are working on those figures now.

John explained what a TIF district is.

New Councilman Mike Wallace stated that he felt that there would not be a problem with the smell because they wouldn't want their customers that would come to purchase meats to have to deal with that.

The Pastor from Emmanuel Baptist Church attended to invite the Council to 1 of 3 mental health meetings that they would be holding for the Community at their church. John thanked him for coming.

Building-Nothing from Brookwood. There are problems with accel/decel lanes for Park Ridge. The Hebron sign on the west side of Town has been moved. Archies is to contact Brad. The new owner of Country Kitchen is concerned about the connecting walls between them and Archies.

BZA- There will be a variance at their next meeting concerning a fence.

Clerk Treasurer – Jamie was asked to start sending all meeting notices to all the councilmen. Jamie informed them that she had the bids for the HRC replacement windows. Informed them that a Quit Claim deed had been signed for the Historical Society parcel by Casey's and that she was taking it to be recorded on Wednesday.

Parks - nothing

Fire Dept. Nothing

Police- Josh reported that Hawkins had been paid. Josh is working with Mixed Design on getting them a guardrail by the curve.

Plan Commission - Zone maps are on their way Mike asked to let him know so that he can notify the Plan commission members to pick them up.

Public Works- paving will start the second week of September as well as the pipe lining. They repaired a main break on N. Adams and there is another on the curve and the PW will need help with traffic on that dig. Coit passed is Wastewater Test and Randy would like to bring him on full time starting September 3, 2023. Randy talked about having quotes for some extra paving. Claims for the accidents on Main Street and Norbeh have been paid. Morrows are going to be mowing the larger areas for free next year for the hay. Frank Stalbaum of the drainage board had no problem with that.

John talked about Project Ribeye and Kevin asked about upsizing the pipe for future development. County would have to allow it and its being paid for by their TIF. Discussion took place on the issue.

Bob Reynolds of London Witte suggested that an extra fee be paid by homeowners in the Park Ridge and Windy Hill developments. Randy is to talk to Bob.
The Park Ridge Lift Station is not working properly, and Steve Kil asked Randy if the Town would put the electric in our name. Since we have not accepted the lift station that will not be happening.

HRC- A replacement is needed for Dave.
Stormwater -nothing

TAC- A replacement is needed for Dave.
Traffic nothing

Town Council- Brett working on budget meeting ordinance. A letter was sent to the owner of the building that houses the Post Office There is to be a hearing on September 20,2023 concerning these violations.

Mr. Eenshuistra has some questions concerning the strip of land on the north side of fence at the Community Center. Justin wants to know who much land there is.
The Council will be meeting with Anton concerning Risk Assessment. Josh and Scott feel that Anton is not doing their job. Stated that nothing that they have been sending to Anton has been sent on to Astra. Josh and Scott stated that Pierce and David told them that they knew nothing about Lexipol, their new handbook and any of the certifications that they had sent.

NIRPC Appointment is Justin Albright.

Adjourned at 9:17