

WORKSHOP MINUTES

February 13, 2024

The workshop was called to order at 7:35 pm. In attendance was Justin Albright, Sarah Bushell, Brett Galvan, John Spinks, Linda Brebner, Randy Decker, Jamie Uzelac, Mike Wallace, Don Ensign, Bred Ladwig, Tammy Grdinich, Shane Spagnola, Josh Noel, Frank Stalbaum, and Jon Borgers

Jon Borgers spoke to the group concerning Wessler agreements and Task Orders. Explained what they were and why they were necessary. A \$5,000.00 limit per year for water and sewer so Randy call whenever he needs information without having to wait for a council meeting to get approval.

The WW Collection project was discussed. Jon talked about the list of problems that they had with several of the town's manholes and that Culy and Wessler would be meeting to discuss them. He also told the council that the inspection of the project was only supposed to be part time but ended up being much more because of the problems, so that he questioned if Wessler could get paid for their time. It was questioned whether Mary Jane would need to be paid extra for time. They are going to see about getting an extension on the project.

Lotton has paid for his share of the lift station. Pumps are in and the rest of the parts should arrive this week. Hopefully they can start next week at that lift station.

Randy read his reports. Jon asked about the hydrants in the report and Justin had questions about the 2 bolt mains.

The Sewer Use Ordinance for Project Ribeye will be finalized soon.

Don Ensign discussed a fund raiser to get veteran banners to hang during June and July. The Veterans Trail will be hosting an event on April 27th for all the trails in the Region.

HRC has asked the Council to pay one more year on the Fire Department loan. Justin had concerns about this matter and after some discussion and an understanding was agreed upon. The HRC will start making monthly reports to the Council.

Council met with American Legal concerning doing a revision of the code book. American Legal said it would take 2 years and there would be 2 payments.

Brett talked about getting bills paid for residents that are deceased. He also informed the group that they are not to give advice to residents about variances.

Brad was asked about the Lights at Country Square Plaza. There will be a BZA hearing on the 12th of March.

Fire money- Need to check the January docket to see what was paid and ask the fire dept for a copy of their insurance. Then pay them the rest of what owed them.

Linda Brebner asked if having food trucks at the Community Center was going to be a problem? After much discussion it didn't seem that there would be a problem. The number of food trucks was one of the questions. Josh was asked if he would get the permit for the parade. Linda told the group that Porter County Parks would like to do a Living History at the Stagecoach and that They are offering to restore 2 old stagecoaches for us, but we would have find a place to store them.

Josh wants to hire 2 new officers, Sean Dolan, and Sean MacCormack. They would be back to full staff. There was talk of installing a generator at the Community Center, which can be used for a warming /cooling center. George is going to replace the electrical panel at the police station. Scott wants to go to Florida for training with Bane. Some donations were received to cover his costs.

Plan Commission needs 1 Democrat to fill their board.

Adjourn 9:58