Memo is considered "DRAFT" until approved by the governing body.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 6:31 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Carol Eckstein, Marilyn Decker, Don Foley, Cheryl Taylor, John Kellerman, Jason Hoffman, Terry Knueven, Evan Jenner

Absent:

Day: Thursday

Date: 01/21/2021

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Virtual via Zoom
604 North Meridian Street
Sunman, IN 47041

Approval of Agenda
Don Foley asked for a motion to adopt the Agenda with the addition of 2 items for the Clerk. Approved, 1st Carol Eckstein, 2nd Marilyn Decker.

Approval of 12/17/2020 Meeting Memorandum
Don Foley asked for a motion to approve the Memorandum as written. Approved, 1st Marilyn Decker, 2nd Carol Eckstein.

Utility Report, Report attached. Don Foley asked for a motion to approve up to $8000.00 to purchase and install a natural gas stand-by generator for the Whitetail Lift Station. Approved, 1st Carol Eckstein, 2nd Marilyn Decker.

Marshal's Report, Report attached. Don Foley asked for a motion to approve the purchase of ammunition from Fields Outdoor Adventure, LLP. in the amount of $840.00. Approved, 1st Carol Eckstein, 2nd Marilyn Decker.

Don Foley asked for a motion to approve the purchase of Law Enforcement Training and Membership for three, $105.00 plus meal reimbursement in accordance with policy. Approved, 1st Carol Eckstein, 2nd Marilyn Decker.

Evan Jenner – Ripley County Area Planning Commission Report
Evan reported that the planning meeting in first part of January was basic. The one thing he wanted to bring attention to was the implementation of Solar Farms that are popping up in our communities, particularly farm grounds. That is something that they will be discussing in the March meeting; to see how it applies from a zoning stand point. The meeting in February was cancelled due to no applications and the next meeting is planned for March 2nd, 2021.

Clerk-Treasurer:
Accounts Payable Vouchers – 12/18/2020 through 12/31/2020 totaling $ 42,843.84, 01/01/2021 through 01/21/2021 totaling $1143,894.41 were reviewed, approved and signed by all Council Members.

Three water utility adjustments were reviewed, approved and signed by all Council Members.

The Town Attorney and Council Members received a current Fund Report and Balances Report for all Bank Accounts.

The Indiana Finance Authority Cares Act money was received and transferred to the appropriate accounts that the funds were originally paid from as mandates by the SBOA. The Police Department, because of the funds, now have up-to-date laptops in all the vehicles.

Don Foley asked for a motion to approve the IDEM invoices in the amount of $2400.00 and 401.85 for the operating permits. Approved, 1st Carol Eckstein, 2nd Marilyn Decker.

Don Foley asked for a motion to approve the Ripley County Chamber of Commerce invoices in the amount of $55.00 for membership. Approved, 1st Carol Eckstein, 2nd Marilyn Decker.

Terry will reach out to get the work finalized for the Community Crossing Grant so that the last payment and retainage can be paid and the final paperwork submitted. Don Foley asked for a motion to approve final payment if the work can be completed. Approved, 1st Carol Eckstein, 2nd Marilyn Decker.

Don Foley asked for a motion to approve the new monthly fees of $5.00 per month for 4 email accounts, $20.00 monthly, through Wix and to allow time to pay both GPC and Wix for a period of time until all contacts have the new email addresses. This monthly bill will be added to the recurring bill list. Approved, 1st Carol Eckstein, 2nd Marilyn Decker.

The Bid from Boyce Systems is not being considered at this time to replace the current billing system.

Old Business

Matter:
Review of Non-Conforming Buildings
Update. Don Foley reported that six of the eight properties have responded and are either working on the property or have plans in motion to bring the buildings up to code. John Kellerman will attempt to reach out to other addresses in the owner's names.

New Business

Matter:
Nomination of Council President
Carol Eckstein nominated Marilyn Decker as President of Council. Don Foley 2nd.

Matter:
2021 Meeting Schedule
The 2021 meeting schedule remains the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. The meeting in January, February and March will be virtual. The Council will decide in the March meeting as to the rest of the year.

Matter:
Town Attorney Contract
Don Foley asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Contract with John Kellerman as the Town Attorney. Approved, 1st Marilyn Decker, 2nd Carol Eckstein.

Matter:
Town Banking
The Town will continue their successful business relationship with FCN Bank for the 2021 year.

Matter:
Employee Pay Increases
Employee pay increases were approved in the 2021 Budget meeting and were implemented on January 1, 2021.

Matter:
Employee Clothing Allowance
Don Foley asked for a motion to approve the employee allowance of $400.00 per year per Utility Employee. Approved, 1st Carol Eckstein, 2nd Marilyn Decker.

Matter:
Surety and Dishonesty Bonds
Don Foley asked for a motion to approve the Surety Bond for the Deputy Clerk in the amount of $30,000.00. for the Clerk in the amount of $40,000.00 and for the Dishonesty Bond in the amount of $20,000.00. Approved, 1st Carol Eckstein, 2nd Marilyn Decker.

Matter:
The Ripley County Planning Commission Representative
Evan Jenner will remain the representative for Sunman.

Ordinance Violations
Ordinance Violation # 1704 will be forwarded to the Attorney.

Acknowledgements

The Sunman Town Council would like to recognize the Rusty Rooster located at 122 South Meridian Street for their ongoing achievements. Many compliments are coming in reporting how nice the place looks and that their continued contributions make Sunman a better community. A Certificate of Acknowledgement will be sent to the company by the Clerk.

Comments from the Floor

Lisa Disley asked about the smell by the K&K. Terry will follow up to see if there are any new products that may help.

Lisa Disley thanked everyone for working with us at Trees Mobile Home Community - Sunman, Indiana and thank you to Sunman Police Department. Please let everyone know...I am very impressed with the way this town has come together. thank you too all!! Amazing job to all.

Milinda Middlebrooks – Park Board - Does the bond apply to the treasurer of the Park Board? John Kellerman stated that it covers all employees and appointed positions.

Alison Knue asked if there was a list of the blighted properties. The Council and Attorney answered that there was not one available. Alison also thanked everyone.

Julie Crider Riley congratulated the Rusty Rooster. Love that place!

Adjournment

Don Foley asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:39 P.M.
Approved, 1st Carol Eckstein, 2nd Marilyn Decker.

The next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Memorandum approved this **18th day of February, 2021**

Marilyn Decker

Marilyn Decker, Council President

Carol Eckstein

Carol Eckstein, Council Member

Don Foley

Don Foley, Council Member

Cheryl A. Taylor

Attest, Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

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Posted on Front Door (IC 5-14-1.5-4)
Date: 01/21/2021
Time: 8:22 AM
By: Cheryl Taylor

Meeting Agenda

Town Council Virtual Meeting, Thursday, January 21, 2021
6:30 PM

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of the Agenda

Approval of Previous Meeting Memorandum 12/17/2020

Utility Report

Marshall Report

Invoices

Clerk-Treasurer

Accounts Payable Vouchers - 12/17/2020 through 12/31/2020
- 01/01/2021 through 01/21/2021

Utility Adjustments, Financial Statement and Fund Report

Appropriations Transfers – CARES ACT

IDEM Invoices, New Website, Email Changes

Community Crossing Grant - Final

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Ripley County Area Zoning Planning Commission Representative 2021

Ordinance Violations

Ordinance Violation # 1704, $100.00 – Not Paid – To Attorney

Acknowledgments

Rusty Rooster

Comments from the Floor

Adjournment

Sunman Utility Report

01/21/2021

- Well #6 has been cleaned and a new pump and piping installed. It produces around 340gpm. I am getting quotes together to clean well #4 which is next in-line for maintenance.

- I have been researching a Stand-bye generator for the whitetail lift station. Currently we use a pto powered generator that we hook to a tractor and drive it out to the station and man it while there is a power outage. This as you know always happen during inclement weather and after hours. I have narrowed it down to a natural gas/propane 22kw Generac with transfer switch for around $5500. Plus what ever install of the transfer switch would cost. If the Board would agree to move forward the other consideration is would we do natural gas at a 15.78 per month service charge plus usage, or LP which requires us to monitor, remove and refill tanks as needed. It would be easier and less maintenance to do natural gas but would cost us a little more over the long run. LP would cost more up front buying a larger bottle and the having security measures in place to prevent theft.

UW Installation 6,000.00 Ohio Valley

- I think we are all caught up and have all of my end of the year reports completed and turned in. This is always a nerve-racking time of year.

- I have taken some on-line classes to try to catch up with my CEU requirements to maintain my licensing for the utilities. This has been a struggle since the covid shutdowns continue to prevent the normal training I would attend. All of my licenses are due to be renewed in June of this year.

MARSHAL REPORT JANUARY

1.) Working with ISP on a couple of places in the town that is involved with drug activity. Able to arrest the subjects involved in it. Lead from a traffic stop was able to get information for a search warrant.

2.) Working on getting a schedule setup for training for our department.

3.) Adam made a traffic stop where drugs and paraphernalia was located an arrest was made. Citizens like see the police present will continue this.

3.) Starting to deal with a little more scam from social security to property rentals.

4.) Still continue to address the speeding. Have moved thought out the town changing locations.

5.) Just a brief summary for the police department.