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Call to Order: 6:36 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Day: Thursday

Roll Call

Date: 05/18/2023

Present: Carol Eckstein, Sharron Bennett, Don Foley,
Perry Cassidy, Brian Maynard, Cheryl Taylor

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Absent: John Kellerman

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Approval of Agenda

Carol Eckstein motioned to adopt the agenda, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Reports

Marshal, attached

Marshal Brian Maynard asked Don Foley to sign the agreement with Indian Lakes that they approved in the 04.20.2023 meeting. Don said that he would.

Utility, attached

Park - Julie Brock reported they accepted a bid from Matt Ertel Excavating for the playground repairs that are scheduled to begin June 1st and be completed within three days, weather permitting.

Approval of Meeting Memorandums – 04.20.2023

Carol Eckstein made a motion to approve meeting memorandums as written, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Utility Adjustments, Financial Statements, and Fund Reports

Carol Eckstein made a motion to approve Utility Adjustments, Financial Statements, and Fund Reports, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

OLD BUSINESS

Office Chair Purchase

Carol Eckstein made a motion to approve the purchase of the office chair earlier this month in the amount of \$265.00 from The Office Shop, and for another chair in the same amount of \$265.00 for the Clerk's office, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

NEW BUSINESS

Reserve Hopeful Zack Powell

Carol motioned to approve Zachery Powell as a Sunman Reserve Officer with the recommendation of Marshal Brian Maynard, 2nd Sharron Bennett. Cheryl Taylor swore in Zachary Powell and notarized his Oath of Office. The

Clerk's office will prepare his hiring packet, add him to the insurance and forward his Oath to Ripley County Publications.

Mesh Modem and WiFi Boosters

Carol Eckstein made a motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 from the general fund, line "other supplies" to purchase a WiFi Mesh System for the Community Park, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Stormwater Repairs

Cheryl Taylor and Perry Cassidy reported that we are collecting bids to repair two areas that are in immediate need of repair discovered during the Stormwater cleaning and televising completed by J & J Environmental Tele-Vac.

Investments in Remote Meters

Cheryl Taylor reported that Perry is looking into new water meters because our old and outdated meters are failing. Perry further explained that installing new meters will reduce the amount of unbilled water due to better distribution and more accurate meter readings. The new meters will increase utility revenue and enable us to collect real-time data that will provide a more proactive service in identifying and resolving issues and leaks.

Operator Expo

Carol motioned to approve the registration and hotel expenses for Perry to attend the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Operator Expo on the 25th, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Duke Energy Outdoor Lighting Conversion

Carol motioned to approve engaging in option one (1) Duke Energy Rider 42 – Rate LED Outdoor Lighting Conversion Rebate program that will cause an outdoor lighting audit that will generate an agreement for Council's consideration, 2nd Bennett. The program is estimated to save the Town hundreds per month in electricity costs. Cheryl Taylor will email Duke regarding the concern of the possibility of the lights being too bright and if we will be able to remove some light poles that are deemed unnecessary.

AIM Dues

Carol motioned to approve the AIM dues from allocations from both water and wastewater, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Boyce Contracts and Invoices

Carol motioned to approve the payment for licensing for Boyce Systems Keystone Utility and Fund with an increase of \$195.00 fund, totaling \$2,350.00, and \$250.00, utility totaling \$3,030.00, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Shirley's Birthday Lunch

Carol motioned to approve \$300.00 from the general fund, line "other services and charges" in the amount of \$300.00 for food and party supplies for Shirley's 88th birthday, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

224 Western Avenue – Loos – Carol motioned unsuspend the ordinance violations, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

204 S. Meridian Street – Ludwig-Carol motioned to continue the suspension of the ordinance violations until the next meeting date of June 15, 2023, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Comments from the Floor

Julie Riley presented a copy of the goals and strategies in the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Council that stated there should be a single impartial organization, such as the Main Street Program, to manage the upcoming festival so Sunman’s Landing at the Wippel could participate, and the event could benefit all the local businesses in Sunman. She expressed that this is important so that a single business is not potentially profiting off of the event.

Other comments were made from the floor by Pam Deller, Sam McBride, Abby Zimmer, and Fran Zimmer regarding the reasons everyone is arguing. There was too much chatter and raised voices, with everyone talking over one another, for me to accurately record.

Adjourn

Sharron Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, 2nd Carol Eckstein.

Memorandum approved this **15th** day of **June 2023**

Sharron Bennett, Council Member

Carol Eckstein, Council Member

Don Foley, Council President

Attest, Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer