
MEETING MEMORANDUM

APRIL 2024 – TOWN OF SUNMAN PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: 04.25.2024 TIME: 6:30 P.M. LOCATION: 604 N. MERIDIAN ST., SUNMAN, IN 47041

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: Carol Eckstein, Don Foley, Randy Zins, Brian Maynard, Zachary Powell, and Cheryl Taylor, Absent: Perry Cassidy

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Carol Eckstein motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition of Easement under Old Business, 2nd Don Foley

GUEST

Scott Corbin approached the council about having a 5K run fundraiser on Sunday, September 8, 2024. Mais attached. The fire department will notify the residents along the route of the event. Brian Maynard will schedule the road closures. Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the road closures to support the 5K fundraiser 5K run, 2nd Don Foley.

REPORTS

UTILITY – Attached

1. Perry & Cheryl reported that they did submit a grant to Rising Sun Regional Foundation for a Preliminary Engineering Report for the water filtration system.

MARSHAL – Attached

1. Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the reimbursement of hours missed at work for Alex Brison for 4 hours at his prescribed pay rate out of “Other Services & Charges”, 2nd Don Foley.

Body Cameras

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve up to \$2,000.00 from the opioid unrestricted funds, 2nd Don Foley.

CLERK

1. Approval of Meeting Memorandums – 03.21.2024, 04.11.2024 – Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the memos, 2nd Randy Zins.
2. Utility Adjustments and Fund Reports - Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the memos, 2nd Randy Zins.
3. APV Registers –The Council approved and signed all APV registers. Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the memos, 2nd Randy Zins.
4. Levy Excess - Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the memos, 2nd Don Foley.

5.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED/TABLED

1. Fluoride

Carol Eckstein motioned to stop the addition of fluoride into the drinking water distribution system, 2nd Don Foley. Perry will notify IDEM and pass the unused Fluoride to another municipality that can use it.

2. Winner's Circle

Perry reported that his walk of the property raised several concerns regarding the drainage, pictures were furnished to the Council members. He further noted that Mike Dawson, Cornerstone Construction, had made a written agreement to address drainage issues with one resident already. A Zoom meeting will be set up to include the owners, and builders, Cheryl Taylor, Perry Cassidy, and Randy Zins. Randy Zins motioned to table the matter for further discussions, 2nd Carol, Eckstein.

3. Alley Name

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the name, Tiger Alley, of the no-name alley in the Maplewoods subdivision, 2nd Don Foley.

4. Mobile Home Regulations/Ordinance

Randy Zins suggested imposing an ordinance in Sunman to restrict homes with axles and attached frames. This would essentially ban mobile homes in the town.

Cheryl Taylor expressed concern over the restrictions stating that people should have a choice on what they choose to live in and what they spend their money on. Further noting that is considered affordable housing, one of the number one needs named in our Comp Plan. Although there should be rules and regulations, it's not fair to restrict them altogether. Lisa Taylor, Manager of Trees Mobile Home Community, reported that in the next few months, they have four new modular homes coming in on axles that are delivered and put together. She invited the Council to the park to see the accomplishments in making the park better. They are a family, a community, where everyone knows each other. They have strict rules in place to prevent the park from looking bad and they do everything through Ripley County, legally. She suggested that the council consider tighter regulations or an approval process rather than restricting them altogether. Randy looks 20 to 25 years ahead, stating that he doesn't want to let this pass by and then see another one of those, referring to the Western Avenue Mobile Home Park, when he could have done something about it. Randy Zins motioned to table the matter, 2nd Carol Eckstein.

5. Guenther Easement

Cheryl Taylor reported that Mr. Guenther accepted a \$8,000.00, tap fee waived for one year after the substantial completion of the project, the installation of a concrete apron from SR 46 into the gravel drive which Curry will include in the initial construction phase, and maintenance of the gravel road. John Kellerman will prepare the paperwork within the two-week time frame requested. Cheryl Taylor will update the easement list with Jill for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Tax

Cheryl Taylor asked John Kellerman if there was a means to implement a fire tax where each household paid \$25.00 a year towards a fire tax. John Kellerman said it was possible to establish a separate tax district but he wasn't sure how the SBOA or the DLGF would react to a town ordinance for a fire tax. He wasn't for sure either way. Randy suggested looking at the area covered as opposed to the town proper. Cheryl Taylor stated they were attempting to think outside the box

to come up with more money for the fire department. Carol Eckstein said she knew of some towns that do charge \$2.00 or so a month. John explained that was a town-owned fire department most likely. Carol stated that the Fire Department doesn't bill insurance companies because of all the paperwork. Randy Zins motioned to table the matter, 2nd Don Foley.

2. Amazon Prime Membership

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the annual fee of \$139.00 for the membership, 2nd Don Foley.

3. Driveway Installation – 432 S. Meridian St.

Randy Zins motioned to send a letter of support, 2nd Carol, Eckstein.

4. 313 Western Avenue

Cheryl Taylor approached the council to start remediation on the property. They have returned all mail correspondence, ordinance violations, and letters from the town. There are currently over \$1200.00 due in property maintenance alone, not including ordinance violation fees. I looked up the company that purchased it in 2016, but the property hasn't been maintained since. It is listed on the auction site to date. Randy Zins stated that if we take the property, then we encumber all the costs that go along with it. Cheryl Taylor stated that she felt we would be able to make the money back. Brian Maynard looked up the company that owns it and the associated owners, and there are red flags everywhere. The complaints come in every year. John Kellerman explained the typical protocol to the council. Brian Maynard will attempt to contact the company through the mail again. John will start the process of establishing the property as a nuisance, and maybe they will consider their investment in jeopardy, and they will respond.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Zachary Powell - Report attached

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT


Carol Eckstein motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, 2nd Don Foley

The full meeting can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/Sunman47041/videos/453214700514828>

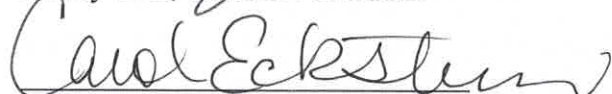
NEXT MEETING

June 20, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

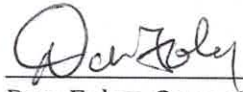
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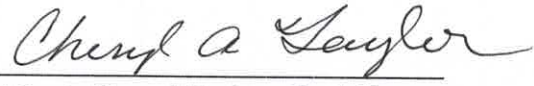
Randy Zins, Council President



Carol Eckstein, Council Member

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Don Foley, Council Member

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Attest, Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

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APRIL 2024 - TOWN OF SUNMAN PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: 04.18.2024 TIME: 6:30 P.M. LOCATION: 604 N. MERIDIAN ST., SUNMAN, IN 47041

This meeting takes place of the meeting scheduled on 04.18.2024

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

GUESTS

Sunman Rural Volunteer Fire Department
Scott Corbin - 5K

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MARSHAL
PARK

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NEXT MEETING - May 16, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

1. Annexation of Utility Customers
2. DORA

The Sunman monthly public meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 18th has been rescheduled for **Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 6:30 PM** The public meeting will be held at the Sunman Town Hall at 604 N. Meridian St., Sunman.



WEEK
NOTICE TO
RESIDENTS

SUNMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

March 2024

Vin Checks- 6

Suspicious activity- 5

Children services-3

Civil dispute-2

Traffic stop-45

Warrant service-2

Arrest- 2

Road Hazard-2

Fights-3

Animal Complaint-3

Meetings-4

Lock Out- 4

Juvenile problem-3

Alarms-2

Welfare check-6

Citations-2

Citizen Assist-3

Agency Assist-19

Accidents-4

Ordinance Violations-5

Investigations-19

Property Damage- 1

Utility Issues-1

Theft-1

RESERVE OFFICERS HOURS:

J. Mosmeier: 17.0

D. Davidson: 87.0

A. Brison: 87.0

TOWN OF SUNMAN

UTILITY REPORT

April 25, 2024

1. Continuing to work on lead copper inventory.
2. Potholes have been filled.
3. Multiple water meters have been replaced.
4. The Winner's Circle drainage issue is in progress future meetings have been scheduled.
5. Filter at Wellfield is still in the process of quoting. It is difficult to find companies that do aerators.
6. Park bathrooms are operational except the urinal parts are ordered, we ended up replumbing them with new pipe.
7. Connor has been invited into the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Apprenticeship Program. Cheryl is working on the funding.
8. We will be starting on the Water Loss Certification with Gordy.

Added : AWWA Conference
Only one company
that services our
Current Filter System.

Campaign: Flushing WIPES
or GREASE

APRIL ORDINANCE REPORT

MARCH-

232 S Meridian St.- issued 3/27/24- Ticket #1344

553 Brickyard Dr.-issued 3/27/24- Ticket #1343

APRIL-

305 Kuebel St. issued 4/8/24- Due 4/18/24 Ticket #1345

218 Nieman St. issued 4/18/24- Due 4/28/24 Ticket #1346

215 Jackson St. issued 4/18/24- Due 4/28/24 Ticket #1347

201 N Fitch Ave. issued 4/22/24- Due 5/1/24 Ticket #1348