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Pledge of Allegiance

Day: Thursday

Call to Order: 6:33 P.M.

Date: 07/15/2021

Roll Call

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Present: Carol Eckstein, Don Foley, Cheryl Taylor,

Place: In-Person, Live

John Kellerman, Jason Hoffman, Bill Neyer

Streamed via FB Page

Absent:

604 North Meridian Street

Sunman, IN 47041

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Call to Order at 6:31 PM

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**Approval of Agenda**

Don Foley motioned to adopt the agenda as is. Approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Eckstein.

**Approval of 05/20/2021 and 06/21/2021 Meeting Memorandums**

Don Foley motioned to approve the meeting memorandums as is. Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Eckstein

**Amy Streator – Ripley County Community Foundation**

Amy Streator, Executive Director of the Ripley County Community Foundation announced that the Board of Directors has awarded a \$5000.00 Sally Morris Community Impact Grant to the Town of Sunman to offset the cost of the sewer and water rate study. Combined with the "Quality of Life" Endowment Fund, a check was presented in the amount of \$6,345.00. The Town is grateful to the Foundation for all the work they do.

**Erin Thompson – Lifetime Resources**

Erin Thomas, Executive Director of Lifetime Resource outlined the numerous services offered to Ripley County residents and requested a \$2,000.00 donation. This request will be added to the budget process for consideration.

**Mary Mattingly – Safe Passage, Inc.**

Mary Mattingly submitted a letter requesting a donation to help the ongoing efforts in combating domestic and sexual violence. An increase of incidence rose to 113% in 2020. This request will be added to the budget process for consideration.

**Utility Report**, Report attached.

A letter notifying IDEM of the change of responsibility for the Wastewater Treatment Plant was accepted.

**Marshal's Report**, Report attached.

Jason announced that Ken Steinfort, Reserve Officer is being moved to the Lieutenant position. Jason presented Ken with his new badge that his wife pinned on him. His service is extremely valuable and the Town thanks him for his continued commitment to the betterment of Sunman.

**Motorola XLT Radio & Siren Box**

Don motioned to approve both invoices, \$1,355.00 to be paid from the MVH Fund. Approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Eckstein.

**Clerk-Treasurer:**

Accounts Payable Vouchers – 05/21/2021 through 05/31/2021 totaling \$ 146,220.35, 07/01/2021 through 07/15/2021 totaling \$80,518.83.70 were reviewed, approved and signed by Council Members.

Wastewater adjustment in the amount of \$106.94 was reviewed and approved and signed by Council Members.

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

**MVH Restricted Funds**

Don motioned to approve \$9,421.64 to the MVH Restricted Fund. Approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Eckstein.

**Utility Special Fund Correction**

Don motioned to approve the revised correction from 05/07/2020 to the Utility Special Fund by moving \$58,296.80 to water, \$12,445.20 to wastewater, and \$4,942.00 to sanitation. Approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Eckstein.

**Rate Study/RCCF #231 Endowment Fund**

Don motioned to approve Therber Brock & Associates, LLP for the Utility Rate Study. The \$5000.00 Sally Morris Community Impact Grant and the "Quality of Life" Endowment Fund will pay \$6,345.00. The remaining balance of \$1,155.00 will be paid from the water department. \$577.50 will be reimbursed to the wastewater by the end of the year.

Old Business

**Appointment to Council Update**

Don stated that John Moton had until August 1, 2021 to announce the appointment.

Matter:

**Emergency Executive Session 05/24/2021**

John Kellerman informed the Council that they have the ability to correct the minutes from the Executive Session. John will draft an amendment to the salary ordinance regarding the bonuses to the utility staff. Clerk-Treasurer advised Council that they cannot continue to pay out of the WW Fund as it is already operating in the red.



**Stand-by Generator**

Moved to the end of the agenda so Bill Neyer can review the quotes.

New Business

**WT3 Operator**

Don motioned to accept the proposal from Brett Rauch on a month-to-month contract at \$300.00 per week. This contract will end when bill is WT3 licensed.

**Telemetry System**

Don motioned to accept the bid from Larry Miller to install the radio telemetry system to be paid from the Water Fund. Approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Eckstein.

**Roof Replacement**

Don motioned to accept the bid from Hornberger Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$4,995.00 to replace the roof on well six to be paid from the Water Fund. Approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Eckstein.

**Rumpke Contract for Sludge Removal**

Matter was tabled to research competitors.

**Impala Sale**

Don motioned to open a period of time to accept bids for the Impala with a \$1,350.00 minimum. Bids will be accepted until end of day August 12, 2021.

**Election Cycle**

This matter was tabled until January 2022.

**Ordinance Violations**

Ordinance Violation #2530 was sent an addition letter at a new address.

Ordinance Violation #2537, 0001560678497, and 000150678479 will all receive letters and late fees.

**Announcements**

Sunman Chamber of Commerce – Kara Schott shared that so-far the articles of incorporation have been filed, the business entity report, and the EIN non-for-profit status have been completed. Currently the website is being built.

**Comment From the Floor**

Ordinance Violations – Kara asked if the Council have issued ordinance violations to the properties identified on South Meridian St. She also asked what recourse the Town has to address those properties if they fail or become dangerous. Kellerman expressed that there is an unsafe building ordinance and the Town could eventually take the property but it also becomes their financial burden.

Registered Sex Offenders – Kara shared her concerns for the high number of registered sex offenders living in the Sunman area.

Clerk- Treasurer reported that the SWIF Grant was submitted for water and wastewater infrastructure today. The total grant submitted totaled \$4,885,500.00

Clerk requested an additional meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> to start planning for the ARP funds.

**Stand-by Generator (revisited)**

Don motioned to approve Ludwig pending a direct purchase of the generator. Approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Eckstein.

John Kellerman will draft an amendment to the current Parking Ordinance to allow for a designated handicap parking spot on West Washington St. in front of the Landing next to the handicap access sidewalk.

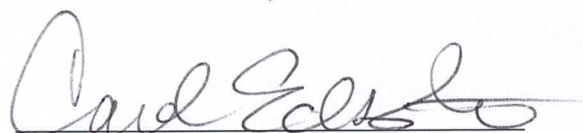
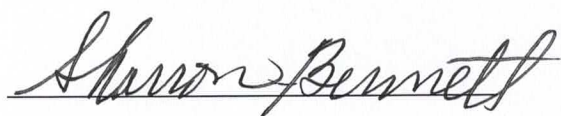
**Adjournment**

Don Foley motioned to adjourn at 8:26 PM, Approved, Carol Eckstein, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

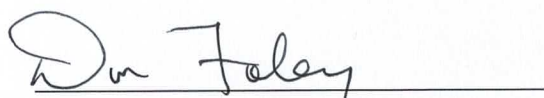
The special meeting will be on Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

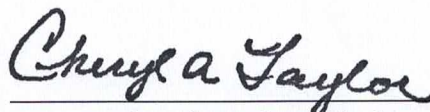
Memorandum approved this **19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021**



Carol Eckstein, Council Member



Don Foley, Council Member



Attest, Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer