
MEETING MEMORANDUM

MARCHY 2024 – TOWN OF SUNMAN PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: 03.21.2024 TIME: 6:30 P.M. LOCATION: 604 N. MERIDIAN ST., SUNMAN, IN
47041

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 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, 2nd Don Foley

REPORTS

UTILITY

1. Filter Media & Filter (via phone with Perry Cassidy)

Perry reported that we received a quote from Bastin Logan for the replacement of the filter and the media for \$369,984.00. Another quote was received from Bastin Logan for the replacement of the media for \$22,205.00, additional costs would be included if the media is found to be encased in cement for additional time, and materials. An additional quote was received from National Water for a filter media replacement for \$22,513.00 plus \$585.00 per hour of labor. Perry reported that the owner of the National Water Service stated that these repairs have been very successful in the past but this was a very open-ended quote for hourly labor. The quote for repair is higher than the quote for replacement. The filter is leaking at the bottom it's rusted out and there's a lot of damage and he does not recommend repair or replacement to the media only. The electrical part of the project would create an additional cost expected with these quotes. Cheryl Taylor added we were consulting with engineers and the IFA for possible funding. Because the deadline is April 1st, there may not be adequate time for a grant/loan and we may have to consider a pool loan. The pool loan would carry a much lower interest rate. Perry is still waiting for other quotes to come in.

We are moving forward with the clarifier and collecting quotes for repair.

We will be working on patching potholes in this next week.

MARSHAL

Brian Maynard: A lot about Activity and one thing I want people to realize is that at least 227 hours have been put in by Reserve officers, that's not counting Zach. That's just from John, Dillon, and Alex. Alex had 107 hours, and Dillon had 105, 89 traffic stops.

1. Solar Eclipse – Residents should call 911 for an emergency and 812-689-5555 for nonemergency calls. Chief Deputy Davidson or Sheriff Bradley is going to be in dispatch to prioritize calls. The Fire Department will have a full crew and their building fully staffed. EMS is going to have two full Crews of staff ready to roll. EMA is saying to make sure your tanks are full of gas and make sure you have plenty of groceries for that day. Traffic is expected to be jammed up.
2. Form for Ordinance Violations
John Kellerman approved a process for sending out late letters from the Clerk's office with the approval via email. We will draft a form to be approved at the next meeting.

PARK

Julie Brock reported that the Park will be closed and roped off for the eclipse beginning Sunday afternoon, April 7th. Labor for the park cleaning this summer has not been secured yet.

CLERK

1. Approval of Meeting Memorandums – 02.15.2024, 02.27.2024 Special, 02.27.2024 Executive, 03.09.2024 Special – The Council approved and signed all memos.
2. Utility Adjustments and Fund Reports were approved and signed.
3. APV Registers –2023 EOY, and 02.2023, 03.01.2024-03.19.2024 – The Council approved and signed all APV registers.
4. Certified Payroll and Flex Time – Randy Zins signed off on certified payroll for Perry Cassidy and Brian Maynard.
5. Ripley County Inter-Local Agreement Signatures – The Council approved the revised agreement and signed it.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED/TABLED

1. Fluoride
Discussions regarding the consideration of halting the addition of fluoride in the drinking water took place among residents. We have one attachment to this memo from a resident. The full discussion can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Sunman47041/videos/294738110140360>
Carol Eckstein motioned to table the matter pending additional information, 2nd Don Foley
2. Winner's Circle
John Kellerman reported that he has had no response from Dan Rolfes, owner of Winner's Circle. John suggested that we could get an estimate to fix the drainage issues and present it to the owner for consideration. John will reach out to the owner again. Randy Zins motioned to table the matter, 2nd Carol Eckstein.
3. Alley Name
4. Carol Eckstein motioned to table the matter, 2nd Randy Zins
5. DORA
Carol Eckstein motioned to table the matter pending additional information, 2nd Don Foley

6. Flex Time Policy

1. Flex Time

Hourly Employees

- The Town shall utilize "time-off" or flexible hours to avoid having hourly employees work more than forty (40) hours in a workweek.
- The supervisor must approve flex-time scheduling.
- The supervisor should make every effort to ensure that employees utilize flex time to not work overtime.
- The employee shall document flex time each week as part of the payroll process.
- The Clerk-Treasurer shall maintain an official record of flex time.
- Flex time must be taken within the same pay period.
- Flex time will not be used in a work week where an employee is called out for an emergency.
- Flex time is paid as time for time.
- Flex time will not exceed 20 hours.
- Flex time may not be utilized more than 20 hours at a time.
- Vacation, Holiday, PTO, and "Other" time shall not be used in the calculation of Flex Time.
- Employees must physically work over 40 hours in a pay period to claim flex time.
- All flex time must be used during the year in which it was earned and may not be carried over from year to year.
- Example: If an employee works 4 hours overtime in a day, then the employee may be required to take off four (4) hours on another day within that workweek, thus keeping his/her hours worked at forty (40) hours for that week.

Salary Employees

- The Town shall utilize "time-off" or flexible hours to avoid having salaried employees work over forty (40) hours in a workweek.
- The employee shall document flex time each week as part of the payroll process.
- The Clerk-Treasurer shall maintain an official record of flex time.
- Flex time will not exceed 80 hours.
- Flex time may not be utilized more than 40 hours at a time without Council approval.
- Vacation, Holiday, PTO, and "Other" time shall not be used in the calculation of Flex Time. Employees must physically work over 40 hours in a pay period to claim flex time.
- All flex time must be used during the year in which it was earned and may not be carried over from year to year unless approved by the Town Council and the funds are available in the budget.
- Upon termination of employment, employees will not be paid for flex time.

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the revised flex-time policy, 2nd Don Foley.

7. 8765 E State Rd 46 – Easement Purchase

Carol Eckstein motioned to table the matter pending additional information on other possible routes to the lift station., 2nd Don Foley

NEW BUSINESS

1. Annexation of Utility Customers

Carol Eckstein motioned to table the annexation until a later time, 2nd Don Foley.

2. Stop Sign – Eastern and County Line

Randy Zins motioned to table the matter until we know if the responsibility of the stop sign belongs to Sunman, 2nd Carol Eckstein

3. Easter Egg Hunt Donation – W/WW

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve donations to the Beautification Committee for \$100.00 from Water and \$100.00 from Wastewater, 2nd Randy Zins.

4. Mobile Home Regulations/Ordinance

5. Carol Eckstein motioned to table the matter, 2nd Don Foley

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Report attached

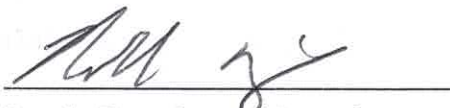
ADJOURNMENT

Carol Eckstein motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, 2nd Don Foley

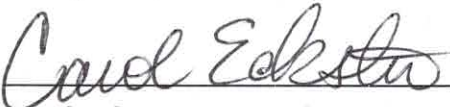
NEXT MEETING

April 18, 2024 6:30 P.M.

Memorandum approved this 18th day of April 2024




Randy Zins, Council President



Carol Eckstein, Council Member



Don Foley, Council Member


Attest, Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

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COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

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Posted on Front Door (IC5-14-1.5-4) Date: 03.21.2024 Time: 2:33 PM

By: C. Taylor

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Signature

Larry Weiler	Larry Weiler
Stephanie Schomber	Stephanie Schomber
WAYNE JENNER	Wayne Jenner
Mary Rollino	Mary Rollino -
Dustin Allen Victor Allen	Victor Allen
Krista & Mark Calvino	Krista Allen
Tina Butt	Tina Butt
Eliza Lagonia	Eliza Lagonia

Address

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TOWN OF SUNMAN

UTILITY REPORT

February 15, 2024

1. We are continuing to make phone calls on the lead and copper service line inventory. Lots of feedback
2. Christmas decorations have been taken down.
3. New flags and ropes have been installed on our flag poles.
4. The clarifier went down that is an ongoing maintenance issue that Doug and I are working on expect it to be fixed soon.
5. The filter at the well field needs to have the filter media replaced. It is starting to cause issues such as bridging creating air gaps in the filter and when those air pockets are released it causes an increase in iron in the water giving it a brown color. This is something we need to work extensively to correct as it directly affects our citizens and staff.

Some History - The original water system was first constructed in 1950. The 275gpm water plant added in the 1960s has experienced tank leaks and issues for years which the town has band-aided to provide water. The rehabilitation of it was recommended nearly 20 years ago yet no project has been completed. Finding replacement parts for normal maintenance has become problematic. These issues lead to downtimes in producing water and the reliance on stored water in the elevated tanks during those periods to meet system demands.

SUNMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

February

Vin Checks- 9

Suspicious activity- 7

Children services-5

Civil dispute-2

Traffic stop-89

Warrant service-10

Arrest- 4

Road Hazard-3

Fights-6

Animal Complaint-4

Meetings-4

Lock Out- 3

Juvenile problem-4

Alarms-4

Welfare check-4

Citations-5

Citizen Assist-3

Agency Assist-28

Accidents-5

Ordinance Violations-8

Investigations-27

Property Damage- 2

Utility Issues-3

Theft-1

RESERVE OFFICERS HOURS:

J. Mosmeier: 19.0

D. Davidson: 105.0

A. Brison: 107.0

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Thank you for the opportunity to express our information on the impact of fluoride on our community. Adding additional Fluoride, especially a toxic, synthetic chemical (not a natural fluoride), non-nutritive substance to mass medicate the populace without informed consent is against one's freedom to have access to clean water.

We request that this practice would be stopped here in our town of Sunman, Indiana.

Included below are many reasons and access to lots of research and data to support our views.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your service.

Mark and Krista Calvino

Magnificat10@protonmail.com

There are ill effects and it is well studied: Dozens of human beings and hundreds on animals proving the toxicity of fluoride. It is NOT considered safe and effective according to the National Library of Medicine.

26 Adverse Pharmacological Actions of Fluoride on the body identified. Contributes to 91 diseases in the human body. Neurotoxicity, anti-fertility, crosses placenta, crosses blood brain barrier, has the ability to interfere with the functions of the brain, ADHD, Lowers IQ, Calcifies pineal gland (think Parkinsons Disease), Increases apathy and affects brain/emotions (fluoride is an ingredient in Prozac), cardio toxic, oxidant, inflammatory, teratogenic (affects fetal development and congenital disabilities), Brittle bones, dental fluorosis, increase hypo thyroid, cancer.

By itself. Sodium Fluoride is a carcinogen and bags would be labeled with the skull and cross bone. The more currently used Hydrofluorosilicic Acid*(see below) is corrosive and can leach lead from pipes. Additionally, negative effects are multiplied through a synergistic affect with lead. This product is mostly a hazardous waste product from the phosphate fertilizer industry put in place to protect the air from its toxicity. It cannot be dumped into the ocean because it will kill the fish. It made the local cows sick. Why are we putting hazardous waste into our water system? Fluorosilicic acid is not the same as natural fluoride
What science does FDA or EPA have to show valid reasons for poisoning the water supply?

Susceptible populations as afro-american, Mexican, Hispanic have a higher uptake of fluoride and other toxins because of their genetics. People with compromised kidney function/disease are not able to remove this toxin from their body as well and it accumulates with lead in the bone, affecting bone health, affecting joint health. Do you wonder why there are so many joint replacements and arthritis?

Even IF it were good for us, to mass medicate the populace is dangerous. Accumulation and excess fluoride levels- more than allowed, we should have the freedom/choice to Not be mass medicated.

1 pea size of toothpaste ingested is enough to call poison control, yet the same amount of fluoride is in 1 glass of water.

Dr Edward Ohanian, EPA representative under oath (2018). 'A baby that is formula fed receives over 100x the amount of fluoride as a baby who is breastfed.'

Dr Joyce Suci, EPA expert, '(the amount fluoride in infant baby formula) 'dose given to infants potentially is greater than reference dose for dental fluorosis and provides no benefit at that stage. (2019)

EPA toxicologist Dr Stanley Buro Jr

Dr Joyce Donahue EPA Office of Water.

CDC representative Casey Hanon

agrees with NRC that 'it is apparent that fluoride has the ability to interfere with the functions of the brain and the body by direct and indirect means'

<https://greenmedinfo.com/content/reevaluating-fluoride-public-water-balancing-cognitive-risks-and-dental-benefi2>

Dental carries average the same in fluoride water communities compared to NO fluoride in water communities.

Here are some resources:

<https://greenmedinfo.com/content/reevaluating-fluoride-public-water-balancing-cognitive-risks-and-dental-benefi2>

<https://greenmedinfo.com/toxic-ingredient/fluoride> 301 Unique Abstracts of Studies on Fluoride from National Library of Medicine

<https://greenmedinfo.com/blog/fluoride-calcifier-soul> calcify pineal gland

<https://files.iaomt.org/wp-content/uploads/IAOMT-Fact-Sheet-on-Fluoride-and-Human-Health.pdf>

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<https://www.fluoridealert.org/wp-content/uploads/50-reasons.pdf>

Research: <https://fluoridealert.org/researchers/>

Warning for infants: <https://fluoridealert.org/wp-content/uploads/Infant-Warning-Overview.pdf>

<https://fluoridealert.org/wp-content/uploads/FAN-Neurotoxicity-flyer-5-23-23-B-Final.pdf>

<https://fluoridealert.org/articles/references3/>

https://www.fluoridealert.org/wp-content/uploads/quick_facts.pdf

<https://fluoridealert.org/wp-content/uploads/More-examples-of-infant-notice-4.pdf>

It is expensive and time consuming to filter our water to remove fluoride. This is not right that most cannot afford investing in filtering systems. Those who really want fluoride can easily use toothpaste which is topical and the only way it provides any benefit(it has been proven that ingesting fluoride does not strengthen teeth but rather makes bones (and teeth) more brittle.

*Moreover, this versatile compound also finds applications in the metal finishing industry. In etching and cleaning processes, Hydrofluorosilicic Acid 23% (HFS) proves its effectiveness by removing rust and scale from steel surfaces. The compound acts as a powerful descaling agent, removing unwanted mineral deposits and leaving a smooth, clean surface behind.