

Newburgh Town Council Minutes
February 25, 2009

The Newburgh Town Council met in Executive Session on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 4:30p.m. Those present were Anne Rust Aurand, Eric Ellsperman, Bill Kavanaugh, Alonzo Moore, Shari Sherman, Becky Gentry, Cynthia Burger, and Tom Bodkin. The purpose of the meeting was discussion of personnel issues and was held in accordance with Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Session was called to order at 5:30p.m. by President Kavanaugh.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Newburgh Town Council.

A moment of silence was observed for those serving in the military.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 11, 2009

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to approve the February 11, 2009, minutes, as submitted.

SECOND by Mr. Ellsperman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

Attorney Kim Blanchet, representing Barnes & Thornburg, presented their proposal for bond counsel. Additionally, Mrs. Blanchet apologized to Mr. Bodkin and BFOH for an incident that occurred that was less than favorable on Barnes & Thornburg's behalf. Mr. Kavanaugh stated the proposals were under advisement.

Todd Chamberlain, representing Allied Waste, presented a storm debris management program for the Town of Newburgh.

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to approve the debris removal program with Allied Waste at a rate of \$11.45 per cubic yard, subject to Warrick County Solid Waste Management's agreement to allow the private hauler (Allied Waste) to dump town debris at no charge.

SECOND by Mr. Moore.

DISCUSSION: He stated Allied Waste would assist the town to maximize FEMA reimbursement. Details of the program will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

FIRE ~ Alonzo Moore

No report.

PARK ~ Eric Ellsperman

An informal public meeting was held on February 21, 2009, regarding the proposed skate park at Newburgh Community Park.

Renovations to the Lock & Dam Control Building are expected to be completed within the next two (2) weeks. Outside painting, plumbing fixtures, countertops, and flooring still need to be completed.

Applications for pool manager are currently being received.

PLAN ~ Anne Rust Aurand

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2009, at 5:330p.m.

POLICE ~ Bill Kavanaugh

The Cops Fast Grant program opens on March 1, 2009. This grant would pay a full time officer 100% for a period of three (3) years.

MOTION by Ms. Sherman for Chief Sprinkle to apply for the Cops Fast Grant.

SECOND by Mr. Ellsperman.

DISCUSSION: Chief Sprinkle stated his goal is to have two (2) officers on each shift. He added that this grant program is part of the economic stimulus package.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

STREET ~ Alonzo Moore

MOTION by Mr. Moore to approve the Clark-Dietz construction inspection contract for the reconstruction of the intersection at Plum, Jennings, and Main (HES Grant) in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

SECOND by Mr. Ellsperman

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

MOTION by Mr. Moore for Mr. Bodkin to prepare an ordinance for debate that would place a stop sign at the intersection of Claiborn Court and Ellington Court (located in Copper Creek).

SECOND by Ms. Aurand.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hijuelos stated the developer has been requested to place the required street signage at that intersection two (2) times and will be sent the final notice on Thursday, February 26, 2009.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

The crew continues with limb pickup. They also cleaned the tunnel on the north end of Jefferson Street. The crew removed the Christmas lights from the flag pole.

Three (3) estimates have been received for repair to the tongue of the boat dock.

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE ~ Anne Rust Aurand

No report.

PERSONNEL ~ Bill Kavanaugh

MOTION by Mr. Kavanaugh to hire Marcus Jolly to the position of Newburgh Wastewater Treatment Facility Plant Assistant Supervisor at the hourly rate of \$18.75 with full time employee benefits effective March 16, 2009, pending a negative drug screen.

SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

MOTION by Mr. Kavanaugh to hire Kenneth Virgin to the position of Inspector at the hourly rate of \$19.98 with full time employee benefits effective March 16, 2009, pending a negative drug screen.

SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 4, nays 0, abstentions 1 (Ellsperman).

SPECIAL BOARDS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ~ Anne Rust Aurand

At their last meeting, Jennifer Betzworth distributed a copy of the historic site survey she recently completed. Jeff Cox presented an education outreach report.

RIVERTOWN TRAIL ~ Eric Ellsperman

The Deig Bros. construction trailer is in place. Trees and debris are being removed from the great ravine. Mr. Ellsperman reported that both RW Armstrong and Deig Bros. are working diligently on the project.

SIDEWALK ~ Anne Rust Aurand

Ms. Aurand stated the pavers that the committee had planned on using around the tree wells could not be used. INDOT stated that if even one (1) tree is removed or if bricks are used instead of concrete, a full blown section 106 environmental review would be required. That would add considerable cost to the project. It could also delay the project for a year or more. Ms. Burger stated section 106 minor project p.a. was still required by INDOT. INDOT will be making a site visit and report in the next month.

STORM WATER ~ Bill Kavanaugh

Mr. Hijuelos reported that he had received the project drawings for Maple Lane. A letter has been sent to all the residents of Maple Lane advising them the project was ready to begin and encouraging them to attend the next Storm Water Management meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER ~ Becky Gentry

The 2008 CTAR has been completed and submitted to the State Board of Accounts.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ~ Frank Hijuelos

No report.

TOWN ATTORNEY ~ Tom Bodkin

A Statement of Charges has been filed by the Newburgh Police Department against an officer that requires a public hearing. Mr. Bodkin has requested that the parties communicate possible dates for the hearing in March. He added that the process requires the Newburgh Town Council to sit as the Safety Board.

A Green Springs Valley property owner has expressed his desire to attend the next Utility Board meeting to discuss a recent incident at this residence. The town insurance company has been advised of this situation.

TOWN ENGINEER ~ Eric Parsley

Safe Routes to School

Mr. Parsley reported that the project is moving along. He stated that INDOT representative Brian Malone requested that the final set plans be submitted.

Rivertown Trail

Discussion was held regarding the bank stabilization.

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to apply to the Army Corps of Engineers for a Section 404 permit.

SECOND by Mr. Ellsperman.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Burger explained this permit would address the eroded area along the old road bed.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to approve the application to work in the county right-of-way.

SECOND by Mr. Ellsperman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

Bid Opening for Lift Station I & II

Mr. Parsley requested this item be presented to the Utility Board at their next meeting.

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to table discussion of Lift Station I & II bids.

SECOND by Mr. Ellsperman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

Blue Lake Force Main Project

The project has reached substantial completion. It was tested on February 19, 2009, and successfully passed. A final punch list will now be compiled. Mr. Parsley requested that the change order presented by Quality Craft Construction be taken to the Utility Board for discussion.

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to table the change order presented by Quality Craft.

SECOND by Mr. Ellsperman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

Acceptance of Roads for Maintenance ~ Copper Creek

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to accept the roads in Copper Creek, Section B, for maintenance.

SECOND by Ms. Aurand.

DISCUSSION: Commonwealth Engineers will provide mileage. Mr. Hijuelos noted that the required street signs in Section B have not yet been installed. There are also three (3) sidewalks in Section A that have not been installed.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER ~ Cynthia Burger

Information has been compiled and submitted for the Economic Recovery Program to both the appropriate agencies as well as legislatures. Distribution of funds is still undetermined.

A common construction wage committee met last week and set the wage scale for various town projects including sewer, wastewater plant expansion, storm water, and sidewalk projects.

A fully executed contract between INDOT and the Town of Newburgh was received today for Phase I of the Rivertown Trail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bid Opening Lift Station I & II...taken under advisement February 11, 2009

Addressed earlier in the agenda.

2. Request by Quality Craft Construction ~ Blue Lake Force Main Project...taken under advisement February 11, 2009

Addressed earlier in the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2009-01 ~ Hazardous Mitigation Plan

MOTION by Ms. Aurand for the reading of Resolution 2009-01.

SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

Mr. Bodkin read Resolution 2009-01.

MOTION by Ms. Aurand to adopt Resolution 2009-01.

SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

2. Accept for Road Maintenance ~ Copper Creek, Section B

Addressed earlier in the agenda.

3. Clark-Dietz Contract ~ Rivertown Trail

Addressed earlier in the agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Kavanaugh, Mr. Moore, Ms. Burger, and Mr. Bodkin recently attended the IACT Legislative Conference in Indianapolis. Mr. Bodkin had to opportunity to meet with Bob Dieg, Vaneta Becker, and Dennis Avery.

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

None

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

MOTION by Ms. Sherman that all claims, including any sewer adjustments, be paid.

Civil Town ~ \$149,042.61

Sewer ~ \$337,449.44

SECOND by Mr. Ellsperman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Moore to adjourn.

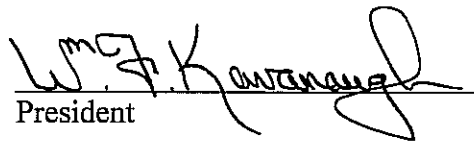
SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None

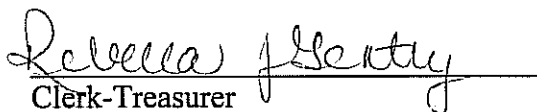
MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

APPROVED this 11 day of March, 2009.

Newburgh Town Council


President

ATTEST:


Clerk-Treasurer