

December 20, 2006
Newburgh Town Council Minutes

The Newburgh Town Council met in Executive Session at 4:30p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2006. Those present were Anne Rust Aurand, Ken Hughes, Bill Kavanaugh, Alonzo Moore, Shari Sherman, Becky Gentry, Cynthia Burger, and Tom Bodkin. The purpose of the meeting was discussion of personnel issues and contract negotiations and was held in accordance with Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-5.

CALL TO ORDER

President Kavanaugh called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Newburgh Town Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for the U.S. Troops.

ROLL CALL

Those present at the Regular Session were Anne Rust Aurand, Ken Hughes, Bill Kavanaugh, Alonzo Moore, Shari Sherman, Becky Gentry, Cynthia Burger, and Tom Bodkin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ December 13, 2006 ~ Executive & Regular Session

MOTION by Ms. Aurand to approve the minutes, as submitted.

SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

2006 AWARDS

The following Town of Newburgh employees were recognized for their years of service:

Darrel Healy ~ five (5) years
Bill Kramer ~ five (5) years
Deanna Malcolm ~ ten (10) years
Mike Morris ~ ten (10) years
John Fischer ~ thirty-five (35) years

The following Newburgh Fire Department volunteers were recognized for their service:

Charles Marx ~ ten (10) years
Courtney Marx ~ ten (10) years
Paul Campbell ~ fifteen (15) years of service
Greg Lueken, twenty-five (25) years
Randy Loving, thirty (30) years

The followings citizens were recognized with the 2006 Outstanding Citizen Award:

Jim and Mary Ann Wilsbacher ~ creation and sharing with the community their Water Street prayer garden.

Melissa McGuire ~ her volunteerism as president of the HNI board for the past three (3) years and her dedicated work with the merchants' association for the last decade.

Todd Titzer ~ his work as president of the Newburgh Senior Citizens, Inc. and his dedication to the seniors of our community.

Maureen Coudret ~ her gardening efforts at the Newburgh Community Park. Maureen has been a master gardener since 1997. She "adopted" this area at the community park last year and continues to tend it with care and expertise.

Linda Howell ~ along with her husband, Linda has been the Knob Hill Mobile Home Park Manager for the last seventeen (17) years. Linda consistently volunteered and significantly contributed to her entire neighborhood over these years.

The Historic Newburgh Wine & Art Festival Committee was recognized with the 2006 Good Neighbor Award. This committee hosted a gala event on our riverfront by attracting thirteen (13) vintners and thousands of guests to participate in a weekend event which offered food, wine, music, and education. The event wonderfully showcased the Town of Newburgh, brought many people to our community, and offers great potential for the future.

MOTION by Ms. Sherman for the reading of Resolution 2006-04.

SECOND by Ms. Aurand.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

Mr. Bodkin read Resolution 2006-04 (see attached).

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to adopt Resolution 2006-04.

SECOND by Ms. Aurand.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

A special recognition and presentation was made to former Council Member Robert F. Seibert for his fourteen (14) years of service.

Ms. Burger presented 2006 In Review (see attached).

Senator Harry Thompson presented President Kavanaugh with a framed article recently published in the Newburgh Register regarding the transfer of government from the old Town Hall located at 200 State Street to the new location at 23 W. Jennings.

Mr. Kavanaugh called for a ten (10) minute recess.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ Shari Sherman

No report.

STREET ~ Ken Hughes

Mr. Hughes stated the St. John's Church and Knob Hill projects are nearly complete. Alleys are also being re-rocked by the crew.

FIRE ~ Anne Rust Aurand

A year end report will be presented during the January 2007 meeting.

"Chef" Randy Loving prepared an excellent meal for the annual Christmas party hosted by the department.

PARK ~ Alonzo Moore

No report.

PLAN ~ Shari Sherman

No report.

POLICE ~ Bill Kavanaugh

Chief Sprinkle stated that beginning January 1, 2007, the department will no longer employ part time officers. He did recommend two (2) individuals to be appointed as reserve officers.

MOTION by Mr. Kavanaugh to appoint Willard James as a reserve police officer effective January 1, 2007.

SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Chief Sprinkle stated that Mr. James has been with the department since 1994 and has been a valued employee.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

MOTION by Mr. Kavanaugh to appoint Jonathan Scully as a reserve police officer effective January 1, 2007.

SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Chief Sprinkle stated that if there was a full time position available on the force, he would recommend the hiring of Mr. Scully.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

AIR AUTHORITY ~ Alonzo Moore

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL ~ Bill Kavanaugh

No report.

FINANCE ~ Anne Rust Aurand
No report.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

A Certificate of Appropriateness for the old Town Hall was approved at the last meeting.

STORM WATER ~ Anne Rust Aurand
No report.

BICENTENNIAL ~ Anne Rust Aurand
No report.

RIVERTOWN TRAIL ~ Anne Rust Aurand

Ms. Aurand stated the preliminary geotech analysis should be complete by the end of February. Once complete, results will be forwarded to INDOT who will review the data, calculations and determine if the findings are reasonable or if anything further needs to be done. The construction timeline is still anticipated for the spring of 2008.

TOWN HALL ~ Anne Rust Aurand

A meeting was held with ARC Construction regarding the outstanding punch list. During the meeting, the ARC representative stated the company was committed to “make things right.”

Universal Design will be meeting with the flooring representative to determine the correct finish for the cork floor.

David Wills continues to provide requirements to SHPO addressing ceiling and flooring issues at the old Town Hall.

ARTS PAVILION ~ Bill Kavanaugh
No report.

VETERANS MONUMENT ~ Shari Sherman

A \$5,000.00 was donated by Invirotech, Inc. for the construction of the monument.

KIWANIS FIELD ~ Anne Rust Aurand

The Warrick County School Board approved the lease agreement between the Town of Newburgh and the Kiwanis at their recent meeting. The Town will receive a copy of the recorded document.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ~ Frank Hijuelos
No report.

CLERK-TREASURER ~ Becky Gentry

The Town recently received the fourth payment of \$50,000.00 from Warrick County for the Rivertown Trail. EDIT funds (December settlement) have also been received and the December tax settlement is expected within the next few days.

TOWN ATTORNEY ~ Tom Bodkin

No report.

TOWN ENGINEER ~ David Hynes

The Master Lift Station Joint Board will meet on December 21, 2006, at 3:00p.m.

The road inventory has been updated and submitted to INDOT for their review. Approximately six (6) miles has been added since the last update.

TOWN MANAGER ~ Cynthia Burger

Yard waste will be picked up on Friday, December 22, and Friday, December 29, 2006.

New basketball goals for the Newburgh Community Park have been anonymously donated by a woman as a Christmas gift to her husband.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2006-33 ~ Newburgh Sewage Works Bond...introduced December 13, 2006

MOTION by Ms. Sherman for the first reading of Ordinance 2006-33.

SECOND by Mr. Hughes.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

Mr. Bodkin read Ordinance 2006-33.

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2006-33.

SECOND by Mr. Hughes.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

MOTION by Ms. Sherman for the second reading of Ordinance 2006-33.

SEOCND by Mr. Hughes.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

Mr. Bodkin read Ordinance 2006-33.

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to adopt Ordinance 2006-33.

SECOND by Mr. Hughes.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Sherman stated this lists the 2007 projects.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2006-34 ~ 2007 Salary Ordinance

MOTION by Ms. Sherman for the first reading of Ordinance 2006-34.

SECOND by Ms. Aurand.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.
Mr. Bodkin read Ordinance 2006-34.
MOTION by Ms. Sherman to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2006-34.
SECOND by Ms. Aurand.
DISCUSSION: None
MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.
MOTION by Ms. Sherman for the second reading of Ordinance 2006-34.
SECOND by Ms. Aurand.
DISCUSSION: None
MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.
Mr. Bodkin read Ordinance 2006-34.
MOTION by Ms. Sherman to adopt Ordinance 2006-34.
SECOND by Ms. Aurand.
DISCUSSION: None
MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Aurand presented a quarterly Sister City magazine sent by Newburgh, England Council Member Reg Porter.

Ms. Aurand reported that the Warrick County School Corporation purchased additional land (by Newburgh Elementary School) on Filmore Street.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

MOTION by Ms. Sherman that all claims, including any sewer adjustments, be paid.
SECOND by Mr. Hughes.
DISCUSSION: None
MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

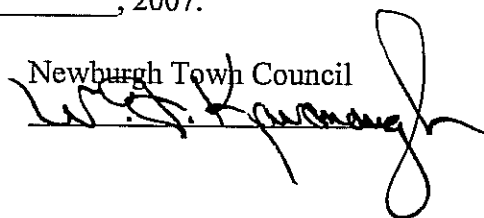
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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Hughes to adjourn.
SECOND by Mr. Moore.
DISCUSSION: None
MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

APPROVED this 10th day of January, 2007.

Newburgh Town Council



ATTEST:

Rebecca J. Gentry
Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2006-4

*A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DECEMBER 22, 2006
AS LOU DENNIS DAY IN THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH*

WHEREAS, every community hopes to be blessed with that special person who unselfishly devotes countless hours and immeasurable energy to the community's organizations, activities and events, and

WHEREAS, such dedication to the vision of the people of the Town of Newburgh is displayed by one very special woman in the Town who is well known by all our people, and

WHEREAS, her belief in the concept of fairness, her display of excellence in her public and private life and, her collegiality in dealing with her fellow citizens is a model for us all, and

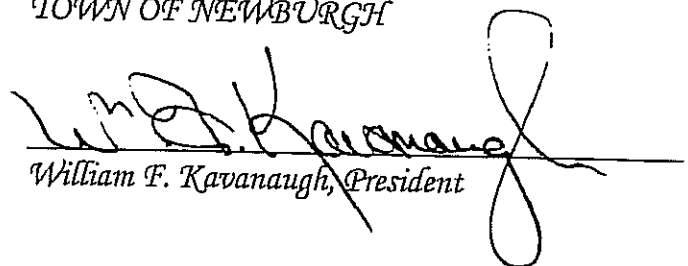
WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Town honor her upon this occasion so that future citizens of the Town will understand the depth of her commitment to the Town of Newburgh, the positive impact she has had upon their lives, and recognize her as the model citizen that she is.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Town of Newburgh declares December 22, 2006 to be LOU DENNIS day in the Town and requests that all Newburgh citizens pay honor to this great lady as a commemoration of her immeasurable contributions to the lives and prosperity of the people of Newburgh.

ADOPTED this 20th Day of December, in the year 2006 and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred Thirtieth.

*TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF NEWBURGH*


William F. Kavanaugh, President

Shari E. Sherman
Shari E. Sherman, Member

Anne Rust Aurand
Anne Rust Aurand, Member

Alonzo B. Moore, Jr.
Alonzo B. Moore, Jr., Member

Kenneth E. Hughes
Kenneth E. Hughes, Member

ATTEST:

Rebecca J. Gentry
Rebecca Gentry, Clerk-Treasurer

2006 in Review

Again, I shall try to encapsulate in verse – the year
Superb iambic pentameter, you definitely will not cheer.

In January, workers from ARC at Town Hall, they did abound
By April and May, only a few could be found.

Material delays and lack of construction site rhythm became the blame
We would like them to finish, just the same.

All that remains – a punch list in hand
A job complete will certainly be grand.

And other delays, what to do?
The cause, the reason, the question is who?

Regarding Rivertown Trail, delays at INDOT or changes in design?
A path for walkers, joggers, and bicyclists, we continue to pine.

We spur, we nudge, we prod and hound
ACE – no, American Structure Point "ASP" a new name they found.

At the May Wine & Art Festival, Newburgh did shine
And certainly not ONLY because of the wine.

With hours of planning and work, a class event HNI produced
Thirteen vintners and thousands of visitors, the fest induced.

The Newburgh riverfront, a setting beyond compare
Even mother nature, a major weather event did spare.

In July, to D.C. traveled our Ambassador Anne
Days of meetings and touring the capital was the plan.

The Porters from our Sister City in the U.K. joined Anne for the tribute
As initiator of the relationship, Gene Aurand, we / they did posthumously salute.

Then to Newburgh came Shirley and Reg to stay for a week
For Jim Seibert's hospitality, they still continue to speak.

During their stay, the official seat of government was moved at Council's behest
After 40 years, a grand parade down State to the new Jennings Street address.

Restoration of old town hall, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in March will start
With Community Focus Fund money and the Town's match, a project truly from the heart.

The Town website, again online and with much information to sort
The citizens can access their government and all matters of import.

Ordinances, rules, and regs – Plan, HPC, and MS4
For Frank, entering all that data will be a large chore.

He tackles it all with aplomb and expertise
His attention to detail, it certainly will not cease.

Completed Street crew projects all about Town are to be found
John Fischer's 35th year, applause should definitely sound.

After much concerted effort, the Police SOPs, in July, were complete
Hopefully in early 07, a new canine unit we will greet.

Bob Seibert resigned after 14 years of serving the Town
Because of family reasons and a move, he had to step down.

Alonzo Moore was appointed to assume the District III position
His dedication to our community, he has already demonstrated in this transition.

The Newburgh Fire Department joined the 9/11 "New York Says Thank You Foundation"
They helped to rebuild Baker's Chapel as well as other sites around the nation.

The rains, above the 200 year level, in September they poured
A solution from Town Engineer, David Hynes, we implored.

Wastewater crews worked through the night, though sleep they may have preferred
The sewer force main and riverbank, they so very skillfully secured.

The MLS was placed in service, and at its October dedication lauded
The joint Town and Warrick County effort indeed should be applauded.

One of the greatest challenges was the design of the plaque
The choice of names, titles, positions, there certainly was no lack.

At first the sign was much too large for the wall
But David came up with a plan that was to please all.

The government offices moved without a moment to spare
The October 8th dedication was for all to share.

Dignitaries and townsfolk made up the crowd
A town hall and library, in our downtown and on our riverfront, all should be proud.

Dreams and expectations, it has far surpassed
It was the work of many, both of the present and from the past.

In November, Council-at-Large Shari Sherman's opponent met defeat
From District II, in January, Eric Ellsperman will assume the seat.

On 11/11 at 11, the bugle and ring of the rifles sounded
To stand for principles upon which our nation was founded.

The monument honoring all veterans – past, present, future alike
For our country, their lives they dedicated and did worthily fight.

An agreement with Kiwanis and the School Corporation was crafted with skill
The addition to Newburgh Elementary, with more students it will fill.

Mr. Bodkin, president of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana and a "super" lawyer, they did
name
"I'm just an ol' country lawyer" he continues to proclaim.

At Christmas, Clerk-Treasurer Becky, a local family she finds for us to care
Our blessings, our bounty, we do willing share.

Ken Hughes will retire at year end
All our thanks and good wishes, we do certainly send.

In 007, the name is BOND, EDIT, that is
To take care of some very important Town biz.

To repair French Island Trail and complete work at the park
This method of funding, it was not done on a lark.

Investigation with the Army Corps for emergency funds came to no avail
The money assigned elsewhere, the system, it did seem to fail.

At next week's meeting, from Mr. Kavanaugh's hand the final gavel will fall for 06
Blessings and challenges – they were a mix.

The commitment and contribution of Council, Clerk-Treasurer, staff, employees, and volunteers –
valued they must be
A year of progress and successes in 2007, together we shall surely see.