

May 24, 2006
Newburgh Town Council Minutes

The Newburgh Town Council met in Executive Session on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at 4:30p.m. Those present were Bill Kavanaugh, Anne Rust Aurand, Ken Hughes, Bob Seibert, Shari Sherman, Becky Gentry, Cynthia Burger, and Tom Bodkin. The purpose of the meeting was discussion of litigation and 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 5:38p.m. by President Kavanaugh.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Kavanaugh recognized all those who served in armed forces and asked they lead the Pledge of Allegiance. They were as follows:

Charlie Marx ~ U.S. Army
Bill Byers ~ U.S. Army
Dick Mushlitz ~ U.S. Navy
Dan Schultz ~ U.S. Navy
Byron Sherman ~ U.S. Air Force
David Hynes ~ U.S. Coast Guard
Frank Hijuelos ~ U.S. Coast Guard & U.S. Army
Bob Seibert ~ U.S. Army
Tom Bodkin ~ U.S. Army
Ken Hughes ~ U.S. Navy

The Council also recognized those veterans who have passed away, Newburgh residents Wanda Kane and Charles Hester, and all U.S. Troops now serving.

ROLL CALL

Those present at the meeting were Bill Kavanaugh, Anne Rust Aurand, Ken Hughes, Bob Seibert, Shari Sherman, Becky Gentry, Cynthia Burger and Tom Bodkin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ May 10, 2006

MOTION to approve the May 10, 2006 minutes, as presented.

Ayes 5, nays 0.

Mr. Kavanaugh thanked Byron Sherman and all those associated with making the Historic Newburgh Wine & Art Festival a success.

COMMISSION REPORTS

UTILITY ~ Shari Sherman

Ms. Sherman reported the need for an emergency repair at Phelps Drive. Repairs, other than replacing the asphalt, have been completed.

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to approve the encroachment agreement with Michael and Tammy Gish at 200 Fairfax.

SECOND by Mr. Seibert.

DISCUSSION: This has received legal and engineering approval.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

STREET ~ Ken Hughes

Mr. Hughes stated the boat dock will be placed back in the water on Thursday, May 25, 2006. The crew also continues with the spraying of the riverbank. The quarterly street sweeping will also take place next week.

FIRE ~ Anne Rust Aurand

Chief Lueken presented the April run report. There were six (6) runs inside the Town: two (2) medical runs, one (1) gas leak, one (1) down power line, one (1) alarm system malfunction, and 1 (one) lighting strike. The lightning strike damaged the phone system and the computers at the Fire Department. He added that additional grounding may be necessary to prevent future problems with the tower.

Chief Lueken stated the impeller on Engine 19 is not bad and repairs will run in the neighborhood of \$2,000.00 rather than \$6,000.00 or \$8,000.00.

PARK ~ Bob Seibert

Mr. Seibert reported that vandalism continues at the park. The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2006. The pool is scheduled to open this Memorial Day weekend.

PLAN ~ Shari Sherman

No report.

POLICE ~ Bill Kavanaugh

Chief Sprinkle stated Chief Patton began a program many years ago called "Project Safe Child." Chief Sprinkle has continued with the program and recently received a certificate along with gun locks to distribute free of charge.

A county-wide Neighborhood Watch Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2006. According to Sgt. Mays, there are approximately fourteen (14) additional areas in town in which the program needs initiation.

Chief Sprinkle requested signage is placed in Town for the 4th of July weekend.

MOTION by Mr. Seibert to place no parking signs on the north side of E. Jennings from July 3 thru July 5, 2006.

SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Chief Sprinkle stated there was not enough room for vehicles to park on both sides of Jennings and still allow enough room for emergency vehicles to pass.

Nancy Lybarger will attend the next meeting to request street closing for that weekend.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

Mr. Seibert inquired about removing the stop sign at the Monroe and Water Street intersection. Chief Sprinkle stated he would like to monitor that area before signage is removed.

Cops Night Out is scheduled for August 1, 2006, with time to be announced at a later date.

AIR ~ Bob Seibert
No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL ~ Bill Kavanaugh

MOTION by Mr. Seibert to hire John Locke to the Newburgh Police Department as patrolman with the starting salary of \$31,500.00 effective July 3, 2006.

SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Locke passed the physical testing. He is currently a police officer in Oakland City. Chief Sprinkle stated that once Locke's training is completed, all part time officers will become reserve officers and will not receive monetary compensation. The swearing in ceremony is scheduled for June 30, 2006.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

FINANCE ~ Anne Rust Aurand
No report.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ~ Ken Hughes

Frank Hijuelos stated there was not a quorum at the last meeting, but the committee voted as a committee of the whole on the recommendation of the demolition by neglect ordinance (requiring attorney review) and the new guidelines (requiring some minor changes and attorney review). These will come to the next HPC for ratification.

STORM WATER ~ Anne Rust Aurand

Discussion was held regarding the alley at State and Middle Streets. Mr. Hijuelos stated there was a gaping hole just off Middle Street north of Gray Street. After investigation, it was found that the galvanized drainage pipe was rotten. Mr. Hijuelos stated the pipe will be replaced as soon as all the necessary utilities switch to the new Vectren pole. Mr. Hijuelos will be responsible for insuring the easement and right-of-way documents are in place. It was decided that the hole should be filled in if a date is not received from Vectren (for the pole replacement) by Thursday, May 25, 2006.

BICENTENNIAL ~ Anne Rust Aurand
No report.

RIVERTOWN TRAIL ~ Anne Rust Aurand

Ms. Aurand stated the contract for the trail has been forwarded to INDOT along with a copy of the MOA. The survey documents for the temporary and permanent easements from the Army Corps of Engineers for the trail at the new Locks & Dam Park have also

been sent. The traps have been set in order for the beavers to be relocated in Warrick County.

TOWN HALL ~ Anne Rust Aurand

The MOA for the existing Town Hall has been approved by the federal government marking an end of the period of time that suggestions for changes can be made.

Weekly progress meetings will now be held for the new Town Hall with the next one scheduled at 1:30p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2006. Furniture and case goods are scheduled to arrive on July 7, 2006.

MOTION by Ms. Aurand to hire Poulton & Sons to cut down, repair, and touch-up/ refinish the church pews at a cost not to exceed \$700.00.

SECOND by Mr. Seibert.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Burger stated this includes bolting the benches to the floor. The benches will not be completely refinished, but refinished where the benches have been cut and reassembled. The benches will be used at both the old and new Town Halls.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

ARTS PAVILION ~ Bill Kavanaugh

No report.

VETERANS MONUMENT ~ Shari Sherman

The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2006.

KIWANIS FIELD ~ Anne Rust Aurand

No report.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ~ Frank Hijuelos

Mr. Hijuelos will be providing a workshop with the Newburgh Business Association on Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 8:30p.m. The workshop will address dealing with disasters.

CLERK-TREASURER ~ Becky Gentry

No report.

TOWN ATTORNEY ~ Tom Bodkin

No report.

TOWN ENIGEER ~ David Hynes

After numerous delays, Mr. Hynes reported the Master Lift Station became operational on Monday, May 22, 2006. The final tie over for the Rabbit Run Lift Station has also begun. Mr. Hynes stated that all the flow meters have been installed. He added that thirty-eight (38) meters have been installed and are being monitored constantly. Discussion was held, and Mr. Hynes suggested scheduling a date late in July for the dedication of the project.

Mr. Bodkin suggested that Council direct Ms. Burger to submit the Master Lift Station Project to IACT for consideration for an award.

Mr. Bodkin stated that Lynch Road is scheduled to open within the next few days. He stated that all property owners that need to be approached regarding the acquisition of easements have been identified. Commonwealth is in the design phase while the Town awaits word from Habitat regarding placement of the lift station. Communications also continues with Umbaugh & Associates and Barnes & Thornburg regarding funding for this project. Inquiries are also being made regarding future expansion of that area.

TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER ~ Cynthia Burger

Ms. Burger stated Adam Williams began work at the Waster Water Treatment Facility on May 15, 2006, at the rate of \$7.25 per hour. Adam Underhill and Stephen Schnapf began work today for the Street Department. These are all temporary, summer positions.

The quarterly supervisor's meeting was held on Monday, May 15, 2006, at the Newburgh Police Department.

The quarterly safety meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2006, and the PAG meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2006.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Renewed Sewer Agreement ~ Grimm Road Commercial Subdivision

MOTION by Ms. Sherman to renew the Grimm Road Commercial Subdivision agreement.

SECOND by Mr. Hughes.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Sherman stated this agreement needs to be extended.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

2. Resolution 2006-07 ~ Amendment to Resolution 2005-6.

MOTION by Ms. Aurand for the reading of Resolution 2006-07.

SECOND by Mr. Seibert.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

Mr. Bodkin read Resolution 2006-07.

MOTION by Ms. Aurand to adopt Resolution 2006-07.

SECOND by Mr. Seibert.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Aurand explained the need to establish a way to place donations in the Rivertown Trail Fund.

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None.

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

None.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

MOTION by Mr. Seibert that all claims, properly signed, be paid.

SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Seibert to adjourn.

SECOND by Ms. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION carried ayes 5, nays 0.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Newburgh Town Council

President

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer