

Incorporated Town of Winamac
Municipal Utilities Complex
623 West 11th Street
Winamac, IN 46996
February 8, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
Regular Session

The Council for the Incorporated Town of Winamac met in regular session on February 8, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Utilities Complex at 623 West 11th Street, with the following board members in attendance: Kenneth McFarland, Tom J. Murray, Dan Vanaman, and Judy Heater. Absent was Jim Watkins. Also attending were Melanie A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Schramm, Town Attorney; Jeremy Beckner, Water and Street Superintendent; Bradley Zellers, Town Manager and Wastewater Superintendent; Mike Buchanan, Chief of Police; Kim and Waylon Burke; Staff Sergeant Danielle Miller, United States Army; David Tapia, Jr., Sergeant First Class United States Army; Mark Yoder, Premier Aquatic Construction; Jim O'Donnell and Michael O'Donnell.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President, Kenneth McFarland.

Council President Kenneth McFarland asked that a moment of silence be taken as a tribute to the passing of past Councilmember, Richard Denney.

Sergeant First Class David Tapia, Jr. addressed the Council regarding recruitment to the United States Army in Winamac. He has been trying to engage students at the high school and is experiencing difficulties with the school guidance counselor and principal. Councilmember Judy Heater suggested Sergeant Tapia speak with the Eastern Pulaski School Corporation's superintendent directly. Sergeant Tapia also presented statistics with the United States Army.

Mark Yoder with Premier Aquatic Construction presented the Council with drawings of the Winamac Community Pool renovation. Discussion was held regarding the renovation. Councilmember Judy Heater stated that the pool committee continues to seek funds through fundraisers. Donations from Galbreath's and Brauns have already been received.

The minutes from the January 11, 2016 regular meeting and January 15, 2015 special meeting were approved in a motion made by Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray, seconded by Councilmember Judy Heater and motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to approve claims #8376 – # 8589 as presented, seconded by Council Vice-President, Tom J. Murray, and motion passed unanimously.

Town Marshal Mike Buchanan presented the statistical report for last month. He stated that with the weather being fairly good, his department had a quiet month.

Waylon Burke, Wastewater Foreman, reported that the vac truck has been serviced; they helped the Water Department with three (3) water line breaks; plowed snow; all vehicles have been waxed; helped with sand at the Long Branch Hotel; lab work; and the drying beds have been emptied.

Jeremy Beckner, Water and Street Superintendent, reported that his department has been fixing water leaks; continue to pick up brush; repairing potholes; and hauled sand for the Long Branch Hotel. He is going to begin testing large customer meters to make sure the readings are correct. All of the water meters have been replaced except for one which should be done this week.

Doug Shorter, Electric Superintendent, was not in attendance. His report was presented to the Council by the Town Manager, Brad Zellers. The electric department replaced 4 small poles in Van Meter Park for a switch over; line clearance in Van Meter Park; everything has been put back in place from the fire at Jenkins; replaced poles on 200 South and added down guy wire; and the new truck should be done in a couple of weeks.

Town Manager Brad Zellers asked the Council on behalf of Park Manager Dave DeLorenzo to consider three (3) bids for the removal of trees in the park. The bids were: Heims Tree Service of \$3,875.00; Leroy's tree Service of \$9,000.00; and Williams Tree Service & Stump Removal of \$8,650.00. Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray made a motion to accept Heims Tree Service's bid of \$3,875.00 as presented, seconded by Councilmember Judy Heater, and motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Brad Zeller's report:

1. Long Branch Hotel has been torn down and hauled away. The county was not able to provide a truck for helping with the hauling. K. R. Denth Trucking, Inc. from Lynwood, Illinois hauled for a cost of \$2,070.00. Approval to pay this invoice is needed. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to pay the hauling invoice from K. R. Denth Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$2,070.00, seconded by Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray, and motion passed unanimously.
2. The Iris Elm Club would like to plant wildflowers in some of the Long Branch Hotel area. The Council would like more information regarding this issue.
3. The committee for Main Street has begun working with OCRA to begin the program.

Town of Winamac
February 8, 2016
Regular Session
Page Three

4. Cathy DeFries has asked for permission to have a shaved ice booth in the caboose. Discussion was held regarding water and sewer services. Electric and water deposits will need to be taken. The Council tabled the discussion until next month.

Clerk-Treasurer's, Melanie A. Berger, report:

1. The list of uncashed and undeliverable checks was presented to the Council. Motion to approve the list as presented was made by Councilmember Judy Heater, seconded by Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray, and motion passed unanimously.

2. Fire contracts were received from the following Townships and need Council approval: Jefferson Township, Rich Grove Township, and Franklin Township. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to accept the three fire contracts as presented, seconded by Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray, and motion passed unanimously.

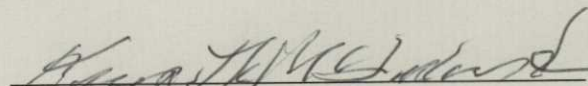
3. The Town received the aviation and 911 invoices from the Auditor's Office. The aviation appropriation was over budget so \$15,000.00 was paid from the general fund and the balance of \$3,952.49 was paid from the Rainy Day Fund.

Town Attorney, Justin Schramm discussed the Park Board. Currently, the Town has an ordinance in place. Discussion was held and the Council would like additional information. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to proceed with the process of drafting a park board ordinance, seconded by Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray, and motion passed with three (3) yeas: Kenneth McFarland, Tom J. Murray and Judy Heater. Dan Vanaman opposed.

Jim O'Donnell asked that the roadway in front of his house and to the alley south of him be looked at as water stands in that intersection. The Town will look into this issue.

Town Marshal Mike Buchanan stated that neither Medaryville nor Francesville pay Pulaski County for 911 dispatch. Town Manager Brad Zellers will look into why Winamac pays.

Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Dan Vanaman and motion passed unanimously.


KENNETH McFARLAND
Winamac Town Council President

ATTEST:

Melanie Berger
Melanie A. Berger
Clerk-Treasurer

BYRON
WESTON CO
JAMES IRVING
2011