

Incorporated Town of Winamac
Municipal Utilities Complex
623 West 11th Street
Winamac, IN 46996
October 10, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting

The Council for the Incorporated Town of Winamac met in regular session on October 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Utilities Complex at 623 West 11th Street, with the following board members in attendance: Tom J. Murray, Dan Vanaman, Jim Watkins, Alvin R. Parish, and Judy Heater. Also attending were Melanie A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Schramm, Town Attorney; Waylon Burke, Wastewater Foreman; Kim Burke; Mark Hoffman, First Sargent, Winamac Police Department; Jeremy Beckner, Water and Street Department Superintendent; Doug Shorter, Electric Superintendent; Bill Weaver, Winamac Volunteer Fire Department Chief; Sherry Fagner; Lorie Zellers and Fred Zhart.

Bill Weaver asked the Council to consider another member to the volunteer fire department: Devin Winters. He lives in Winamac and can start training on October 18th until the 2nd week of December in Rochester. Currently, the department has 15 individuals and Devin would make 16. The department did interview two people wherein one backed out before the chance to vote and the other one was not a good fit. They are open for new members but training is only once a year. Council approved.

Fred Zhart addressed the Council regarding property he has on Burson Street. Fred would like to install a business mailbox on the right-of-way. He stores items on this property. The postmaster said it would be ok to put the mail box in. He also wants to place garbage cans at this location. Council President Tom J. Murray asked Attorney Schramm if it was ok to place this in the location and Attorney Schramm said that it is the town's right of way and it was up to the council for discussion. The gentleman whose yard is in question doesn't want the mailbox in his yard. Discussion was held regarding whether or not Fred could attach the mailbox to the gate. The other neighbor doesn't like the way the gate opens into her property. Discussion was held regarding swinging the gates to open the other direction.

Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to approve claims # 10192 - # 10393 in the amount of \$2,532,762.63 as presented, seconded by Councilmembers James Watkins and Alvin R. Parish, and motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the September 12, 2016 public hearings and regular session with two (2) corrections were approved by motion made by Councilmember Judy Heater, seconded by Councilmember Alvin R. Parish, and motion passed unanimously.

Doug Shorter, Electric Superintendent, informed the council his department continues to work on line clearance; helped take ash trees down with the state highway; installed new service for Matt Rausch; the West Winn project is ready for houses to be hooked up; changed out street

lights with LED bulbs; worked with DQ for their electric hookup; and replaced broken poles. Torqo looked at the trucks for inspections and the small bucket cables are fraying.

Mark Hoffman, First Sargent, Winamac Police Department, provided the monthly statistics. Sargent Hoffman spoke with Darwin Knebel regarding the replacement of the police car and can get a 2017 within a month. He did look at other dealerships and they are not willing to let theirs go.

Jeremy Beckner, Water and Street Superintendent, reported his department is trimming alleys; the ADA pavers have been installed; crack sealing is finished; received help from the wastewater department with painting the trail through the Town's parking lot; the ADA ramps are complete; signs on the parkway have been installed and continue to mow the parkway. Discussion was held regarding the remote access quotes he received: Peerless Midwest: \$5,879.99; WTP Monitoring: \$27,565.00; and Scadata Monitoring: \$22,311.00. Discussion was held. Councilmember Alvin R. Parish made a motion to accept Peerless Midwest's quote as presented, seconded by Councilmember Judy Heater, and motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Judy Heater asked about the paving on Falvey Street along a resident's driveway that needs to be addressed.

Waylon Burke, Wastewater Foreman, reported that his department helped paint the walking trail; jetted some lines; cleaned out manholes, helped the electric and water and street departments cut ash trees and remove brush; normal lab work stuff; mowing; landscaped at depot area; finished catch basins by the garage door at complex; installed two (2) catch basins on Riverside Drive; installed two (2) catch basins on George Street, rehabbed a catch basin on Riverside Drive before paving; and helped with a water leak.

The water department is flushing fire hydrants tonight.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report:

1. Ordinance No. 12 of 2016 – Budget for 2017 was presented to the Council. Discussion was held regarding the budget amount for garbage pickup. Councilmember Dan Vanaman is not happy with the service. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12 of 2016 as presented, seconded by Councilmember James Watkins, and passed with four (4) yeas, and one (1) opposed: Councilmember Vanaman.

2. Ordinance No. 13 of 2016 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 5 of 2016 to Add an Additional Board Member to the Town of Winamac Board of Parks and Recreation was presented to the Council. Attorney Schramm explained that the appointment for the additional member must be made from the trustees of the library board. If the board chose not to appoint a

member, then it would be up to the school board to appoint. After discussion, the Council decided to hold off on this ordinance.

3. Ordinance No. 14 of 2016 – An Ordinance Establishing a Special Nonreverting Operating Fund for the Town of Winamac Board of Parks and Recreation. Discussion was held. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 14 of 2016 as presented, seconded by Councilmember James Watkins, and motion passed unanimously.

4. Two (2) certificates of deposits were renewed. Umbaugh presented bids for 12 months: Lake City Bank – 1.09%; KeyBank – 0.87%; Alliance Bank – 0.68%; PNC Bank – 0.55%; and Fifth Third Bank – 0.15%. Renewal was made with Lake City Bank for 12 months at 1.09%.

5. The town hall will be closed November 10th for Keystone training in Wasbash.

6. Jon Frain has shown an interest in starting a committee for the Winamac Cemetery. Council gave their approval.

7. WOW! – Wander Our Winamac has been approved as a Main Street, Indiana community. A celebration will be set at a later date.

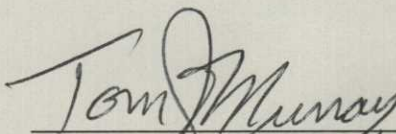
8. Winamac is hosting a Roundtable meeting with IACT on Monday, October 24th. Anyone interested in attending needs to contact the Clerk-Treasurer.

Old Business: Councilmember Judy Heater discussed the garbage issues. Councilmember Dan Vanaman thought the contract was breakable by either party and thinks the Town can provide services cheaper than the existing company. Town Attorney Justin Schramm will need to review the contract. Electric Superintendent, Doug Shorter, spoke about the extra load on the rest of the employees for filling in when someone in that department is gone.

New Business: Resolution No. 12 of 2016 – A Resolution Vacating a Public Alley and Extinguishing the Town's Claim to an Unimproved Publicly Used Alley was discussed. No action was taken. Council President Tom J. Murray asked if the Council would like to change the October monthly meetings as they are held on Columbus Day. Council would like to keep the same date.

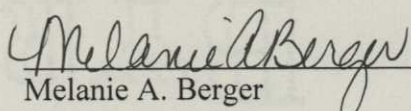
Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Dan Vanaman and motion passed unanimously.

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TOM J. MURRAY
Council President

ATTEST:



Melanie A. Berger
Clerk-Treasurer