

Incorporated Town of Winamac  
Municipal Utilities Complex  
623 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Winamac, IN 46996  
November 14, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.  
Regular Meeting

The Council for the Incorporated Town of Winamac met in regular session on November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Utilities Complex at 623 West 11<sup>th</sup> 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; Bradley Zellers, Town Manager and Wastewater Superintendent; Waylon Burke, Wastewater Foreman; Mike Buchanan, Town Marshal, Winamac Police Department; Jeremy Beckner, Water and Street Department Superintendent; and Doug Shorter, Electric Superintendent.

Council President Tom J. Murray recognized WOW, Wander Our Winamac, for their designation from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) as an Indiana Main Street community.

Jeremy Beckner, Water and Street Superintendent, reported his department continues to pick up leaves; the new leaf vac is working well; both the electric and wastewater departments are helping with leaf pickup; hauled sand from the woods; filled the holes along the newly poured sidewalks with black dirt; flushed fire hydrants after the meeting last month; the salt box is on the truck; there is plenty of salt for the season; and repaired a water leak in alley north of BBQ place. Councilmember Judy Heater said a lot of people have mentioned how quickly the street department has picked up the leaves and branches and the streets look nice.

Mike Buchanan, Town Marshal presented his monthly report. The new police car should be here within one to two weeks. The other car was totaled by the insurance company. Emergency Radio Service (ERS) has removed the equipment from the old car and will install the equipment on the new car. The 2014 Dodge went into the shop last week for warranty work. The 2012 goes in Wednesday for the same warranty work. Some of the new equipment from the LOIT B Public Safety monies have been received: the portable breath test, Radar units, digital cameras, lights for pistols/firearms, medical kits, and lockout kits. The rifles are on order and will be in before the end of the year.

Doug Shorter, Electric Superintendent, reported the West Winn project is on the new underground system; his department has changed out older poles; continue to change out security lights; removing trees; helped the Water Department with water samples; and currently helping the Street Department with leaf pickup. Councilmember Dan Vanaman asked about a security light bulb for Gerald Rife at his dad's house. Doug will check on this. Councilmember Vanaman asked if the Town could trim the walnut trees that are close to the power lines. Doug will be in touch with Rifes.

Waylon Burke, Wastewater Forman, reported his department continues to jet lines in town; normal lab work; help the Street Department with leaf pickup; serviced the generators; will fuel up for winter; fixed the blow-off valve on the blower; filled in dirt where the trees were removed and sidewalks were replaced; helped the Water Department on a leak; hauled sludge; filled drying beds; cleaned the clarifier and replaced CSO monitors.

Town Manager, Bradley Zellers' Report:

1. Pat Bawcum was sworn in as the 5<sup>th</sup> member of the park board at their last meeting.
2. There are a few trailers that are parked in the town's parking lot. Discussion was held regarding the usage of the parking lot. The Council advised the town manager to notify the owners of the trailers and to have them moved.

Councilmember Judy Heater asked if Superior Street would be repainted green and it will be painted this next spring. It was also stated that people continue to use the one-way street in the wrong direction.

3. Ewing Drive and 15<sup>th</sup> Street seal coating will be done in the spring. Also, some sidewalks will be replaced this next spring with the grant money for the project.
4. Form-it Corp. presented a bill for \$50,445.00 and is asking for payment. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to pay the Form-It Corp. invoice. Councilmember Alvin R. Parish seconded the motion and said motion passed unanimously. Town Manager Zellers stated the invoice for the asphalt has been received but the Town is still waiting on the matching grant monies.
5. The insurance company covered the cost of the new police car except for the \$1,000.00 deductible. This includes the new car, decals, removal and installation of the equipment from the 2016 car to the 2017 car.

Clerk-Treasurer Melanie A. Berger's Report:

1. Ordinance # 15 of 2016: Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages of Employees for the Incorporated Town of Winamac, Indiana, for the Calendar Years 2017 and 2018 was presented to the Council. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to approve Ordinance # 15 of 2016 as presented. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember James Watkins. The motion passed with four (4) yeas and one (1) abstained: Councilmember Alvin R. Parish.

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2. Ordinance # 16 of 2016: An Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages of the Officers and Clerk-Treasurer for the Incorporated Town of Winamac, Indiana, for the Calendar Years 2017 and 2018. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to approve Ordinance # 16 of 2016 as presented. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember James Watkins. The motion passed with four (4) yeas and one (1) abstained: Councilmember Alvin R. Parish.

3. Ordinance # 17 of 2016: An Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages of the Winamac Police Department for the Incorporated Town of Winamac, Indiana, for the Calendar Years 2017 and 2018. . Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to approve Ordinance # 17 of 2016 as presented. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember James Watkins and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution # 10 of 2016: A Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards. Councilmember Alvin R. Parish made a motion to approve Resolution # 10 of 2016. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Dan Vanaman and the motion passed unanimously.

There was no old business.

In new business, Councilmember Judy Heater commended the employees for their work on the sidewalks. She said it was great that the Town can do this work in house. Town Manager Zellers stated that since the town employees are going to be doing more concrete work, certain tools could be used for these projects and the Council agreed to the purchase of tools.

Councilmember Alvin R. Parish asked about the gravel spot on North Market Street. Water and Street Superintendent Jeremy Beckner said his department plans to repair that area and a few other spots in town.

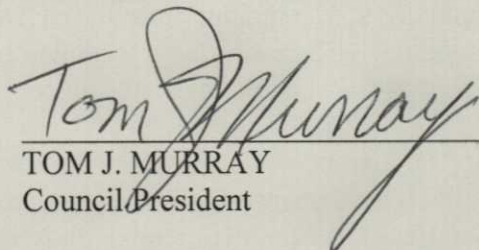
Councilmember Judy Heater said the building on Main Street that belongs to Mr. Haley is for sale and she asked the Council to consider purchasing this building if the Town was interested.

Council President Tom J. Murray asked if any further discussion as held regarding the depot building with the Parks Board. The Parks Board is still discussing this issue.

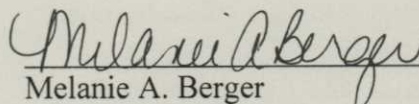
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Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to adjourn at 6:28 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Dan Vanaman and motion passed unanimously.

  
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TOM J. MURRAY  
Council President

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