

Incorporated Town of Winamac  
Winamac Town Hall  
Clerk-Treasurer's Office  
120 W. Main St.  
Winamac, IN 46996  
November 22, 2016 – 1:00 P.M.  
Work Session

The Council for the Incorporated Town of Winamac met in work session on November 22, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in the Winamac Town Hall, Town Clerk-Treasurer's Office with the following board members in attendance: Dan Vanaman, Alvin R. Parish, Judy Heater and James Watkins. Also attending were Melanie A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Schramm, Town Attorney; and Bradley Zellers, Town Manager and Wastewater Superintendent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Council Vice-President, James Watkins.

The Council met to look at the Haley Building. John Haley is asking \$105,000.00. Town Marshal Mike Buchanan could not be here as he was in training in Indianapolis but is in favor of the purchase for the police department. Town employees would do as much work on the inside as possible and would hire a contractor for the work that the employees cannot. Town Manger Zellers estimated it would take \$50,000 to complete the inside. Zellers also received a \$1,200.00 estimate to remove four (4) trees on the real estate.

At 1:10 p.m., the Council adjourned the meeting and met with the Council President, Tom J. Murray, at the property located at the intersection of Main and Logan Streets.

Council President Tom J. Murray reconvened the meeting at 1:27 p.m. at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. Councilmember Vanaman said it would be a good idea to get the police department close to the trail, downtown to be more visible, and easier to access by an individual by foot. Council President asked about the availability of funds for the purchase and remodel of the building. Funds would be available through EDIT, CCD and CCI. The use of the LOIT B Public Safety funds was also discussed. Councilmembers Parish and Watkins expressed their approval of moving the police department downtown. Council President did not feel the Town should offer \$105,000.00 but instead offer \$90,000.00. Having the property appraised was discussed. Attorney Schramm informed the Council that an executive session might be scheduled to discuss the negotiation of the purchase. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to prepare an offer to purchase the real estate for \$105,000.00 with the stipulation of the broken windows. Councilmember James Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with four (4) yes, and one (1) opposed: Council President Tom J. Murray. Attorney Schramm will prepare the Offer to Purchase.

Town Manager Brad Zellers informed the Council that the County Commissioners met and voted by a 2-1 vote to close the county road between the Braun buildings. The Town has utilities in the area and would need access at all times. Discussion was held.

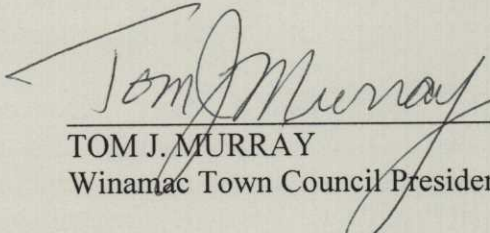
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Town Manager Zellers also discussed the LOIT B Public Safety that the County is talking about discontinuing. The County meets on the same night as the Town Council meeting. These funds help financially support the Winamac Police and Volunteer Fire Departments. He suggested calling county council members and expressing their concern of keeping the LOIT B in place. Discussion was held regarding the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Councilmember Heater made a motion to reschedule the December 12<sup>th</sup> regular Town Council meeting for 5:00 p.m. so the Town Council can attend the Pulaski County Council meeting at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Councilmember James Watkins, and motion passed unanimously.

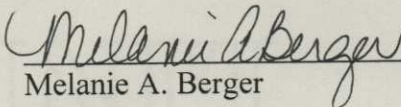
Discussion was held regarding the 911 Operator Fees paid to the County every year and hospital billing issues.

Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to purchase the Haley real estate from the CCD fund and the repairs from the CCI fund, seconded by Councilmember James Watkins, and motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Judy made a motion to adjourn at 2:04 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Dan Vanaman and motion passed unanimously.

  
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TOM J. MURRAY  
Winamac Town Council President

ATTEST:

  
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Melanie A. Berger  
Clerk-Treasurer