

Williams Creek Town Council Meeting

Hollyhock Hill Restaurant

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

Attendance:

Present:

Allen Kasper, Town Marshal
Jason Sturman, Town Council Member
Heather Murphy, Town Council Member
Bob Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Wernke, Town Council Member
Matt Neff, Town Council President
Trent Sandifur, Town Attorney

Absent:

Matt Hills, Town Council Member

Others present:

Dennis Dan	Bill Batt
Susie Nicely	Dianne Foglesong
Mark Foglesong	Anne Marie Browning
Rick White	Andrew Held

Agenda and discussion:

1. M. Neff called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with four council members present.

2. M. Neff asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 13, 2023. There being no comments, on a motion by H. Murphy, seconded by J. Sturman, a unanimous vote approved the minutes as written.

3. R. Parrin presented the previously distributed financial report. There was nothing extraordinary to report in the February or March results. He reported that a claim for signage damage at Hillcrest and High Drive has been accepted by the contractor. Replacement signs have arrived. New sign brackets should be delivered this month.

The March 31, 2023 Town of Williams Creek statement was presented. Of note is the return of approximately 9% APR by the fund manager, CICF.

4. A. Kasper and the Council discussed solicitor activity and package thefts in Meridian Hills and Williams Creek. Non-emergency reports can be reported using 311. Suspicious person activity should be reported using 911.

Indianapolis no longer issues solicitor permits. While the town has posted no solicitation at the town entrances, it was agreed that the town should consider an application process to manage solicitor activity.

T. Sandifur will review the requirements and report back at the next council meeting. The ultimate goal is to minimize or eliminate door-to-door solicitation, especially aggressive solicitors trespassing on Town resident property.

5. M. Neff reported on the draft town strategic plan assembled by the Ball State Urban Planning Department. He requested that it be posted on the town web site for resident review ahead of the special meeting with Ball State at 7:30 pm Monday, April 17, 2023.

It is expected that the plan will be finalized by the end of May with the report issued in June. As this is a strategic plan, the final report will guide the town leadership in setting project priorities as future town budgets are developed.

6. Town Ordinances

- T. Sandifur reviewed progress with recodification of the town Ordinances. American Legal Publishing is making progress drafting a comprehensive document of current codes including a legal analysis and update of the code. There will be more to report at the June meeting.
- M. Neff introduced an amendment to the town code concerning permitted work on Sundays by contractors. After discussion, a motion to adopt the amendment was made by M. Wernke, seconded by J. Sturman and passed unanimously. T. Sandifur will send this to American Legal Publishing for inclusion in the town code document.
- Town drainage permitting was discussed. It was agreed to include in the process a requirement that the applicant provide contact information for the homeowner and contractor for any to call should there be any issues during construction.

There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by J. Sturman, seconded by M. Wernke, the meeting was adjourned.

The next formal meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:30 PM at Holly Hock Hill restaurant.

Minutes recorded by R. Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer.