

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, April 10, 2017
Hollyhock Hill Restaurant

Attendance:

Present:

Maureen Burger, Town Council President
Matt Neff, Town Council Member
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
Bob Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Craig Skelton, Town Council Member
Michael Wernke, Town Council Member
Ted Dawson, Town Council Member
Lynn Yates, Town Attorney

Others present:

Richard Dickenson
Kristin Tomy
Beth Peyton
Tom Bennett

Agenda and discussion:

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

2. M. Burger asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February, 2016. There being no comments, on a motion by M. Wernke, seconded by M. Neff, a unanimous vote approved the minutes.

3. R. Parrin reviewed the March 31, 2017 financial report. Cash balances were unusually high in several funds due to extraordinary items. These were the Security System donations at \$169k, the Community Crossings matching grant of \$42k and the Town's match of \$42k. Other cash balances are sufficient for normal operating expenses. R.Parrin will follow up with DPW on the Morningside road repair and advise the Council.

R. Parrin advised that the Town received the 2017 Budget order. The General fund levy was certified at the requested rate, Local Roads & Streets (LRS) levy at zero due to insufficient projected funding, and the Motor Vehicle & Highway (MVH) levy at the requested amount.

4. A.Kasper reported that there was one burglary in Town recently. Entry was through a door having removed a window pane. No items of value were reported missing.

- Al requested that residents advise him of plans to be away for an extended time. Vacation checks will be made by the deputies.
- M. Burger requested agreement from the Council to equip the Town patrol car with Narcan, a drug for the emergency treatment of opioid overdose. All deputies but two are trained. This training will take place soon. The Narcan will be provided by the Indianapolis Emergency Management System at a cost of \$40 dollars per dose (law enforcement rate). The patrol car will also be equipped with a modern trauma pack to ensure that initial first aid may be provided by the patrol.

On a motion by M. Neff, seconded by M. Wernke, the Council unanimously approved the program and expenditure. M. Burger will follow up with Walter Freifhofer of Meridian Hills and Joshua Barker of IMPD.

5. Report from Safety and Security Committee (Burger, et al)

- M. Burger and M. Neff briefed the group about the security system project. The Town recently learned of IMPD real-time programs for surveillance and license plate recognition (Project Green Light). This differs from the passive systems originally proposed to residents. The Siemens order was placed on hold pending further evaluation of the cost/benefits of an active monitoring system. M. Burger will be sending an update with the details to residents.
- R. Parrin was asked to move ahead with the installation of the new light at Willow Spring and Penn.

6. Report from Revenue Stream Committee (Wernke and Burger)

- M. Wernke and M. Burger briefed the Council on a meeting with the DLGF area director to explore options for improving revenues. They found that the tax levy rate for the Town was included in 1970's era legislation. It would take new legislation to change it. The Town budget receives the maximum amount of levy by law.

7. Reports were made by the Sense of Place committee.

- M. Burger advised that the updated Town directory has been distributed and thanked those who provided new listings.
- M. Burger noted that the Town made a memorial donation in the memory of Bettie Parker, spouse of long-time Williams Creek Police Chief Dave Parker.
- M. Burger asked if there would be interest in having a Summer social event. After discussion, it was agreed that a preliminary proposal will be developed by K. Tomy. Any interested residents are asked to contact M. Burger.
- The Council wishes to thank Kristin Tomy for all the work with the Nextdoor Neighborhood App. The Town is now part of the Meridian Hills neighborhood instead of with College Commons.

8. New business:

- The Town is in the process of a full review of the Town's Administrative Code(1992). More to follow.

9. There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by T. Dawson, seconded by M. Neff, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:30 PM at Holly Hock Hill restaurant.

Minutes recorded by R. Parrin, Town Clerk-Treasurer.