

COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2021

ZOOM MEETING

Present were council members President Greg Stinson, Vice President David Phillips, William Lopez, and Brian Finley. Also present were Attorney Gregg Sobkowski, Police Chief James Spanier, Fire Chief Jay Craig, Park Director Brian Bugajski, Public Works Director Sarah Olson, Building Commissioner Michael Barry, and Tammie Sufana.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Phillips made a motion to approve the March 23, 2021 minutes and Wagner made the second, vote 4-0 motion passed, Finley abstained.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

Finley made a motion to approve the claims and sewer adjustments. Wagner made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

Sufana stated beach passes are all sold out.

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Spanier informed council that the police started town clean-up of abandoned vehicles a few weeks ago. They are trying to get residents to comply voluntarily rather ticket or tow them away.

State Park Little League has turned in an assemblage permit for May 1 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. starting at Bells place going to little league field for opening day.

Wagner made motion to approve pending receiving insurance information and Finley made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

Pedal Power Rentals has turned in a peddler's application to rent bikes, helmets, and locks from April 24 thru October 15, 2021. They would be set up at the tourism center again. All their

paperwork is in order and he is looking for approval. Lopez made the motion to approve Pedal Power Rentals peddler's application and Phillips made second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Craig stated that he received the 2020 DNR matching grant money for bunker gear for \$4,635.14 and requested it be deposited into 244-001-111 to pay for the bunker gear. Finley made a motion to approve depositing 2020 DNR matching grant money for \$4,635.14 into 244-001-111 and Phillips made second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

Craig informed council that he received a quote of \$3480.00 for the old equipment that council approved for trade-in to purchase new pagers. Craig requested using that amount to purchase 6 new G4 pagers. Lopez made a motion to approve trade-in out of service equipment for a total of \$3480.00 to purchase 6 G4 pagers and Wagner made second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Olson announced that spring clean starts Monday April 12 and will run for two weeks.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Bugajski stated the flooring at community building is finished and all table and chairs have been put back in place. He requested approval to pay Duneland Carpet connections \$18,258.40 out of the 2018 GO Bond fund number 303-001-450 other capital improvements. Finley made a motion to approve paying Duneland Carpet Connections \$18,258.40 out of 2018 GO Bond fund number 303-001-450 and Phillips made second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT

Barry presented 4 contractors for approval. Wagner made a motion to approve the 4 new contractors and Finley made second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2021-05 RE-ESTABLISHING CCD RATES

Stinson read Ordinance 2021-05 by title only and is looking for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-05. Lopez made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-05 Re-Establishing CCD Rates and Phillips made second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2021-06 Amending Employees handbook – Bridging Benefits

Stinson read Ordinance 2021-06 by title only and is looking for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-06. Finley made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-06 Amending Employees Handbook (Bridging Benefits) and Wagner made second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Covid-19 Protocol-Stinson stated the Governor's order expired last night and going forward municipalities and towns can make their own policies. He suggested that masks still be required in all Town buildings and we continue to follow Porter County health department guidelines. Stinson asked for a motion requiring masks in all town buildings and continue to follow Porter County guidelines on social distancing and occupancy. The council will revisit the issue at its first meeting in May. Lopez made said motion and Phillips made second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

Zoom meetings will be revisited at next meeting on April 27, 2021.


Mineral Springs Bridge letter-Stinson stated Porter County was looking to replace the bridge across US Hwy 20 and closing Mineral Springs Rd. As part of the federal funding process, the county must examine the alternative of closing the bridge. Stinson stated that this is not the county's plan, but rather a requirement under federal regulations. Stinson requested a motion to approve him submitting a letter on behalf of the council to Porter County opposing closing Mineral Springs Rd. Finley made the motion allow Stinson to send letter to Porter County and Wagner made second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

Ordinance 2021-08 Establish ARP Coronavirus Recovery Fund
Stinson read Ordinance 2021-08 by title only and asked this be placed on next agenda for second reading.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Finley made a motion to adjourn, and Wagner made the second vote 5-0.

Dated this 27th day of April 2021.


Greg Stinson, President


David Phillips, Vice President


Erik Wagner


William Lopez

ATTESTED 
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer