Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting May 12th, 2008

President Talbotte Richardson called the regular monthly meeting to order. Councilpersons present were Bob Wright, Patti Hayes, Randal Johnes, Hanzel Barclay, and President Talbotte Richardson, along with Clerk Jack Travillian. Also attending the meeting was Water Utility Superintendent Gary Getrost, Town Attorney Rick Fox, and other concerned citizens.

Councilman Johnes opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes were discussed and approved. Motion made by R. Johnes and seconded by T. Richardson. Motion passed 5-0.

Water Business:

Installing pumping station in Galena: Superintendent Getrost has contacted a local property owner about purchasing a corner lot. During discussions it appears that some property in the area may be owned by Floyd County or State of Indiana and may be available for transfer.

Superintendent Getrost raised the issue about customer meter deposits. Currently the amount of deposit is \$50. The deposit is set up for covering any unpaid bills if a customer moyes or defaults for unknown reasons. The procedure can take 3 months to arrive at cutoff, with the average billing of \$30 per month a customer can be over the deposit amount. It was suggested to raise the customer deposit amount.

Superintendent Getrost questioned attorney Fox about the water utility current policy about having all accounts set up by property owners. Some owners are now using the water shut-off as a tool to cause eviction. Attorney Fox agreed that the water utility policy is proper procedure

Councilman Johnes requested that job descriptions for all water utility personnel would be finished by next month's meeting.

Superintendent Getrost advised the council of a confrontation at the Greenville Post Office with Bud Ollis. He stated that he felt threatened and has requested Town Marshal Burkhart follow up with a formal report.

Ordinance 2008-T-84 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PUBLIC HEALTH SAFEGUARDS FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND BED AND BREAKFASTS IN FLOYD COUNTY, INDIANA. Reed Streigel presented ordinance proposed by the Floyd County Health Department to the council. The Ordinance was read and discussion was held. After first reading motion was made by T. Richardson and seconded by R. Johnes to accept the ordinance as written. The council unanimously voted to consider the ordinance (5-0). Motion was made by R. Johnes and second H. Barclay. Motion passed 5-0. Second reading, R. Johnes made motion to accept the ordinance and H. Barclay seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Third reading was completed motion was made by R. Johnes, seconded by H. Barclay. Motion passed 5-0. Motion takes effect July 1, 2008.

Ordinance 2008-T-85 Transfer of Funds Ordinance: After first reading motion was made by R. Johnes and seconded by H. Barclay to accept the ordinance as written. The council unanimously voted to consider the ordinance (5-0). Motion was made by R. Johnes and second H. Barclay. Motion passed 5-0. Second reading, B. Wright made motion to accept the ordinance and R. Johnes seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Third reading was completed motion was made by R. Johnes, seconded by P. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

Attorney Fox has requested that Brian Wickins to address the council with recommendation to update Ordinance 2007-T-62 concerning pornography.

Financial:

Review/Approval Checks and Expenditures: Clerk Travillian presented the forms for checks written from the utility and the town.

Old Business:

President Richardson gave update about "Green up Greenville" beginning with a dumpster for the citizens of Greenville. President Richardson announced the three bids received from local companies about providing dumpsters. The bids received were \$298 plus dumping fees from All Gone, \$300 per load plus \$60 dumping fee from Kepley, and \$125 plus \$60 from Earth First. The council voted unanimously to accept the lowest bid. The date and location will be announced on a flier to town residents.

Drainage ditch on the south side of Harrison Street President Richardson reported that it has been too wet to be work on the problem.

Update on the procedure for implementation of an Interlocal agreement between the Town of Greenville and the County Planning Commission. The councilpersons will need to pass the Comprehensive Plan before proceeding. Any reclassifications will need to be done through the council. D. Lopp will be present at the next meeting to answer questions and advise.

New Business:

President Richardson has met with a citizen about a drainage problem at Whirlaway Court and Wind Hill in Wind Dance Subdivision. A culvert has collapsed and need immediate attention. The resident was advised to have a backflow prevention devise installed on her basement drainpipe to avoid future problems. The council will meet at sight to decide best method of repair.

Committee Reports

Streets and Roads: H Barclay has been in contact with a surveyor (B. Gibson) about completing the Parkland Heights widening project. The town will start accepting bids soon.

Special Projects: Clerk Travillian will provide Councilwoman Hayes with a excel word file listing local residents. This list will be used to mail post cards.

Marshal's Report:

Marshal Burkhart gave report on this month's activities, including number of tickets, arrests, and other general activities. New Deputy Wiseman has completed basic training and weapon's training is still needed.

Radar units were all updated and maintenance was completed.

Property Cleanup:

Sappenfield property should be done this month. Homberger property on Clark Street has been informed about the need to keep grass mowed.

A letter addressing property cleanup of Jerry Tush property at 9838 Highway 150 was refused and returned. Marshall Burkhart will be serving the letter directly.

Drainage problem on Highway 150 is being resolved by R. Johnes.

Donnie Perkins appeared before the council stating that he has tried to comply with the ordinance requiring automobiles be covered if unlicensed and non-operational, however someone has been removing the tarps and even cutting the tie downs. The council will grant one last extension to the next meeting (June 9) to have the corrections in place or they will be enforcing the local code starting with substantial penalties.

No further business coming before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

Presiding Officer

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