
TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND

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Minutes of the Meeting

September 7, 2021 at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present, President Luke Martin, Council Member Minnie Howard and Carmine Azzato and Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget on August 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., Minnie H. made the motion to approve the minutes, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on August 3, 2021 at 6:40 p.m., Minnie H. made the motion to approve the minutes, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Amendments/Additions to Agenda: None

Streets/Maintenance: Luke M. said I have an estimate from BT Reynolds to repair the heat exchanger for \$2,443.00 or put a new furnace in for \$3,317.00 at the Fire Station. After some discussion there were no decisions made.

Water/Sewer: Earl Heide said we had a IDEM inspector come out recently, we need to replace the flow meter out at the park. Earl said the we will replace the flow meter that does not work and will move it closer to the lift station and all the electrical will be inside the fenced in area of the lift station. Luke M. asked about the cost. Earl said about \$5,000.00.

Bryan Butler and Scott Robertson the Town's Certified Operators were present and said in regards to the inspection we have to follow up with a corrective action plan by September 22-23. Bryan and Scott said when we took over we talked to Ramon about the lagoons, we did not know the Town was under an agreed order on the first lagoon it was not supposed to be in service. We went to the Town Hall and looked through all the records and did not find anything stating that the Town had an agreed order. So, we put the lagoon back online early 2017 because we did not know any difference, we thought why did Ramon not utilize 35% more of your capacity, so we put it back on line. This same inspector went through four years of inspecting and not a word about the lagoon, then somehow, he came across this agreed order back in 2007 and said that the first lagoon never did work. Earl said you are going to need an engineer to give their input on the lagoon to satisfy the inspector. After much discussion Alaathea F. said we can look at the report from the planning grant to see if there was anything said about the lagoons and talk with Midwestern Engineer.

Town Marshal: Jeremy Minor not present.

Clerk/Treasurer: Alaathea F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for September 7, 2021 to the Board, Minnie H. made the motion to approve the APV Register, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. presented Billing Adjustment Register for September 7, 2021 in the amount of \$12.50 to the Board, Minnie H. made the motion to approve the Billing Register, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. presented the bank reconcilements for July 2021.

Alaathea F. presented the Board with up-to-date Fund Report, Appropriation Report and Revenue Report.

Alaathea F. asked permission to use promotional fund for the Town Halloween event. Minnie H. made the motion to approve the expenditures from promotional fund, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. asked permission to use promotional fund for the Hoosier Neighbor Town of New Richmond promotional bags. Minnie H. made the motion to approve the expenditures for the bags, but to shop around for pricing and quantity, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. asked permission to pay Jerrell Consulting for round 2 of the OCRA grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. Minnie H. made the motion to approve the payment, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. let the Town Council know that the new water service lines that were installed at North Wabash Street cost \$8,000.00.

Alaathea F. presented the Town Council with some pricing on new street signs for the middle of Town. After much discussion no decisions made.

Alaathea F. told the Town Council that she has earned the (IAMC) Indiana Accredited Municipal Certification this is the first step into furthering my education as a clerk/treasurer.

Old Business:

Street Project for 2021: Alaathea F. said she was told they could not give me an estimated time yet, because they have had people sick and they were behind on their projects.

Roger Hurt Memorial Park: Carmine A. said the flagpole and concrete will be installed on October 5th at the Roger Hurt Park; the cost will be about \$2,000.00 to which he was able to get donations for it.

Old Park Equipment: Luke M. said we will take bids on the old swing set and the small jungle gym, but we are keeping the merry-go-round. After some discussion on this Alaathea F. said we will check to make sure everything is legal.

Fire Station Roof: Luke M. said we will move forward with the contract with All American Exterior and the Township can decide what they want to do afterwards. Luke M. said the work is to start attentively September 13th.

New Business:

Ordinance 2021-8 RC Raceway Track Ordinance Draft: Alaathea F. said this is just a draft if the board members want to look it over and make changes before the next meeting for the public hearing.


Public Comments:

Shelly Wulfers wanted to let the public know that we are always looking for new people to join the Hoosier Neighbor group and that we are self-funded. We welcome new move in into town by giving them a basket with some food and other items in it.

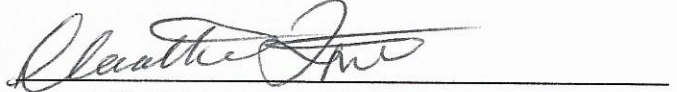
Darren Foreman, Fire Chief, gave a report for the Coal Creek Fire Department.

Brad Mills from the Masonic Lodge asked the Town Council if they combine their meters into one. Luke M asked Earl H. for his opinion. Earl H. said we need to move them outside and then combine the two meters into one 1" meter. However, the Town wants to work it out as far as cost for this between the Masonic Lodge and the Town. After much discussion there were no decisions made.

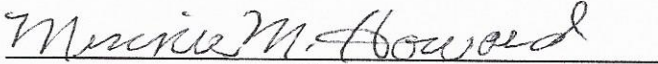
Minnie H. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.




President Luke Martin



Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Alaahea Foust



Council Member Minnie Howard



Council Member Carmine Azzato