

TOWN OF WEST LEBANON- TOWN BOARD MEETING- September 13,2021

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 7:00p.m. Present, Marty Kutsenkow, David Moody, Jim Kiger, Rodney Hawk, Kevin Hawk, Dan Smith, Cindy Williams and Mallory Redlin.

Financial Report- Moody motioned to approve, Kiger second voted and approved.

Minutes- Kiger motioned to approve, Moody second voted and approved.

Unsafe Building: Mallory stated she has been in contact with Mr. Smith the Attorney for 4 Knocks about the building at 112-114 North High Street. They have Mike Fredrick of Mike Fredrick Service & Demolition from Muncie Indiana coming to look at the property and give an estimate and date in which it can be taken down. The Council agreed to extend one month until the October meeting to have a contract or a resolution, if not then we will impose a fine of \$1,500.00. Kutsenkow made a motion to set another review for October 12,2021 Kiger seconded, voted and approved.

Paws N Claws: Jessica Lucas presented a contract to the Council outlining the services they will provide to the Town. Based on usage not monthly charges and offering a feral cat TNR program free of charge to the residents. Marty motioned to accept the contract Kiger seconded, voted and approved.

Andrea Ford sidewalk: She opted to submit a letter to the council due to the fear of public speaking, explaining what had happened to her yard proximity 7 years ago. Kutsenkow and Moody meet with her prior to this meeting to see what the issues are. Kutsenkow stated he feels that if the Town expects property owners to repair sidewalks if they tear them up then the Town should also repair/replace when we do. Since funds are available in the Storm drain fund and this was a storm drain project the Town did the issue should be corrected. Kutsenkow made a motion to correct the issue Moody seconded, voted and approved.

Richard Astell- Due to the relationship of Mr. Astell and Councilman Moody, Moody abstained from voting on this issue. Kutsenkow and Rodney Hawk have meet with both Phil and Richard Astell about installing a 20' wide gravel road to the property line of Mark Lincicums where the plotted road has been vacated. Phil wants to have the weeds abated and trees removed, but the Lincicums want to keep the trees. Richard Astell stated he would like to see the garbage the "City" dumped back in 1991 be cleaned up. He also stated he wants gravel from the Webb's property to the Lincicums and several trees removed. After much discussion on the matter Richard Astell asked that it be tabled until May of 2022. Kutsenkow made a motion to table it until May of 2022 Kiger seconded, voted and approved.

Community Room rental: With the installation of the new central air unit the rental rate will be raised from \$25 per day to \$50 per day as per resolution 2021-0913. Kutsenkow motioned to approve Moody seconded, voted and approved.

A.R.P. Funds: With the need for generators for the sewer plant and lift stations Council has authorized the purchase of two with the use of A.R.P. funds and the County has purchased the third one we needed for the Town.

Public budget hearing: The budget set for 2022 was explained and opened to questions.

IPEP Safety Grant: Rodney explained that being a member through our insurance company we qualify to apply for grant money to be used for any safety issues the Town has. This year we are applying for fences to be set around our well heads. The cost would be around \$13,000.00 and our match would be 20% if we receive one this year. Moody made a motion to approve up to \$4,000.00 for the match Kiger seconded, voted and approved.

Community Arts Foundation: Marty explained how this works and that it is free to the Town. A committee of three people would be made and they would pick up to 3 buildings in town for a mural to be painted on and then pick the subject for the mural. The three volunteers for the committee are, Mini Hunter, Linda Kiger and Cindy Williams.

Disconnects- 7 disconnects were presented, for shut off on 9/15/21. Kiger motioned to approve, Moody second, voted and approved.

Meeting was opened to the Public for questioning.

Richard Astell asked if the storm drain on Maple Street be moved and if so, could the Storm Drain funds be used.

Phil Astell explained what the Fire Department Territories purpose would be.

Marty Motions to adjourn and sign claims, Moody seconds.

Town Council Members

Attest: _____

Cindy Williams Clerk Treasurer
