

Burlington Town Council
March 13, 2018
49 Northgate Plaza, Burlington, IN 46915

The Burlington Town Council held a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @ 7:00 pm in Town Hall with Council's Stan Moore, Steve Michael and Teddy Huffer; Clerk-Treasurer Karen Dinger; Marshal Terry Moore; Attorney Justin Alter and Public Works Commissioner Steve Stout present.

Guests Present are: James Eller, James Rich, Karina Fauble, Joe Oyler, Judy Oyler, Linda Huffer, Doug Wagner, Zachary White, Al Jackson, Dick Richardson, Larry Mote and Susan Scholl.

President Moore opens the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Town Business

C/T Dinger presents minutes from the February 13, 2018 regular meeting. Huffer moves to approve minutes as presented. Michael 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

C/T Dinger presents claims from town and wastewater from 2/14/18-3/13/18 for a total of \$47,113.39. Michael makes a motion to pay bills as presented. Huffer 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Doug Wagner, from the Carroll County Area Plan Commission presents information regarding an amendment to the county zoning ordinance in regards to allowing poultry in residential town areas. The town has 90 days to approve or decline the amendment. It is noted that the amended ordinance draft was emailed to the council prior to the meeting for their review. The amendment would allow poultry in town with requirements in place. The resident would need to apply for a permit from the Area Plan Commission which would include an application and on-site inspection. Those in town who currently have poultry will need to go to the Carroll County office and get a permit. They will have 60-90 days to do so. The Area Plan Commission will have record of those who have permits on file. President Moore makes a motion that the council adopt the zoning amendment. Michael 2nds. President Moore and Vice-President Michael vote Aye. Huffer votes Nay due to some of the language in the amendment that he is not in favor of. Motion passes by majority vote.

Marshal Moore presents monthly marshal report. Training for the newly appointed reserve police officers is now complete. They should be ready to begin by the beginning of April. Marshal Moore notes that INDOT came in and looked at the traffic patterns on SR 29 by the Post Office. The speed limit signs that were requested to be moved, were not moved. However, the SR 22 sign posted for north bound traffic was moved south from its original location next to the speed limit sign, so as not to cause confusion between the two signs.

The nuisance ordinance for dogs and animals is discussed. There has been a recent issue of dogs barking non-stop in town. The fine on the original ordinance is \$5. Marshal Moore would like to see the fine penalty raised to \$50 for each offense with a maximum of \$500. He states that the county animal control officers will not come in and take a nuisance dog unless it's running free.

Doug Wagner, from the Area Plan Commission notes that dogs have to be walked on a leash at all times when walking off their owners property. Four or more dogs on a property have to apply for a kennel license through the state.

Michael makes a motion to accept the Marshal's report as presented. Huffer 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Marshal Moore working for the US Marshals is discussed. Huffer inquires as to a pool car owned by the Marshals being utilized for US Marshal work. President Moore states that he has no issue with the marshal working for the US Marshals during his down time and makes a motion to approve Marshal Moore working in this capacity. Michael 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Public Works Commissioner Steve Stout gives an update. Miller Pipeline came in today and began lining of wastewater main lines in town. He is guessing it will be about two weeks before they are done. President Moore states that manholes need to be lined as the town is getting a lot of influx and infiltration of ground water through them going into the wastewater treatment plant.

Burlington Township Trustee Al Jackson gives an update regarding the park. He states that all are excited about the potential benefits of updating the community building. The first phase is complete. Phase II is in the planning stages. Deadlines are being looked at. He is guessing it will be around late fall for planning to begin. They are looking at fundraising to help with a possible raffle to be held during the fall festival. The group involved in this project is meeting on March 19.

It is noted that on Saturday, March 17, there will be a chili supper at the park benefiting the American House and Museum.

Dick Richardson gives an update for the Kiwanis and Burlington Community Club. April 7 is the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt for children through sixth grade. They plan to have the community building open to the public for people to see the recent renovations to the bathrooms.

Burlington's Independence Day Celebration is planned for the Saturday before the 4th of July with a Sunday rain date. There will be a meal opportunity and other activities. There is also talk of an upcoming free movie night at the community building at the park.

The 5th street culvert project is discussed. Ken Smith is 95% done with the plans. He is hopeful to have this information to the council by Friday.

Tuesday, March 20 at 6 pm there is an Executive Session scheduled at town hall and at 6:30 pm, a special meeting for internal controls monitoring scheduled.

The Camden Shooting Range Agreement is discussed. Deputy Marshal Larry Mote states that Flora and the county use the range. Huffer moves to adopt the shooting range agreement. Michael 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

New Business

A recent recycling proposal received from the county is discussed in regards to Burlington having a recycling drop off area for residents' use to help alleviate cross-county trips to the Delphi Transfer Station. President Moore asks C/T Dinger to see if Carol Stradling from the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District could come to the next meeting to provide information.

A special meeting is set for Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 pm for a walkthrough of town streets for possible upcoming town street projects.

Burlington spring clean-up is discussed. The dates of April 18-21 are set. Huffer moves to get a dumpster for that time period. Moore 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed. Stick pick-up will be on Monday, April 23.

Additional appropriations need to be done for the community crossings grant and a reserve police. The plan is to do this at the May meeting.

Stan Moore reads a letter drafted by the town attorney from Councilman Michael and himself to Teddy Huffer. The letter includes the facts of Mr. Huffer's recent plea agreement. The letter also asks for his immediate resignation.

Michael motions to adjourn. Moore 2nds. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Stan Moore, President

ATTEST:
Karen Dinger, Clerk-Treasurer