

Burlington Town Council
January 14, 2020
49 Northgate Plaza, Burlington, IN 46915

The Burlington Town Council held a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall with Council's Kevin Hammond, Jim Enoch and Steve Michael; Clerk-Treasurer Karen Dinger; Attorney Justin Alter; Town Marshal Terry Moore and Public Works Commissioner Steve Stout present.

Guests present are: Gena Martin, Jay Martin, Roger Bousum, Tina Sedwick, Karina Fauble, Jared Goltz, Susan Scholl, James Eller, Steve Catron and Delphi Mayor Shane Evans.

Councilmember Steve Michael opens regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Election of officers: Councilmember Hammond makes a motion for Steve Michael to serve as president. Enoch 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Councilmember Jim Enoch makes a motion for Kevin Hammond to serve as vice-president. Michael 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

C/T Dinger presents minutes from the December 10, 2019 regular meeting and December 31, 2019 special year end meeting. Hammond makes a motion to approve the December 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. Enoch 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Council President Steve Michael makes a motion to accept the December 31, 2019 special meeting minutes as presented. Hammond 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

C/T Dinger presents claims from 1/1/20-1/14/20. Hammond makes a motion to pay bills as presented. Enoch 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Marshal Moore presents monthly marshal's report. The new police truck has been ordered. He notes that there were 1,132 stops for the year 2019. Marshal Moore asks the council for permission for the town attorney to send a letter to the county auditor for misappropriation of funds in regards to IC 33-37-7-6. He states that in December, three other municipalities in Carroll County received a percentage distribution from the county's Cities and Towns Court Cost Fund (Fund 1116) based on a letter each entity signed that came from the county auditor last year. In December, Burlington received \$512.93 of the \$5,185.33 that was in the fund at the time. He states that he contacted the Carroll County Clerk's Office and received an email confirming that the only entity that prosecuted 50% of their ordinance violations through the Carroll County courts was Burlington. Marshal Moore explains that Burlington is entitled to the entire amount that was in the fund as Burlington was the only entity to actually go through the county courts to prosecute ordinance violations during the time period stated in the law. He states that he has filed a complaint with State Board of Accounts. Discussion is held between council, marshal and Attorney Alter. Council President Michael asks Attorney Alter to contact the county attorney to try to resolve this issue.

Public Works Commissioner Steve Stout provides an update. He states that second round of manhole rehabilitation has been completed. He is getting ready for winter weather and has a good supply of salt/sand for now.

Mayor Shane Evans from Delphi presents information to the council regarding a collaboration between units in the county (except township trustees and libraries) for common goals and objectives. A committee has been formed with representatives from each unit. Two meetings have been held thus far. A listing of nine items have been formulated for each unit to strive to fulfill in 2020. The goal of this movement is to work together and collaborate more in order to become more cohesive as a county. Councilmember Kevin Hammond has already been in attendance in these meetings and will continue to serve as Burlington's representative.

Resolution 2020-1, A Resolution Committing to Countywide Goals in 2020 is presented to the council. Michael makes a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-1. Enoch 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Jared Goltz, president of the Burlington Community Club, makes a request to the town to pay 2/3 of the cost of the fireworks for 2020. He states that the cost for last year's fireworks was \$6,000. He states that the contract for the fireworks needs signed in February to secure the company for this year. Discussion is held regarding where these monies could be paid from. Delphi Mayor Shane Evans states that Delphi pays a portion of their fireworks through the Economic Development Fund through a Promotion of Business Ordinance. C/T Dinger states that Burlington has a Promotion of Business Ordinance, but that she was unaware that Economic Development Funds could be used for such expenses. She will do some research regarding this.

Jared Goltz, along with Gena Martin and Jay Martin from the Community Club make a request for the town council to lift the ban on alcohol for the Community Building and Lilly Building at the park. The lifting of the ban would allow for more rentals at the park for weddings, receptions, etc. A licensed bartender would be required to be at these events. Liability event insurance would also be required. It is stated that by lifting the ban, much more revenue could be received by the community club which would go back into making the fireworks and fall festival even better. Discussion is held between council and community club representatives. Council President Michael states that the group should also speak with Burlington Trustee Al Jackson and to the Burlington Joint Park Board regarding this request. He states that they will need to do more research regarding this request.

Old Business

It is stated that 75-80% of the wastewater manholes in town have been rehabbed and relined which is reducing the amount influx and infiltration of ground water into the wastewater system.

Discussion is held regarding the new police truck and the Chevy Impala police car. Once the new truck has been received and is ready to be placed in service, it is hoped that the Impala can be sold to another entity. This can be done by Indiana law through matching resolutions between two entities for an agreed upon price.

A new representative from the council for the Carroll County Area Plan Commission needs to be selected. Discussion is held. President Michael makes a motion to have Jim Enoch serve on the area plan commission board. Hammond 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

New Business

C/T Dinger states to the new councilmembers that each year, the town contributes a set amount for the park. This amount is appropriated each year in the town's budget and will be receipted into the Joint Park Board Fund. The town will be paying \$40,000 to the Joint Park Board Fund in February. The township trustee will also contribute \$40,000 this year to be receipted into that same fund.

Discussion is held regarding who will serve as an advisor to the park board. Hammond makes a motion for Steve Michael and Karen Dinger to be advisers for the joint park board. Enoch 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Council President Michael states that the computer for the clerk-treasurer needs updated. Cost estimate for computer and Microsoft 365 should be around \$600 total. Her computer will be repurposed and used for the police department. Michael makes a motion to pay for new computer system. Hammond 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

A representative from Burlington is needed to serve on the E911 Board, EMA Board and EMPT (child advocacy). Hammond makes a motion for Marshal Terry Moore to continue to serve on all three boards. Enoch 2nds. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Council President Michael asks for any other comments or concerns. Resident Roger Bousum states that he would like to see more activities in town to bring Burlington residents together.

Enoch motions to adjourn meeting. Michael 2nds. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Dale Steven Michael, Council President

ATTEST: Karen Dinger, Clerk-Treasurer