

Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting
April 12, 2004

President Dave Matthews called the regular monthly meeting to order. Councilpersons present were Janet Wright, Hanzel Barclay, James McKown, Joey Receveur and Dave Matthews, along with Clerk Jack Travillian. Also attending the meeting were Greenville Water Utility Superintendent Gary Getrost, town marshal Dave Moore, town attorney Denise Franke and other concerned citizens. Minutes were read and approved, H. Barclay made the motion and Janet Wright second.

Denise Franke reported that the council has the right to redeem the taxes on the Lilly property, however the only change would be that Meadows debt would be erased. This would not give the town any additional rights or claims. Letter has been sent to Mark Lilly requesting his intentions concerning the property in question. President Matthews will be drawing a letter to the neighbors concerning the town's progress on the matter.

Computers update: Three new computers have been installed in town hall and in the Greenville Water Utility. Each has been networked and is fully Internet active. The Keystone software will be installed on Thursday April 22 with two full days of training. Then there will be three more days of training in following weeks. The computers should be fully operational by June billing cycle.

Zoning Board update: President Matthews has the three board members that will be serving on the board and is investigating the additional four members from the community. The preliminary meeting date is set for May 17, which will be the third Monday night.

Spring town cleaning update: The dumpster was a huge success with over six tons of unwanted trash hauled away over the weekend. It was announced that Floyd County Solid Waste will be sponsoring a similar cleanup dumpster available at the Greenville Park on Saturday April 24, 2004 from 9AM to 2 PM.

Water Utility business: Superintendent Getrost made the board aware that the large account that is in default for over \$2,200 is still outstanding and he has been told that the owner of the business is pursuing bankruptcy to avoid the debt. He also reported that someone had illegally removed a lock and used an additional 30,000 gallons of water. Superintendent Getrost had reported this matter to the Floyd County police department. The owner of the property upon learning of this paid for the illegal water usage and the damage deposit to replace the lock. This account has made it necessary to research establishing a new type of account for businesses that are seasonal. President Matthews read a proposed Ordinance requiring a substantial deposit to open this type of account due to the increased risk of high water usage and possibility of non-payment. First reading of the Ordinance was completed before the board and it consider applying this at the next monthly meeting.

Water Adjustments reviews: A customer has approached the board with a request for a larger adjustment on the \$2,800 bill that he received from a water leak last month. Also present at the meeting was another customer who has an \$833 bill that was from a broken pipe. She mentioned that the office worker had been very helpful but felt the Water Utility should not be making money on customer's misfortune. The board pointed out that the State Board of Accounts regulates utility rates and adjustment rates and that any additional adjustments must be made on an individual bases per incident. President Matthews also reminded everyone that spring seems to be the time of year when most large leaks occur. Motion was made by Hanzel Barclay and seconded by Jamie McKown to give discretion on these two cases to President Matthews and Superintendent Getrost to find an equitable solution. Motion passed 3-0.

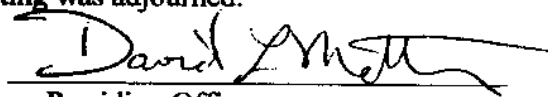
Streets Department: Councilman McKown made a suggestion that the council consider removing and restoring a lamppost from around West 2nd and Highway 150. It was also suggested that the reconditioned lamppost be installed at the town hall parking lot. Approval was given for the project. Councilman McKown reported that he is preparing an order for new signs to replace missing and damaged sign in the town. The board also gave approval to seek bids on fixing drainage problem at East 2nd Street and Highway 150. The last discussion on roads was about outstanding contracts for road resurfacing and the standards at which the work will be held. The board suggested the repairs should meet county standards.

Law Enforcement: Marshal Moore reported that the Floyd County Council has approved funding to make the marshal's position a full time employment. The job will be effective on April 1 through the remainder of the year 2004. If funding continues it should be renewed each year. The Marshal was given approval for a class on communicating in Spanish that was being offered by the State of Indiana to law enforcement personnel. Another matter brought to the attention of the board was about trees along an alleyway being trimmed back by a citizen that did not own the property in question. It is requested that any problems with road right-of-ways should be brought before the board as quickly as possible with the council approving any actions to be taken. There was also a discussion about alleys being blocked by parked vehicles and the Indiana Statutes were referred to for any action to be taken.

Public Relations: Councilpersons have been made aware of certain yards that contain garbage and are generally a hazard to the health of the community. It was suggested that the Marshal and some members of the board approach locate church committees about offering help to cleanup these yards in cooperation with the Floyd County spring cleanup on April 24. The summer festival is being considered and is in the early stages of planning.

Marshal Moore informed the board that a concerned citizen has donated a computer for his department and it should be setup within a few days. The council wishes to express gratitude for this donation and is thankful for actions of citizens that make our job easier.

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



Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council