

**Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting**  
**January 10, 2005**

**President Dave Matthews** called the regular monthly meeting to order. Other Councilpersons present were Janet Wright, Hanzel Barclay and Joey Receveur along with Clerk Jack Travillian. Also attending the meeting were Greenville Water Utility Superintendent Gary Getrost, town attorney Denise Franke and other concerned citizens. Minutes were read and approved. H. Barclay made the motion and J. Receveur seconded. (Motion passed 3-0)

**Old Business:**

**Snow Removal Contract:** Andy Gillespie from Andy's Lawn & Landscaping was present and had been in contact with Clerk Travillian about the town snow removal contract. A contract for service from January 10 to June 30, 2005 was signed.

Floyd County Animal Control Board was sent a signed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement in October 2004 for services to be provided for animal control and disposal of deceased animals for the Town of Greenville. Attorney D. Franke advised the council that New Albany city government officials revised the contract and that Animal Control administrator David Hall should advise us when all parties have signed. Council signatures will be required again to complete the revised contract, when it is available.

**Water Utility contract with Indiana American Water Company:** Superintendent Getrost has been in contact with Dave Pop from Ramsey Water Company who expressed concerns about the wording of the contract. Getrost will try to contact Chris Wood or Randy Edgeman from Indiana American Water before the next meeting.

**Greenville Concerned Citizens Lawsuit:** D. Franke stated that there should be a ruling on Friday, January 14, 2005 on the request of Thieneman joining the suit.

**Greenville Water Utility personnel policy:** President Matthews did not read the ordinance repealing the previous Personnel Policy because it was not publicly announced before this meeting. Second reading of the ordinance will be announced before the February meeting and it will be voted on at that time.

**2005 Fire Protection Contract:** The Greenville Township Volunteer Fire Department refused to sign the contract for \$8,000 which was proposed by the Town Council and demanded additional funds for fire protection. The Council signed a new contract for \$8,400 but had not received the signed contract prior to this meeting. A call was made to the Fire Board President during the meeting requesting the signed contract as soon as possible. The Council had questions and concerns about Greenville Township Trustee's formula for increasing funding. Clerk Travillian will make adjustment to 2005 budget before next month's meeting to account for the higher contract fee. Attorney D. Franke answered the council's questions about possible legal alternatives concerning this matter.

**Unsafe Property:** Attorney D. Franke reported that a deed to the property in question on Greenville-Georgetown Road was granted on December 30, 2004. The new owner is now Lilloco – which is controlled by Mark Lilly. The Council questioned attorney D. Franke about the liability the town has for any injuries on the property. It is Franke's opinion that there is limited liability because the Council has done everything within its' power to have the situation resolved. Mark Lilly's address is listed as 2020 Ridgeview Dr., Floyds Knobs, IN 47119. Attorney Franke will be corresponding with Lilly about his intentions for the property.

**Annexation of 6310 Buttontown Road:** No representative of the church was present at the meeting so this matter was tabled. Council awaits formal petition for annexation from Faith Harvest Assembly before proceeding.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Planning and Zoning:** President Matthews advised the council on progress toward completion of the zoning ordinance. The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be January 17, 2005 at 7pm.

**Streets and Roads:** President Matthews reminded the Council of the surface water drainage problems and the need for future planning. Councilman Trail was not present for a report on the issues, so President Matthews will be contacting him.

**Public Relations:** Councilwoman Wright reported that the house on Harrison Street has complied with code for abandoned vehicles and that the property has been cleaned up.

#### **Water Utility:**

**Excessive Water Charges:** Superintendent Getrost reported on some outstanding bills that were excessive, including a bill for \$1,189.48. Water supply was disconnected for the resident who has since moved. However, since the property is being used as a rental property, he voiced concerns about the water company's loss if the property was sold. Attorney Franke suggested turning the matter over to a collection agency and she will write a letter advising the property owner of his legal responsibilities for overdue billings.

**Water Line Repairs:** Superintendent Getrost reported that the cost of repairs to the broken 12" main on U.S. 150 would be around \$10,000 to \$15,000. It was caused by a large section of the pipeline resting on a solid rock surface, which caused stress damage over years of usage. He also reported that a substantial amount of water was purchased from Ramsey to help level the pressure after the repair.

**Carry Over of Vacation Time:** Superintendent Getrost requested his unused vacation/sick time be continued into the next six month period because he had not been able to use the excess vacation days. J. Receveur made the motion and J. Wright seconded to allow him to do so. Motion passed 3-0.

Superintendent Getrost brought to the Councils attention that the minutes of a previous meeting on April 2004 do not reflect the specifics of two water leak adjustments. Accounts # 04-2150 and 04-2400 requested an exception to the standard operating procedures concerning water leak adjustments (S.O.P. 05-03-01). The Council approved an adjustment which allows these two customers to pay \$2.25 per 1000 gallons as stated in the S.O.P. Total adjustments were \$291.75 and \$974.20 respectively.

Adjustments for monthly billing: Superintendent Getrost requested that the Town Council approve a special discount to a customer, Account # 02-3280 that had a major water leak. He suggest the same adjustment be granted as was for the previous accounts 04-2150 and account 04-2400 in which the customer paid \$2.25 per 1000 gallons of water leakage instead of the \$3.23 per 1000 gallons as stated in the S.O.P. 05-03-01. This customer's total adjustment was \$344.70. These exceptions will continue to be addressed on a case by case as stated in the policy and State Board of Accounts Policies. H. Barclay made the motion and J. Receveur seconded it. Motion passed 3-0

Superintendent Getrost informed the Council that in June of 2004 he addressed the council concerning vacation time of 2 days & 6 hours that he requested be carried over beyond the 6 month deadline, as outlined in the policy. This carryover was due to a busy work schedule with the Water Company. Council approved this exception but it was not put in the minutes. Council voted that it be put in the January 2005 minutes as annotated here.

**Financial:** Review of checks and expenditures for the month.

  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Council