

Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting
March 14, 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 Rick Fox and other concerned citizens. Minutes were read and approved; J. Wright made the motion and H. Barclay seconded. (Motion passed 3-0)

Old Business:

2004 Citizen of the Year: President Matthews awarded Citizen of the Year for 2004 to Ted Miller because of his contributions to community, Town and County Councils through many years of service. Miller was presented with a certificate of recognition, his name was added to the Town Citizen of the Year plaque and he was awarded a gift certificate for dinner at Tumbleweed restaurant.

Annexation of Faith Harvest Assembly Church, 6310 Buttontown Road: Pastor Mark Avery was present and provided the Town Council with a signed document requesting annexation into town limits. Annexation was discussed and the board moved to accept the request. The motion was made by H. Barclay and seconded by J. Wright.

Water Utility contract with Indiana American Water Company: Superintendent Getrost is still awaiting revised contract from Indiana American. President Matthews advised members of a recent email he received from them stating their hope to have a completed contract to the council very soon.

Greenville Township Volunteer Fire Department: President Matthews responded to a letter written to the Banner Gazette and New Albany Tribune by Chief Herb Harvey. He coordinated with each board member before sending the response. The board considered the response letter as appropriate. Water usage turned in by the department for non-emergency use was zero for the past month.

Greenville Christian Church decided against their request to close East Second Street. Jack Pope, Board Member of Greenville Christian Church was present at the meeting and stated that the church has a new plan to control water runoff from their modified, proposed parking lot. The church engineer, James Fisher was present and gave the council a copy of plans calling for paving of the gravel parking lot and building a swale to catch runoff water diverting it to the middle of the alley going west to east between East Second Street and the creek that flows south under highway 150. The board noted that the alley in question does not go all the way to the creek, so they could not give initial approval for diverting water across private property. The property owner (Jamie McKown) requested that the church run the water out to the highway and then down to the creek as to not effect his property adversely. The engineer will look into the feasibility of the request. McKown requested that he be kept abreast of any facts that the council considers as he feels it will affect his property value.

Water line location: Mr. and Mrs. Scannell of 7175 John Pectol Road mailed a request to the board asking for information about the water line across their property. President Matthews and Superintendent Getrost will be handling that request and have already answered half of their inquiries.

New Business: Letter requesting an adjustment: The board received a request for an adjustment from a resident on John Pectol Road Account number 24285. Superintendent Getrost recommended that the customer be granted the same one-month adjustment that was given previously to other hardship cases. J. Wright motioned and H. Barclay seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Richard Fox was introduced as the new town attorney. Mr. Fox has 20 years experience as an attorney and was the New Albany City Attorney in 2003. He presently is the attorney for New Albany/Floyd County Parks and Recreation and other local government agencies. The negotiated rate of charge for his services is \$85 per hour.

Mr. Fox gave a presentation on the Open Door/Open Records laws. He noted that these were some areas that he felt could be overlooked without staying up-to-date. The presentation covered what was a public meeting and what were exceptions. Some exceptions include on-site training, social functions where no business was discussed or decisions made, political Caucuses. Open meetings must include a majority of the board (3 members) and public notice must be given 48 hours prior to meetings. Executive meetings can be exempted for discussing personnel problems, legal matters, etc....

Committee Reports:

Zoning: The committee is reviewing zoning classifications for each property within the town limits and continuing to revise and update the zoning ordinance. The next meeting will be tomorrow (March 15) at 7 PM.

Streets and Roads: President Matthews stated that he was trying to arrange a meeting with INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) about the current plans for highway 150 uses and expansion. Also there were some questions about drainage along the highway.

Public Relations: Councilwoman Wright asked who would be responsible for posting a sign advising motorists of a hidden entrance on Buttontown Road before the Faith Harvest Church. Clerk Travillian suggested contacting the county highway department in Georgetown. This is located on a county road and falls under their jurisdiction.

Water Utility:


Superintendent Getrost gave a report about the consumption of water by the Greenville Fire Department and how they can fill their tanks in their new building so the water can be tracked. The intention of the board to have the fire department pay for non-emergency use was to make them more accountable. The policy remains to charge the department for

water they report as non-emergency usage. However, the board will rely on their honesty to make true reports and will assume that water registered on their meter readings is used in preparation for emergencies and not water that should otherwise be reported.

The board discussed its concerns about its missing member, Mark Trail, and his absence from most of the monthly Town Council meetings. President Matthews has tried to contact Mark several times by phone, emails and visits to his house to no avail. At this point, the board agreed that a letter addressing their concerns should be sent to him via mail. President Matthews will send the letter.

The board also decided to have the Clerk/Treasurer print the paychecks for Town Council members normally in the future and have them available at the front desk for pickup at the beginning of the month. This will avoid the postage expense to mail them to each council member and save money in the budget. If the checks are not picked up prior to the following meeting, they will be delivered to the member at that meeting.

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


Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council