

Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting
August 8, 2005

President Dave Matthews called the regular monthly meeting to order. Other Councilpersons present were Hanzel Barclay and Janet Wright, 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:

Proposed Water Contract with Indiana American Water Company: Town attorney Rick Fox contacted David Pop, Ramsey Water Company Superintendent and he has agreed to a meeting in Corydon at attorney Marcus Burger office on August 27, 2005 at 1:00 PM. This will be in a round table format with all concerned parties including Mary Sullivan the attorney for Indiana American Water Company.

Neighborhood Ordinance Violations: Five town properties were addressed regarding neighbor complaints and violations of Ordinance No. 2004-04, Disposal of Trash, Abandoned Vehicles on Real Property within the Town. The Tush property at 9838 Main Street has numerous junk vehicles and large amounts of trash deposited on the property. The Perkins property at 9893 Main Street has many vehicles parked on the property, trash and junk left on the ground and vegetation problems. The Motsinger property had two junk vehicles (one of which had already been removed), a large trailer with old tires deposited in it and grass and weed problems, which also had already been taken care of. The Hortenberry property at 9417 Harrison Street, which had previously been complained about, has taken care of all of the complaints. The Sappenfield property at Main and Cross Streets has one abandoned vehicle, an abandoned mobile home, large amounts of trash and junk and large areas of unkept grass and vegetation. Mr. Tush, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, and Mr. Motsinger responded to the problem areas addressed and each one assured the council that they would do their best to remedy each of them. President Matthews shared several emails received from Mrs. Sappenfield addressing her problem areas. She also expressed her desire to remedy the problem areas. The council decided to give each property owner another month to remedy those problem areas before deciding on any further action.

Clerk Travillian suggested that Mr. Motsinger contact the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) about possible help with removing the tires from his trailer. Jack Sneed, a local business owner, stated that he would contact Greenville Christian Church about a work detail to help cleanup the Sappenfield property.

Greenville Town Marshal position: Councilman Barclay briefed the council on areas of responsibility, job expectations and work hours for the part time marshal position. He then suggested that the council start accepting applications for a part time marshal. Clerk Travillian will notify local press and have the application ready to be picked up at town hall as soon as possible. The council accepted the recommendation and will try to fill the position.

Greenville Volunteer Fire Department Contract for 2006: Town attorney Fox has been in contact with Hilda Gibson, the Greenville Township Trustee, Danny Voyles, the current Fire Board President and Herb Harvey, Chief of the Fire Department. Chief Harvey stated that the department will not agree to a contract without a 5 percent raise from last year. They are demanding a one-year contract for \$8,820. The council proposed a five year contract for \$8,500 per year. The council asked attorney Fox to advise the council next month of their legal options and notify the fire department of possible legal actions.

Return of funds to Floyd County Commissioners: President Matthews presented the board with a written request from Max Mason, Floyd County Council attorney. He requested that all unused funds granted from the county for the previous full time marshal pay be returned to the county immediately. Motion was made by J. Wright and seconded by H. Barclay to return \$13,766.33 to the county auditor. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business:

Jack's Auto Care: Jack Sneed, owner of Jack's Auto Care presented the council with plans for building an additional four-bay shop on his property located at 9290 Highway 150. The plans were in compliance with Greenville building ordinances so no action by the board was necessary.

Don Theineman appeared before the council with new plans for the property he is interested in developing along US 150. Attorney Fox instructed him that with his lawsuit still pending against the town, it was inappropriate for him to talk to the council without his attorney present. Mr. Theineman left the meeting after limited discussion with Attorney Fox.

Greenville Elementary: Greenville Elementary School and New Albany Floyd County School Corporation officials have asked that the Town of Greenville consider relocating and selling the town hall property to the school. After discussion, the council instructed President Matthews to ask Mr. Uhl if the Corporation would be willing to pay half of the expense for having the property and possible relocation properties appraised.

Committee Reports:

Plan Commission certification: Clerk Travillian certified the three council members that are serving on the plan commission per attorney Fox's request. President Matthews certified the four citizen members serving on the board, both certifications in compliance with Indiana State Code. The next plan commission meeting will be tomorrow night, August 9, 2005 at 7:00 PM.

Roads & Streets: Councilwoman Wright gave the council a recommendation to pave two streets and an alleyway in her district. She produced three bids for doing the paving. The council accepted her recommendation to place the contract with Striegel Paving. The streets to be paved are West Second, partial Harrison Street (West of Second) and the alley between West First and West Second. H. Barclay made the motion and J. Wright seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Councilman Barclay presented the council with a map showing streets to be paved in his district in the Parkland Heights subdivision. The council accepted the bid from Hollis Paving for the paving contract. Motion was made by J. Wright seconded by H. Barclay. Motion passed 3-0.

Water Utility: Superintendent Gary Getrost noted that the property next to the water tower has been sold again and the new owner has contacted his office about selling the adjacent land for possible construction of a new water tower.

Resignation: Councilman Mark Trail gave the council notice of his resignation due to personal reasons. Clerk Travillian will contact the Floyd County Republican Party about replacing the District 2 representative.

Water Bill Adjustments: The board reviewed adjustments for July/August.

Finance Issues:

2005 Budget: The board discussed the present budget. The 2006 budget review meeting will be held on August 29, 2005 at 8:00 AM.

Review/Approval Checks and Expenditures: Clerk Travillian presented the forms for checks written from the utility and the town.

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


Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council