Waterloo Town Council Meeting October 10, 2017

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held on October 10, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Waterloo/Grant Township Public Library. Members present were:

David Bolton Jess Jessup Dorsey Brown Ken Surber

William Hubartt Renata Ford Clerk/Treasurer

David Kruse / Town Attorney

The following business was discussed and action taken: Unless specified all votes were unanimous.

Communications from the President:

Communications/Council Reports:

- Councilman Surber informed the council that all but 4 radio read meters have been installed in the town. These meters can be read remotely in 2 and a half hours in what would have taken 4-5 days previously. He also complimented the utility customers on their cooperation during this meter installation.

Communications from the Town Manager:

Public hearing

- A public hearing was held to vote on the rezoning of 125 and 145 W. Union St. from Residential to General Business. A legal notice was published in accordance with all state and local guidelines. All "Interested Parties" were notified by certified mail. No written objections were received. No one attending the hearing, spoke in favor of rezoning. However, Mike Erwin, of 155 W. Union St, spoke against the rezoning. He requested that, if this rezoning were to be approved, he would like to see a 6ft. solid fence on the west and south of the property, Also, an enclosed dumpster facing east. President Bolton, said that any business at the site would have to file a development plan that meets town ordinances. At that time, stipulations will need to be met by that business to get approval. The public hearing was then closed at 6:40pm for council voting. The rezoning of 125 and 145 W. Union St. was approved (Jess/motion-Dorsey/2nd) with an amendment that a 6ft fence buffer on the south side of the property be added as one of the stipulations.

New business:

- 1. September minutes and claims were approved.
- 2. A contract with Sturtz Public Management Group was approved by council. This consultant will provide community development services to include community planning, grant writing and administration, project development and project management as directed by Town Council. In particular, the consultant will assist with facilitating a RFQ process to hire an engineering firm to complete/update a wastewater and stormwater utility plan, and pursue funding for future park development. The consultant fees will not exceed \$10,000 for the performance of the work specified herein.

- 3. A financial feasibility study, by Umbaugh and Associates, was again tabled until next month due to the fact that the town's up to date financial reports were not available.
- 4. The council approved the 2018/2019 CEDIT Plan. The plan must contain projects the town would like to accomplish but do not have funds for. After approval, it will be filed with the Auditor's Office so the town can receive their County Economic Development Income Tax dollars.
- 5. President Bolton appointed Verlinda Eberly to the Plan Commission. The rest of the council gave their full approval of the president decision.

Other business:

- The town will be replacing the flags, on the street lamps, in 2018 because of the unsatisfactory condition of the current flags.
- Water/Wastewater Superintendent Chris LaLonde reported on the smoke-testing of the town's sewer system. Multiple issues were found that was causing stormwater to enter the sewer system. Once the stormwater gets into the system it has to be treated. This causes undue expense for the utility. The town will have to request bids from engineers to complete a compliance plan for the sanitary sewer overflow that IDEM requires. A copy of the detailed report is available at Town Hall. LaLonde also wanted to thank the residents for their cooperation during this sewer system testing.

Open Floor:

- Cindy Speer, president of the Friends of the Waterloo Library, said a committee will meet this Thursday to discuss a possible electronic message sign in front of the library. The sign will not only electronically message library business and activities but "the sign is way bigger than just for the library. It is an important project for the whole town." she said.
- Sally Pease of the Waterloo Library announced that they will be working with the town events committee to sponsor "Treats after Dark" on October 27th from 4:30 to 6 at the Francis Thomson Park. NuCor, Warm-A-Heart and the Waterloo Lions Club will also be participating with food, candy and activities.
- Community Foundation of DeKalb County member, Vanessa Sterling informed the public that a free event "Be Will-Prepared" will be held October 25th from 6:30 to 7:30pm at the Garrett Public Library. At this event, you can learn how to create or update a will.

I, Renata Ford, the duly qualified Clerk/Treasurer, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and exact excerpt of minutes of the meeting of the Waterloo Town Council, Waterloo, Indiana, at which a quorum was in attendance and acting throughout, and held October 10, 2017, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm

David Bolton, President

Renata Ford Secretary