

**Waterloo Town Council Meeting
November 14, 2017**

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held on November 14, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Waterloo/Grant Township Public Library. Members present were:

Dorsey Brown	Jess Jessup
William Hubartt	Ken Surber
David Kruse / Town Attorney	Renata Ford Clerk/Treasurer
	Tena Woenker / Town Manager

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

Communications from the Vice-President:

- Vice-President Brown informed the council that 2 bids have been received for an addition to the fire station. Midwest Exteriors was chosen, by Council, to build a 14 x 24 unheated storage room for \$23,475.00. The second bid from Signature Construction was \$28,447.00. The addition will be used for non-firefighting equipment.

Communications/Council Reports:

Communications from the Town Manager:

- Town Manager Woenker announced several town sponsored activities for the holidays. On November 30th at 10 pm the town will open the Waterloo depot, to the public, to watch the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train. The train passes thru Waterloo every year on its way from Windsor, Ontario to Chicago. Last year the train reached Waterloo around 1 am. The town will provide hot chocolate, coffee, Christmas music and board games.
- The "Light Up Waterloo" contest is again being sponsored to allow town residents to vote for the best decorated homes in Waterloo. The residents can vote thru the town's website, waterlooin.gov, or bring in a decoration entry slip to the town hall.
- The Council was also informed of an INDOT grant for construction of a trail along Center, VanVleek, Wayne, Lockhart, RR Corridor & CR 24 (Rope St.) that would connect to a proposed trail to the Pokagan/Bluffton/Wabash State Parks. This town project would cost \$2,553,325 and would be an 80/20 split, making our 20% town match \$510,665. Council agreed that the town match would be more than the town could afford for this project. However, the project could be affordably done if the town did the work themselves. Council decided not to submit a grant application at this time.

New business:

1. October minutes and claims were approved.
2. A financial feasibility study, by Umbaugh and Associates, was tabled until January. The Clerk/Treasurer will check with Umbaugh to see if their quote will change after the first of the year.
3. **Ordinance 17-08** (Conflict of Interest policy) was approved on intro and 1st reading.
4. A donation to the Waterloo/Grant Township Public Library for an electronic message center sign was tabled waiting for more information.
5. The Council discussed the possibility of reducing utility connection fees for developers building three or more houses. Developers say the \$3500 per house fee to connect to the town's utilities "seemed really high". Town Manager Woenker suggested a 50% discount for three or more houses, noting that connecting multiple homes at once is more efficient for town employees. It would also provide an incentive for developers to build in Waterloo. The council will discuss this topic, at a later date, because an ordinance amendment may be required.

Other business:

- The Council adopted the following updates in the (ADA) Americans with Disabilities Act;

Resolution 17-09: This resolution designates Town Manager Woenker as ADA Coordinator for the town and adopts the grievance procedure for addressing complaints, alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs or benefits by the Town of Waterloo.

Resolution 17-10 adopts the attached updated Transition Plan, grievance procedures and nondiscrimination notices and that the Transition Plan shall be reviewed by the Town every 2 years for assessing completion of projects and updating as deemed appropriate.

- The Council approved a proposal with Barnes & Thornburg, LLP of Indianapolis to review the town's Sewer Use Ordinance in connection with all facets of utility regulation. This proposal fee of \$3750 is the first phase of a possible two-phase project.
- Fire Chief Hobbs informed the council that Santa will be at the Fire Station on December 9th from 9am to 12pm. Also, the Fire Department will be entering their antique truck in the Auburn Christmas parade. They have won 1st prize 6 out of 7 years.
- Marshal Oberholtzer introduced the Council to our new Waterloo Police Officers, Aaron Goldner and Joshua Heffelfinger. Aaron has finished the police academy and Joshua will go to academy from February thru June. On a personal note Joshua has a brother that works for the Auburn police department and his father works for the Indiana State Police.