

**Waterloo Town Council Meeting  
December 10, 2019**

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held on December 10, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Waterloo/Grant Twp. Public Library. Members present were:

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| David Bolton              | Jess Jessup                 |
| Nathan Diehl              | Ken Surber                  |
| William Hubartt           | Pam Howard/Town Manager     |
| David Kruse/Town Attorney | Renata Ford/Clerk-Treasurer |

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

President Bolton presented Councilman Hubartt and Clerk/Treasurer Ford a service award for their eighteen years of service for the Town of Waterloo. This would be their final meeting with the Town Council.

**Communications from the President:**

- President Bolton informed the public of all the town's accomplishments in 2019. "I think it's important to highlight things we are doing well and that we're moving forward with things." he said. The list includes:
  - The Park Board completed a five-year master plan and raised nearly \$100,000 to build the first phase of Veterans Park, which includes a stocked fishing pond and a sledding hill.
  - Casey's General Store opened at the intersection of US 6 and N. Wayne St.
  - Expansions were completed by RP Wakefield and Elsie Manufacturing.
  - Nucor Building Systems assisted new businesses that are in place or arriving, including the Warm A Heart mission.
  - The Country Village subdivision was completed with construction of its final five houses.
  - The town is beginning to implement the Ball State University downtown revitalization plan with the Redevelopment Commission purchase of the remainder of the block on the west side of N. Wayne St. downtown.
  - The town purchased property north of the fire station for future expansion of the fire department and a future police headquarters.
  - The town began projects to improve the efficiency and continuity of its water, sewer and stormwater utilities and streets through GIS mapping and a sewer and collection system master plan.
  - The Waterloo Main Street organization and the town started a farmers market
  - The Old 27 Town for vintage automobiles was well attended, and Waterloo has been added to the official list of tour stops.

### **Communications from the Town Manager:**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the Holiday Train party was a huge success. It featured entertainment by The Taylors and the Mama Tried Band and Excelsior Arts Academy. Vendors included the fire department, River A Smokin Q, Mad Anthony's and Jeremiah's coffee shop. "Vendors were really excited" about the Holiday Train Party. The Taylors said they would return next year, and every vendor also stated intentions to come back. The fire department earned \$1,000 from concessions and was still selling food at 1am. Main Street made \$150. "It was just a great event, and I can't wait to build upon it"
- There will be a chili supper on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm at the Depot

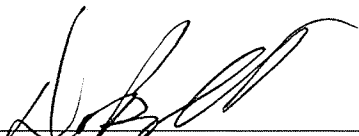
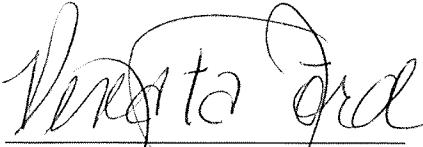
### **New Business:**

1. November claims were approved with Councilman Jessup abstaining. November minutes were approved except for one revision. "New business" section #4 (Ordinance 19-05 needed to delete "permanent" out of the sentence "making Tony Ley a permanent Cemetery Sexton."
2. The Council approved **Ordinance 19-04** (2020 Salary Ordinance). (Jessup motion/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Surber) All employees, **except** elected officials, clerk's office employees, Town Manager and Town Attorney were given a 1% increase in pay. Councilman Jessup proposed the 1% increase and the exceptions. "We've had pretty substantial raises over the past few years." he said. President Bolton said "giving no raises would be hard to stomach. People work hard, and we have some great employees here. To not give them any raise would be very disappointing to me." "The council will review its finances in six months to see if additional raises can be granted." Jessup said.
3. **Ordinance 19-06** (Procedures for Town Credit Cards) was tabled.
4. The 2020 Town Attorney contract was approved. (Hubartt motion / 2<sup>nd</sup> Surber) The contract did not contain a raise.
5. The Council approved the Grant/Smithfield fire protection agreements for 2020. Grant Township will pay \$17,447 and Smithfield will pay \$10,707. This is a 3% increase from last year.

### **Other Business:**

1. The Council has authorized Town Manager Howard to get estimates for remodeling the Town Hall. Council would like to move the Clerk/Treasurer's office toward the area inhabited by the Clerk's deputies. This is so "the Clerk/Treasurer can keep an eye on her deputies.", says Councilman Jessup. The Treasurer's office could be an expansion of the Council's meeting room.
2. Fireman David Hubartt discussed with the Council the frequent calls from a residential care home, for firefighters' assistance, in lifting a resident. The Council suggested charging for that service in the future. Hubartt also complimented the town's Christmas decorations. He thought they were the best in the area.

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 December 10, 2019, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm

  
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David Bolton, President  
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Renata Ford, Secretary