

Waterloo Town Council Meeting
Special Meeting
March 26, 2021

A meeting of the Waterloo Town council was held March 26 at 3:00p.m. at the Waterloo Town Hall.

Member's present were:

David Bolton	Pam Howard/Town Manager
Katherine Hobbs	Renee Duszynski/ Clerk Treasurer
Josh Caudill	

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

New Business:

Bill Knapp and Richard Laing from Spartan Net and Tom Alter, formerly of BD Management, join the meeting online. Introductions are done. The project proposal for a feasibility study for laying fiber in the town is reviewed.

Howard asks Richard Laing how Morphew Engineering, who the town previously met with fits into this project. Laing states they would be the Engineers for the project. Howard asks who lights the fiber? Laing responds it depends how the business is modeled. Tom Alter has connections with TCG, a company who lights fiber.

Bolton remarks that in 2017, the town had a feasibility study done and asked if they had looked at that. Howard explains that they have not but will provide it to Richard and Bill.

Laing states that the idea is to take a phased approach. That it would roll out to the business first and then the residential. Bolton asks how does the model look with absorption of cost? Laing states heavier for business' but still economical. Howard asks about the speed of the fiber. Laing explains it can very depend on the model the town chooses. Spartan Net would provide products from Nokia. Laing asks if the town would like to discuss the different business models. Howard states the town and council need to figure out what is best for the town. Knapp points out the old feasibility involves using NIPSCO poles and now we are looking at strictly going underground. Meeting with Spartan Net ended.

Bolton asks if there is anything we received for the broadband bill. Howard responds no, that since we have access to the minimum speeds we are considered served and do not qualify for any additional funding. Howard states that we do not want to miss the opportunity to own it. A discussion is held about future development. Howard states the town needs to invest in infrastructure. DeKalb County was ranked #5 to start a business and this is critical to driving business and growth into the town.

I, Renee Duszynski, 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 March 26, 2021, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



David Bolton, President



Renee Duszynski, Clerk/Treasurer