

Waterloo Town Council Meeting  
July 13, 2021

A meeting of the Waterloo Town council was held July 13 at 6:00p.m. at the Waterloo Town Hall present were:

Jess Jessup	Greg Iddings
Katherine Hobbs	Ken Surber
Josh Caudill	Pam Howard/Town Manager
Andrew Kruse/ Town Attorney	Theresa Messer/ Deputy Clerk

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

**Communication from the President:** Jessup stated that he would like an update on the remodel of Town Hall. Howard explained that it can go out to bid once we have the design. The security issues have been addressed. Jessup also questioned moving the Council Meetings back to the Depot, stating that it was a better place for meetings and has more room.

**Communication from The Town Manager:** Howard stated that she got the SWIF Grant finished today she hopes to know the results by August. Howard is asking for \$5,000,000.00. Howard stated that Laura Hamman with USDA commented that Washington is looking at the small population, and high rates, Howard is hoping to receive 52% of the money made available from USDA.

Howard mentioned the \$3.1 million project for broadband. There is funding available for broadband and the allowance is \$50 million per region, she anticipates that Auburn and Ft. Wayne will get a larger share. Howard is meeting with the committee that the County Commissioners have set up on July 14 for input on how the county will proceed.

Howard stated that IDEM was at the Water Plant today and they passed with flying colors, she congratulated the guys on a job well done.

Howard stated that ARPA has \$4.8 million available for the county. The county has asked for input on how they can use the money to benefit the communities. Howard has suggested to purchase radios for the fire and police departments within the county. Waterloo will provide quotes to the county for any radios needed for the Marshal and Fire Departments. Howard stated that the Fire Department has applied for a grant but has not heard back as of yet. It was determined that Waterloo Marshal's have 17 handheld radios, and the county has 40 radios.

Howard mentioned the Honey Fest that will be taking place in Thomson Park on August 28. The Fire Department will also hold a 5K run which will take place on the trail, both of which start in the morning.

Howard discussed Community involvement; it was suggested that a good approach would be to walk the Town enabling us to see what the residents see in their neighborhoods. We could initiate this by sending out flyers encouraging/advising residents to join us and talk about their

concerns in Waterloo which would allow us to figure out where to start we could then advertise our starting point and schedule via Facebook and our website. It was also suggested by Surber that The Council should walk the trail as a group and possibly have a Grand Opening.

Howard stated that the Caleo Café will not be setting up in the Depot; however, she is still looking for a business to move in the Depot. Surber asked what we have done for marketing to get the word out that the Depot is available to rent. Howard stated nothing had been done for marketing. It was suggested to advertise on the town's Facebook page, the Waterloo Indiana Happenings Facebook page, The Waterloo Main Street Facebook page, as well as the quarterly newsletter.

### **New Business:**

1. Minutes/ Claims: Minutes were reviewed. One change will need to be made. Motion to approve minutes with changes made by Caudill (2<sup>nd</sup> by Hobbs) passed. Claims were reviewed. Surber asked if there was a way to add appropriation codes to the APVRS that they get in their packets. Motion to approve claims made by Surber (2<sup>nd</sup> by Iddings) passed.
2. Fund Report: The fund reports were reviewed, Surber questioned the negative number for Sanitation. Howard answered that is a timing issue, the bill was paid out and payments are still coming in. Jessup asked to confirm with Duszynski upon her return.
3. Cemetery Position: Jessup stated that Iddings resigned to be on council so now we need someone new. Wolfe stated that we advertised for part time help and only had two applicants. Wolfe recommended Randy Ramsey for the position and stated he would have fun doing it so if he got voted in tonight he could start this week. Motion to approve hire made by Surber (2<sup>nd</sup> by Iddings) passed. Duszynski will provide Ramsey with his employee packet when she gets back in the office.
4. Park Board Member Nomination: Jessup welcomed Jessica Miller to the Park Board as this is a Presidential Appointment. Jessup asked Miller if she was a registered voter. She confirmed that she was. Miller is a devoted resident who has been involved in taking care of the pond of her own volition.
5. Copier for Town Hall: Howard stated the existing copier was on its last leg and the middle quote of \$5987.00 will do what we need. Motion to accept bid for copier made by Caudill (2<sup>nd</sup> by Surber) passed.
6. Lawn Mower for Street Department: Wolfe obtained three estimates from KFG. Wolfe stated that the existing mower had been in the shop lots and that it was a piece of junk. Wolfe stated that we got a \$4,000 trade in and that the new mower will have t-wheels which are more rugged and will last longer than air filled tires. Wolfe stated he had a verbal commitment from Ryan at KFG that the new mower will be here by the beginning of August. Motion to approve purchase was made by Iddings (2<sup>nd</sup> by Surber) passed. This was approval for the lawn mower that the department liaison had already approved and signed for.
7. Lift Station at Industrial Park: Howard states the lift station needs upgraded to facilitate the upgrades that INDOT is making to their facilities. As shown in the quotes, INDOT is dumping 15-18,000 gallons daily, the max flow to the lift station is 18,000 gallons and the lift station cannot handle that. INDOT is connecting to our water and wastewater lines, INDOT asked for their sewer be run to Industrial Park. The appendix is an estimate-looking at engineering cost. INDOT is to contribute \$45,000 to construction not engineering.



Howard stated Midwestern Engineering is a good price, they are already working on projects for us. Jessup stated the need to compare Midwestern to Wessler since Midwestern is lower, it needs to be apples to apples. Howard stated Wessler is doing the I69 project and that Wessler is more responsive. Jessup questioned the timeline, Howard stated she wants to get it done prior to INDOT being done. Jessup requested that the schedule from Midwestern be added to the quote. Hobbs asked if we have a timeline from Wessler. Completion is contingent on getting the pumps. Midwestern get bids in September and start in October, Wessler's states November. Howard stated that we have good relationships with both engineers. Motion to approve the Midwestern contract for \$15,000 when they incorporate a schedule with the contract was made by Hobbs (2<sup>nd</sup> by Caudill) passed.

**Other Business:** Caudill asked for update on Flying J. Howard stated that Jon Williams had given them three quotes for the demolition of the old house on the property. Albright, Knott and Pulver all put in bids and were sent to the lawyer. Howard stated that if it does not get done The Town of Waterloo will do it and charge them, if they do not pay the invoice it will become a lien on the property. Wolfe asked if it would be an option to use as a practice run for the Fire Department, that might lower the debris removal cost, Jessup stated make sure its going to be beneficial.

Caudill asked for an update on the non-conforming uses of the buildings downtown. Howard stated that she has a meeting with Kruse on July 14 to review the ordinance.

Iddings stated the mausoleum has a leaky roof, Wolfe stated that he will look at it and see if he can fix it.

Iddings stated there need to be a sign on US6 regarding jake breaking, Jessup stated that US 6 is not controlled by The Town of Waterloo, Jessup also stated that he was told they would not put in a new sign and that INDOT would need to be contacted. Iddings stated he would personally go ask about it.

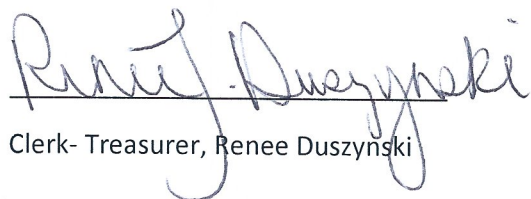
Iddings commented that the parking lot next to the Fire Department looks nice

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 July 13, 2021, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



President, Jess Jessup



Clerk- Treasurer, Renee Duszynski