

Waterloo Town Council Meeting
Special Meeting
March 7, 2022

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held March 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Waterloo Historic Depot

Member's present were:

Jess Jessup
Josh Caudill
Katherine Hobbs

Greg Iddings
Ken Surber
Renee Duszynski/ Clerk Treasurer

1. Jessup advised everyone to be familiar with zoning and the zoning map. It has become a patchwork across town. Beacon will show all of this and vacant properties. This is important to be familiar with in dealing with zoning issues that arise.
2. Jessup discussed the idea of renovating the Town Hall that had been previously touched upon. He suggested that maybe finding a new location since it will be so costly would be more efficient. He stated that it should have been gutted and done correctly from the start. The current Town Hall location would be great for a future business. Howard brought up the future need for a new public safety building. There is not a grant for police like there is for the fire department. She suggested the old Gibson's building. This would provide a solution for both buildings. A new entry could be added for the police. Redevelopment has stated that they would assist in the purchase or development of a new public safety building. It will also increase foot traffic downtown. Jessup asked if she is sure there no other grants for police buildings. At this time OCRA is not offering any public safety. Jessup would like to confirm redevelopment is on board and is willing to contribute, he also wants to make sure it is a feasible project, and what the cost would be. Surber thinks it is worth looking into. It would be good to get the police cars inside. Hobbs thinks that would alleviate some of the issues of having a combined public safety building.
3. Howard updated council on 100 Van Vleck Street. The new owners are making a lot of progress. There has been a lot of dem, the basement dried out and the ceiling has been repaired.
4. Howard would like the town walk to happen this spring. She discussed the possible routes. Jessup suggested the downtown area to visit local business. It was agreed upon that Friday, April 1, 2022 would be ideal. Howard will contact local business to ensure that will work for them.
5. The depot is in need of repairs. Dave Wolfe is going to have someone come in to make assessments. The corners are cracking and the floor is coming apart. It is a big concern. Jessup suggested looking into recourse from the previous company who put the depot back together after it was relocated.

6. Howard explained that a coalition of 11 entities will form to move forward with the Poke-Bosh trail connector. They will proceed in planning the connection of the two trails. This will allow everyone to have input in ensuring this project will be completed. The grants that are coming in are regional, so it is important that the region bands together. They will also form an endowment to protect the trail in the future.
7. Duszynski updated council that the Annual Financial Report has been uploaded. There is a copy available in their mailboxes if they have not already picked it up.
8. Duszynski informed council on the audit. It is going well so far. She has learned a lot from the first audit and has started implementing changes to ensure the next audit goes smooth now that she knows how they run.
9. Howard and Duszynski discuss issues with the personnel policy. Howard suggested forming a work group to make the changes this year.
10. Hobbs updated on the fire department. There is still a lot of work to do with the structuring of the potential new part time employees. Mr. Kruse did find out that a volunteer cannot be one of the employees. She has created a job description. She would also like ideas on how to recruit new volunteers. Howard suggested going to the schools and job fairs.
11. Howard updated council on fiber. She has not heard back from Stellar Net. She had a meeting with Icusoft and Baseline Communications. They seemed positive and they are based out of Fort Wayne. Duszynski is going to send them some information in order to get a better idea of our demographics.
12. Metal X has sold to Bluescope Recycling. During a routing inspection of a lift station there was levels of oil found, it was sent for testing but came back under the limit. Caudill would like to know if they are required to have an environmental bond. It was also asked if their tax abatement followed to the new business. These are things that will need to be looked into.
13. The demolition of the buildings on the property that the Flying Jay owns has started. One building is completed and they should start on the others in the near future.
14. Friends of the depot has met and they have started their fund at the town hall. Jessup is excited to see the energy and excitement for the group.
15. Lions Club will be providing food at the kick off party for Veterans Park as a free will donation going to the Park. The event is scheduled for May 14, 2022. There will be activities, food, music, and a kid's fishing tournament. The Park Board has done a great job planning this event.

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 7, 2022, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Jess Jessup, President

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Renee Duszynski, Clerk- Treasurer