

Waterloo Town Council Meeting
September 12, 2023

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held September 12, 2023, at 6:01 p.m. at the Waterloo Historic Train Depot present were:

Greg Iddings	Jess Jessup
Josh Caudill	Katherine Hobbs
Ken Surber	Pam Howard / Town Manager
Andrew Kruse / Town Attorney	Renee Duszynski / Clerk Treasurer

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

Jessup did roll call and the pledge was recited.

Communication from the President: None.

Communication from Town Manager:

Several boards need positions filled. Plan Commission needs a republican member. Howard described the position.

Park Board needs an independent or republican member. Howard described the position. Park Board is also kicking off a Hometown Hero's banner fundraiser. Construction on the parking lot for Veteran's Park will start in October. There will be a Veteran's Day service as well this year.

Surf Internet is almost finished laying fiber. There will be a ribbon cutting at the first connected home or business.

Howard thanked Friends of the Depot for helping with the Old 27 Car Tour.

Sandy McKean retired from the depot. The three remaining workers do not feel a fourth person is necessary.

Plan Commission is working toward a new comprehensive plan. This is a road map for development and projects for the town.

Treats before dark will be on October 28th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and town-wide Trick or Treat will follow from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Howard was involved in a site selection committee with the regional EDP and there will be a link on the website.

The sewer line relocation project on US 6 near Noel's Auto Body is almost done.

Caudill would like to know when the next newsletter will be sent out. Howard stated she was instructed not to do them any longer. Jessup did not agree with that statement and would like it noted he did not state that. He stated there were grammar issues that need to be addressed.

Communication from The Clerk Treasurer:

Fund report reviewed. Caudill asked about the funds spent from ARPA. Duszynski stated she thought it was payment towards work on the water tower. She also stated that we hadn't received an invoice from the company that painted the tower.

Duszynski gave an update on the OCRA classes. She passed the second test and will move on to the third class. It will be the last week of September.

Main Street is having a fall fest on October 14. There will be a BBQ cookoff, cornhole, music and vendors. Main Street needs board members and volunteers.

Duszynski asked for the billing clerk, Meghann Thompson, a raise for her one year of service . Motion to approve the \$0.90 raise for the billing clerk made by Iddings (Surber) passed.

Communication from Boards: None.

Approval of Minutes and Claims and Adjustments:

Minutes from August 8th were reviewed and corrections were made. Motion to approve as amended was made by Caudill (Iddings) passed.

Executive Log from August 10 approved and amended. Motion to approve as amended made by Hobbs (Caudill) passed.

Minutes from August 10th were reviewed and corrections were made. Motion to approve as amended was made by Caudill (Hobbs) passed.

Executive Log from August 29th approved and amended. Motion to approve as amended made by Hobbs (Iddings) passed.

Claims reviewed. Motion to approve made by Caudill (Surber) passed.

No Adjustments: Duszynski explained they are still working with Muni-Link to get a report that is suitable.

Introduction of Ordinances/Resolutions:

- 1. Salary Ordinance Amendment 23-04:** Jessup presented the change to the starting and ending wages to the Water and Sewer Department. Motion to approve the changes made to the Salary Ordinance Amendment 23-04 to the Water and Sewer Department wages made by Caudill (Surber) passed.

Old Business:

1. **Well Capping:** Tabled.

New Business:

1. **Plow Truck Updates:** Jessup invited everyone outside for a tour of the trucks. Wolfe presented the two plow trucks the town owns. One is a Sterling and the other is an International HV. Wolfe reviewed the International and the upgrades that it currently has that the Sterling does not. These are essential for safety and efficiency. The Sterling also needs mechanical upgrades. The upgrades would provide safety and assist with less salt usage. Wolfe provided the quotes from WA Jones and was favorable to the quote and has worked with them in the past. He stated that Kalida also has a new pump for hydraulics Kalida on the under carriage. They also replace all the lines whereas Lindco does not. Kalida has taken over for several other municipalities. They are proposing a six-week turnaround next spring but will only hold the current pricing with a 50% deposit. Lindco is also over three hours away. Kalida and WA Jones are 1 hour away. None of them will have the work completed before next spring. Wolfe stated he preferred the Kalida quote overall. This project was allocated for in the MVH 5-year plan. Motion to accept the Kalida quote for \$102,500.00 was made by Caudill (Hobbs) passed.
2. **Water Tower Inspection Quote:** Howard stated the legged water tower at the water department needs to be inspected. This quote from Dixon is for inspection only and they will provide a quote for any necessary work. The cost of inspection is \$4,500. Duszynski noted that \$5,000 was in their budget for this to be completed in 2023. Kruse reviewed the contract. Motion to accept the quote from Dixon to inspection the legged water tower for \$4,500 was made by Surber (Hobbs) passed.
3. **OCRA Income Study:** Jessup read the letter that will be sent to OCRA to ask for an income survey to be done to apply for a planning grant. After Duszynski completes the OCRA grant writing courses, she should be able to write the grant. Motion to send the request for income study was made by Hobbs (Surber) passed. Region 3 will perform the income study for \$500.
4. **Easement Purchase:** Howard stated the town needed to acquire an easement for the sewer line relocation project. C. Noel Smith is asking for \$17,500 for the easement. This is essential in order to move forward with the project. Though this amount was higher than the average of the two estimates, attorney Kruse stated it was appropriate based on inconvenience and loss of use that might occur to the property owner. Motion to approve purchase agreement for easement from C. Noel Smith for \$17,500 was made by Caudill (Iddings) passed.
5. **Lift Station Variance:** There is a drainage variance on the life station at US 6 due to the creek. The county requires permission for this. Motion to approve filing paperwork for the drainage variance was made by Hobbs (Surber) passed.
6. **Cemetery Heritage Sign:** Sue Anderson and Mary Diehl are present. Diehl explained the cemetery qualifies for a historic sign. It is a simple application, and the cost is \$170 but will be sponsored. Diehl will take care of the process. Anderson stated there are quite a few pioneers buried there. Motion to approve the application for the cemetery heritage sign was made by Hobbs (Iddings) passed. Jessup asked Iddings to be their contact and he agreed.
7. **U.S. 6 Speed Limit Change:** Howard stated that Oberholtzer has been working with INDOT to provide a solution at the curve where trucks keep going off the road. INDOT proposed reducing the speed limit to 40 from 45. Caudill asked if **our State Representative**, Ben

Smaltz, could get involved. Jessup is in favor of lowering but wants to ensure it is enforced. Tabled until more information is gathered.

8. **Well Pump Quotes:** Howard stated Hjelm previously explained the project. There is no preference between the two quotes. Peerless quoted \$21,500 and Ortman came in at \$14,700. Motion to accept the Ortman quote for \$14,700 was made by Surber (Iddings) passed.

Floor: Howard stated brochures for the Poka-Bosch connector were on the table in the back of the room.

There is an RAI (Redevelopment Association of Indiana) sight tour in Columbus. Howard and Duszynski planned to attend.

Other: Jessup asked for an update on the depot deck. The materials have arrived. The old deck has been removed. They will resume tomorrow.

The cemetery mausoleum roof is almost complete.

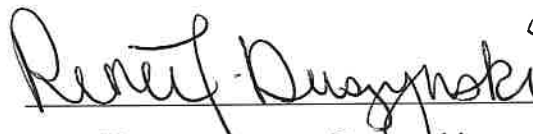
AIM roundtables are October 11.

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 September 12, 2023, and, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



President, Jess Jessup



Clerk Treasurer, Renee Duszynski