

## CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

February 6, 2019

### Minutes

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** and the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by President Joe Siefker.

**ROLL CALL** was taken by Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Allison Gray. Present were Council President Joe Siefker, Council Vice President Anna Pea, Council Member Brian Gritter and Council Member Aaron Cutshaw. Also Present; Town Manager April Fisher, Director of Public Works Ben Lipps, Assistant Town Manager Christine Owens and Attorney Dan Taylor. Minutes were taken by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Allison Gray.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Claims Register

Minutes – January 16, 2019

Motion and Second to approve the Consent Agenda  
By Cutshaw and Gritter. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

(none)

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Sugar Creek Fire Department:**

- The Fire Department has been given the white farmhouse located at US40 and 700 W to be used for training. The house is to be torn down to make way for a housing development. The Cumberland police department will also be involved with the fire department in some joint training at that location.

#### **Michael Crooke, Police Chief:**

- For safety reasons, Meijer is looking into closing the Cumberland store each night at midnight instead of being open 24 hours.

#### **April Fisher, Town Manager:**

- **Gem Sale** – The Gem Water sale is complete and all money has been transferred. We are holding a check for Steve Reilly to pay off the junior water bond until he returns from Asia on 2-22-19. There has been one small hiccup. We have always owned the land surrounding the water plan which we lease free of charge to the HOA. They have a pool, picnic shelter, etc. on this land. This was not transferred with the sale due to a simple error. April is working with NineStar to remedy this. She hopes to have an update at the next council meeting. She has also contacted Jim Buddenbaum with Parr Richey about negotiating permission for the Gem South sale with the SRF.
- **CAST** – April met with other CAST board members on January 31<sup>st</sup>. They discussed CAST moving forward. The current focus will be on the mural and fundraising for it. Jessica Lacy said the 501(C)(3) confirmation has been on hold due to the shutdown, but as long as we receive it she believes she has secured a \$10,000 donation. April and Christine met with MIBOR. They are interested in making a donation and will be contacting Christine about the process. April also

contacted Jessica with BF&S and she is hopeful she will be able to start the permitting process with INDOT in the next few weeks.

- **ULI** – The Urban Land Institute was here the week of January 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a very busy week but also very positive. From the sounds of the presentation, we are on the right track although there are still many things we need to do. The ULI funders met at NineStar on 2-1-19 to discuss next steps. Charging stations for electric cars, corridor signage, an interlocal agreement concerning land use and planning, placemaking, and funding for Mt Comfort Road improvements were top of the list. The full report should be out in a few months.
- **Belle Tire** – Staff and several Council members met with Belle Tire team members. The meeting was very positive. The company has hired several local people to run the store and wants a local presence in town. They seem to be very community driven.
- The towns of Cumberland, McCordsville, and New Palestine are discussing a **joint Plan Commission training** event in April. Stay tuned for details, the preliminary agenda is coming along and should be a very informative session.
- Renee is working on BBB's
- Renee worked with Homeland Security to get this year's BBB's permit for free

#### **Water**

- Ninestar has taken ownership of Gem Water. Staff is still assisting with Tech help and forwarding customers.

#### **Gem Sanitary**

- Ben is continuing work with Triad to evaluate combining the utilities. They have finished data collection necessary for the project. Ben met with them to discuss different options before finalizing their recommendations.

#### **Cumberland Sanitary**

- Umbaugh completed the rate study.
- Ben is working with Wessler on an I&I management plan. They have started identifying the projects with the lowest cost that will make the most significant impact. This will reduce pump runtimes at lift stations saving money, maintenance costs, and it will reduce the percentage of plant capacity used during rain events.
- Thieneman has started work for the phosphorus removal project. This project will take several months to complete. It will be completed well ahead of the state mandated timeline..

#### **Streets**

- Ben is working with BF&S to bid out the community crossings projects.
- Ben is completed application for 2019 community crossings grant. He applied for 1.3 million dollars' worth of work 900,000+ in grant money. They will have two calls for the grant this year.
- Staff has worked many overtime snow events.

#### **Storm Water**

- Staff is looking at standing water issues reported to them by Council President Siefker.
- State farm and Hendrix Mortuary have asked that Ben investigate their properties for drainage issues and recommend improvements. They also would like the storm water utility to help financially if possible.
- Katelynn has been monitoring the following homes under construction for storm water quality:
  - Homes under Construction:
    - Autumn Woods Section 2 and 3 - 62

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2019-05, Inclement Weather Pay**

**April Fisher, Town Manager**

Motion and Second to accept the Resolution 2019-05, Inclement Weather Pay  
By Gritter and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

## **COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

(none)

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**CCD Rate Recertification**

**Stage Invoice**

**Band approvals for BBB**

**Amendment to Unsafe Building**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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