

CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

March 20, 2019

Minutes

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Claims Register

Motion and Second to approve the Claims Register
By Cutshaw and Pea. **APPROVED 3 – 0.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Marjorie Kashner, 636 Washington Cove Way, asked about the Post Office parking lot 'crater'. Ben Lipps said they are getting UPM patching materials and when the weather dries up, the 'crater' will be patched.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RECERTIFICATION OF CCD RATE

Ordinance 2019-03, Recertification of CCD Rate

Mitchell Ray, Town Attorney

This ordinance re-establishes the CCD Fund and raises the tax rate to the maximum rate allowed by law, from \$0.0167 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$0.0333 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Motion and Second to approve the Recertification of CCD Rate
By Cutshaw and Pea. **APPROVED 3 – 0.**

STAFF REPORTS & OTHER NEWS

Rudy Nyland, Buck Creek Fire Department:

- Two firefighters have returned from military service.
- The department now has 4 and 3 firefighters on shift, which is an increase of one per shift.
- New IFD Policy: Sugar Creek or Buck Creek will now be sending one engine to Marion County when there is a residential call on the eastern edge of Marion county. Currently, this is about 1 or 2 runs each week.
- Buck Creek FD will be hosting its Fish Fry the last weekend (Friday and Saturday) in April.

Chief Michael Crooke, CPD:

- Mobile Command: Greenfield PD would like to purchase the trailer for \$500.
- Registration for the June 10th Youth Academy is open now.
- During National Victim Rights Week, April 7-13, we will be participating in the Donut Dash Walk/Run. This event will be held on April 13th at 9am. The Victim Rights Awards will be presented prior to the start of the walk/run.

- The next Police Commission Meeting will be next Tuesday, March 26th at 7pm.

Chief Crooke hopes he has been a good leader. He would like to point out that much of the CPD's time has been spent investing in the long run for the community. He hopes that his officers will always remember how he has made them feel. Chief would like to officially pick a date to retire.

April Fisher, Town Manager:

- **ULI** – April met with representatives from Clarus Communications to discuss the future of Cumberland. NineStar has contracted Clarus to put together a PR campaign for the Corridor. April also met with Katie Ottinger with HCCF about pursuing a grant for the corridor signage. Additionally, April attended OCRA's Next Level Connections webinar regarding grants for fiber extension.
- **Gem Water Sale** – Ben and Christine are working on proposals for what to do with the \$100,000 in NineStar credit. The town attorneys are working on an ordinance to dissolve the water board.
- **Indianapolis Monthly** – April, Christine, and Renee have been working on the idea of participating in the publications' Hometown Story spread. For \$3,500 we would receive a full-page feature in the spread. Many other local communities are participating.
- **Agri Park** – Brandywine Creek Farms and Cumberland First Baptist have decided to hold off on the Agri Park for at least a year. Instead Brandywine Creek Farms will simply be farming the land this year.
- **Legislative Session Update** – April has been watching SB 94 regarding annexation. It looks like the House Committee on Government and Regulatory Affairs will be recommending a summer study regarding the effects of the 2015 annexation laws instead of passing the bill.
- **Buck Creek Road Floodway Houses** – One of the houses has sold and has been fixed up to be a rental. There is still one abandoned home we could purchase. Susan Bodkin, the county surveyor, had a meeting to discuss grant funding for obtaining the house. The result was disappointing and doesn't sound like something we would want to do. Our grant would not be very competitive as it is not a large area. Additionally, we could only use the funds to remove the homes and we could never build anything on the land, not even parking or trails.
- **Other** – April attended the Imagination Library board meeting on behalf of Cumberland. Staff completed the annual staff training with the town attorneys. April attended the March HEDC executive committee meeting and the March County RDC meeting. The County RDC is considering extending the corridor TIF down to the Cumberland line. April contacted the USDA and spoke with a representative about their rural development grants and loans. It may be a viable option for us.
- Renee has permits set up with the city and board of health for all BBB's
- **Joint Training of Plan Commissions** for Cumberland, New Palestine and McCordsville will be April 6 at the Buck Creek Fire Station.
- The towns are pursuing a grant through the Community Foundation regarding Wayfinding signage along the corridor.

Gem Sanitary

- All operations or within satisfactorily levels.
- Both pumps at briarwood LS are being replaced with Flygt pumps

Cumberland Sanitary

- Ben is working with Wessler on an I&I management plan. He has asked them on an update on this project. He hopes to have it ready to present next sanitary meeting.
- Staff is working with triad to rehab the German Church LS.

Streets

- Staff has been continuing to patch holes after the rain and winter weather. They will be getting bulk material soon to continue patching.

Parks

- Ben met with BDMD to discuss the plan. They are finalizing design drawings. All other written recommendations are complete. They are setting the final public meeting and presentations.

Storm Water

- Staff has been working to get quotes on seven drainage issues around town. The most pressing is a sinkhole in a backyard in Cumberland Heights.
- Staff is working towards having a storm water educational for kids. Katelynn will be talking with the Hancock County Storm Water Partnership to see if they'd want to participate.
- Staff is working on reviewing Storm Water GIS updates.
- Katelynn has been monitoring the following homes under construction for storm water compliance:
 - Autumn Woods Sec 2. – 4
 - Autumn Woods Sec. 3 – 24

OLD BUSINESS

Plan Commission Appointments

Joe Siefker, Council President

President Siefker appoints Patrick Brady to the Plan Commission for the remainder of Belinda Neal's term.

Ordinance 2019-04, Amending Board

Mitchell Ray, Town Attorney

Police Commissioners

This ordinance would increase the number of board members on the Police Commission from three to five, and also allow up to two Town Council Members to be able to serve on that board. Council President Siefker mentioned that this board will need to quickly be brought up to speed, since this board will be facilitating the replacement of Chief Crooke, who will be retiring.

Motion and Second to approve Ordinance 2019-04, Amending Board of Police Commissioners
By Pea and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 3 – 0.**

Board of Police Commission Appointments

Town Council

Brian Gritter will serve on the Police Commission, renewing in 2020.
Aaron Cutshaw will serve on the Police Commission, renewing in 2021.

Motion and Second to approve Brian Gritter and Aaron Cutshaw to the Board of Police Commissioners
By Siefker and Pea. **APPROVED 3 – 0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Motion and Second to Suspend Rules in order to add the purchase of the Police Vehicle to the agenda
By Siefker and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 3 – 0.**

Consideration of the Purchase of the 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe

\$33,450.00 Kelly Chevrolet 2019 Tahoe. The funds for the purchase of this new police vehicle will come from the forfeiture fund.

Motion and Second to allow Chief Crooke to purchase the
2019 Chevrolet Tahoe from Kelly Chevrolet not to exceed \$33,450
By Pea and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 3 – 0.**

Consideration of Resolution 2019-07, Disposition of Police Vehicles Mitchell Ray, Town Attorney

This resolution authorizes Chief Crooke to send the 3 police vehicles to auction.

Motion and Second to approve Resolution 2019-07, Disposition of Police Vehicles
By Cutshaw and Pea. **APPROVED 3 – 0.**

Consideration of Development Technical Assistance Proposal

Christine Owens, Asst. Town Manager

This proposal is with Thomas P Miller and Associates (TPMA). This will assist the town in developing strategies for big-picture growth, including potential mixed-used parcels in prominent locations. This will help the town with master plan uses, vision, site planning, and strategies for financing projects. \$18,000 and additional \$3000.

Motion and Second to approve Development Technical
Assistance Proposal with TPMA, not to exceed \$21,000
By Pea and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 3 – 0.**

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

- Councilor Pea stated that the town has a new building inspector. In his spare time, we would like him to focus on the Marion County side, partnering with Marion County in Code Enforcement.
- President Siefker would like to thank everyone for their work.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Renewal of Property Casualty Insurance
Dissolution of Water Board

ADJOURNMENT

The Town of Cumberland acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretive services, alternative audio/visual devices, and amanuenses) for participation in or access to Town sponsored public programs, services, and/or meetings, the Town requests that individuals make requests for these services at least forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service, and/or meeting. To make arrangements please contact Christine Owens, Director of Planning & Development at (317) 894-6202 or planner@town-cumberland.com.