

## CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

April 17, 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, Council Member Brian Gritter 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**

Minutes 04-03-2019

Claims Register

Council Vice President Pea makes a motion to table the insurance bill for HJ Spier. She wants to schedule a meeting with Don Brown, HJ Spier, to address questions regarding the bill.

Motion and Second to approve the Consent Agenda, minus the H.J.Spier insurance bill  
By Gritter and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

(none)

### **STAFF REPORTS**

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

- Sugar Creek Fire Department is in midst of a hiring process. They plan to hire 6 new paramedics who will start by June 10.
- The department plans a ‘Smoke Detector Blitz’ in coordination with American Red Cross.
- The department had a successful house burn for training this week on the property being prepared for the new subdivision, Grant’s Corner.

#### **Chris Etherton, CPD:**

- Last Saturday four officers were recognized at the Donut Dash 5K: Cpl. Brown, Cpl. Cole, Sgt. Crooke & Chief Woodland
- This Saturday, Reserve Officer Chuck Morse will be heading up the Criminal Justice Skills USA Competition at the State Fairgrounds. He has been leading this for the last ten years.

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

- **Mt. Comfort Corridor/ ULI** – The towns submitted a grant request to HCCF for wayfinding signage. The group met April. The next progress meeting has not been set. The group is trying to find a date when both Mike Burrow and Steve Long are available. Hancock Regional has submitted plans to the county plan commission for a PUD for the land it purchased at 70 and Mt. Comfort. Overall, the plan looks good. The County RDC approved a new TIF district from 70 down to the township line, so basically almost to US 40. April reached out to the members of the County RDC and spoke at the meeting before the adoption of the resolution to explain some of the ways a TIF district in this area could negatively impact Cumberland. The County RDC still adopted the new TIF district but said it would be amenable to using some of the funds to help

Cumberland expand infrastructure in the area if we are able to annex. The resolution still has to pass the County Plan Commission and the County Commissioners.

- **Parks Master Plan** – The final plan has been approved by the PAC. It is a very solid and achievable plan. The plan was also presented at a public meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Ben, Katelynn, and April attended. There were about 20 community members in attendance. The presentation went very well and staff is in the process of setting up a time for the plan to be presented at a Council meeting.
- **CAST** – April attended the CAST board meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The group made final revisions to the bylaws and adopted them. April and Renee attended the CAST meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The group discussed ways for CAST to participate in the BBBs and the Cumberland Arts Festival. Additionally, Jessica Lacy was able to finally secure the \$10,000 donation she has been working on. We have heard back from INDOT regarding the plans that were submitted. We are basically being sent back to the drawing board and they also informed us that we will have an additional 3 month process to work up a maintenance plan.
- **Development** – Work has started on both Grant’s Corner and the German Church property. We are planning to do a thank you banner at the German Church site for those who helped save it, but we are waiting until the property is signed over to the new owner.
- **Dates to know** – April will be out of the office May 1st – 3<sup>rd</sup> for the IMMA Conference in Plainfield. Town Hall is closed April 19<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday.
- The towns of Cumberland, McCordsville, and New Palestine held **joint Plan Commission training** on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The training was well attended.
- Christine has been working with **Indianapolis Monthly** on the Hometown story for the June issue. The ad will feature demographic information on the town, our 5 best assets, and photos of the town.
- Christine and April met with the **US Census** to discuss the 2020 Census. We will need to establish a complete count committee again and should try to get the word out to increase our response rate from 2010.
- Ben has been out of the office and will have a report for the Council at the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment**

**Joe Siefker, Council President**

President Siefker appoints Michael Ripley to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring in 2022.

### **Consideration of Ordinance 2019-06, Repeal of Water Code Mitchell Ray, Town Attorney**

Motion and Second to approve Ordinance 2019-06, Repeal of Water Code  
By Gritter and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

### **Resolution 2019-10, Adoption of Fiscal Plan for 209 Buck Creek Road**

**Christine Owens, Asst. Town Manager**

This is the Fiscal Plan for the Supervoluntary Annexation of 209 Buck Creek Road.

Motion and Second to approve Consideration of Resolution 2019-10,  
Adoption of Fiscal Plan for 209 Buck Creek Road  
By Pea and Gritter. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

**Consideration of Ordinance 2019-05,  
Annexation Ordinance**

**Christine Owens, Asst. Town Manager**

This annexation of the property at 209 Buck Creek Road will take effect in 2020.

Motion and Second to approve Ordinance 2019-05, Annexation Ordinance  
By Cutshaw and Gritter. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Introduction of Ordinance 2019-07, Additional Appropriations Erica Salmon, Clerk Treasurer**

This ordinance is to appropriate the funds needed to outfit the 6 new Tahoe police vehicles with lights, decals and cameras.

**Consideration of Quotes for PD Vehicle Equipment Chris Etherton, CPD Commander**

Equipment included in this quote: equipment for the 7<sup>th</sup> Tahoe from American Eagle, Watchguard cameras and Begley Sign decals. This cash is available in the forfeiture fund.

Motion and Second to approve American Eagle quote for \$5,614.95  
By Gritter and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

Motion and Second to approve Begley Sign Painting decals for \$4,872  
By Gritter and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

Motion and Second to approve 8 Watchguard in-car cameras for \$47,160  
By Gritter and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

**Parks Advisory Council Request to Delay Annual Report Ben Lipps, Dir. of Public Works**

The Parks Advisory Council would like to delay their annual report presentation until the second May meeting. At this meeting, the Parks Master Plan will also be presented.

**Consideration of BF&S Community Crossings Design & Inspection Agreements for Spring 2019 Award Ben Lipps, Dir. of Public Works**

Motion and Second to approve the 2019 Community Crossings Resurfacing Agreement with BF&S not to exceed \$32,200.  
By Pea and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

Motion and Second to approve Program A Asphalt road inspection not to exceed \$25,000  
By Cutshaw and Pea. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

Motion and Second to approve Program B Concrete road inspection not to exceed \$39,000  
By Gritter and Pea. **APPROVED 4 – 0.**

**The Police Commission Search Committee**

The Police Commission asked for a town council member to be appointed to the Search Committee. Council President Joe Siefker would like to be on that search committee.

## **COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

- Vice President Pea noted that there appeared to be several areas alongside the Buck Creek Trail that are eroding due to drainage issues.
- Council President Siefker noted the deteriorating condition of the paint on the street lights.
- Council Member Cutshaw asked about when the restroom facilities would be available at Lyons Park. Ben said they would be delivered this weekend.
- Council President Siefker asked about the town's newly-acquired land surrounding Lyons Park. Ben stated that the upcoming Parks Master Plan presentation will address these areas.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinance 2019-07  
Introduction of New Mt. Vernon Superintendent  
Parks Master Plan Presentation**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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