

CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

April 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Minutes

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

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk Treasurer, Erica Salmon. Present were Council President Joe Siefker, Vice President, Anna Pea; Council Members Mark Reynold, Brian Gritter and Nicole Bell. Also present were Town Manager, Andrew Klinger; Director of Public Works, Steve Yagelski; Christine Owens, Director of Planning and Ben Lipps, Street Superintendent and Attorney, Kent Minnette. Minutes were taken by Clerk Treasurer, Erica Salmon.

CONSENT AGENDA

Town Council Minutes for March 18th, 2015

Claims Register

Invoices over \$5,000 – Two invoices from RASK for road salt, \$7,660.80 and \$5,532.80.

Motion and second to approve Consent Agenda
by Pea and Bell. **APPROVED 5-0**

CITIZENS COMMENTS (Maximum 5 minutes)

None

STAFF REPORTS

Andrew Klinger, Town Manager

Written report in packets. Streetscape improvements are ongoing including lighting and banners and preparing for “Your Town Friday” from Fox 59. Broadcast will be April 10th live at Sero’s.

Reynold would like work to be done while the cameras are rolling. Pedestrian crossing signal is out. Lipps will check it out.

Erica Salmon, Clerk Treasurer

Nothing to report at this time, quarterly financial report will be presented at the next meeting.

Mike Crooke, Police Chief

Crooke complimented Klinger on excellent staff meeting last week. An ordinance will be introduced tonight for appointment of special deputy marshals. Police department has had turnover in front desk personnel. Crooke would like to appoint front desk personnel to do vehicle inspections to free up officers.

Pea stated that she and Crooke are working together to organize a quarterly Public Safety Forum for citizens and various public safety departments to share ideas and information.

Rudy Nylund – Buck Creek Fire Department

Fire department is starting recruitment for part time members. Department is looking for about 9 members to bring on this Spring. The Buck Creek Annual Fish Fry is April 24th and 25th from 11am-7pm both dates.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of 2015-03 Additional Appropriation for Streets and roads capital projects

Ben Lipps, Street Superintendent

Road bids came in lower than expected. The Vac-All Sale brought in additional unbudgeted revenue. A **\$60,000** additional appropriation will allow the town to do the priority projects as well as the alternates.

Motion and second to approve 2015-03 Additional Appropriation by Gritter and Bell. **APPROVED 5-0**

2015 Street Project Award

Ben Lipps, Street Superintendent

Lipps referenced documentation in packets to execute contract with Globe Asphalt Paving Co, Inc. not to exceed **\$188,944.67**.

Motion and second to approve 2015 Street Project Award by Reynold and Bell. **APPROVED 5-0**

1977 Pension Plan Update

Chief Mike Crooke, Police Chief

Attorney stated that to participate in the 1977 Police Pension plan the town will need to establish a board of police commissioners who would choose the Chief, oversee discipline etc. Klinger asked for a decision before budgeting time in July.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance 2015-04 regarding Appointment of Special Deputy Marshals
Chief addressed in his staff comments.

Chief Mike Crooke, Police Chief

2015 Liability Insurance Renewal

Don Brown, HJ Spier

Brown got quotes from three companies for liability insurance. Brown asked council to accept the bid from Selective for **\$155,231**. Selective offered the best premium / deductible combination. Deductibles will increase, but premiums will slightly decrease. Worker's Comp will continue to be with Indiana Employment Plan with a rate of **\$29,915**. This rate is slightly higher than previous year due to loss experience. Brown suggested that staff work on risk management to lower loss experience. A meeting is set up for the 23rd with staff to be proactive with risk management. Selective is A+ rated and in 40 states. They are responsive and have local claims adjusters.

Pea asked if town had a lot of inland marine losses. Pea stated that we need to be quick to pursue recovery from the at fault parties insurance company. Brown stated that town staff needs to pursue that recovery. Pea questioned the covered inventories and was concerned that coverage may not be enough.

Reynold would like an update on plans for inventory.

Motion and second to accept bid from Selective and IPEP
by Gritter and Reynold. **APPROVED 5-0**

Municipal Drive Access & Parking Easement Agreement

Christine Owens, Director of Planning

Owners of old CVS building are working on an agreement. Agreement includes a one-time payment to the Town for maintenance as well as the addition of some bollards

Reynold asked if the agreement will transfer with ownership of the property. Owens answered yes. Siefker asked if we are sure their trucks will fit. Owens stated that they had to submit a plan including turning dimensions. Reynold asked if we had an engineer look over the plan. Owens said staff reviewed the plan as well as IHPC. Reynold asked if the bollards could be painted black. Owens said they are wood to blend in with the surroundings, but she would take it back and ask them to match to what we have already used. Reynold asked that the plans be reviewed by an engineer.

Tabled to next meeting to have an engineer look at the proposal.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

none

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Municipal drive access
77 Pension Plan
Special Deputy Marshalls

ADJOURNMENT 8:10 pm