

CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

September 2, 2015 at 7:10 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; Chief of Police, Michael Crooke; Director of Public Works, Steve Yagelski; Director of Planning, Christine Owens; Streets Supervisor Ben Lipps; Executive Assistant, Renee Michael; and Attorney, Dan Taylor. Minutes were taken by Clerk Treasurer, Erica Salmon.

CONSENT AGENDA

Town Council Minutes for August 4th, 2015

Town Council Minutes for August 19th, 2015

Claims Register

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Crime Fighter of the Year

Mike Crooke, Chief of Police

Crooke presented the first Crime Fighter of the Year Award to Brent Eaton.
Sargent Karen Robertson also received the award.

Presentation of the 1st Cumberland Flag

Mike Crooke, Chief of Police

Crooke presented the official flag of the Cumberland Police Department, designed by Michael Davidson.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (*Maximum 5 minutes*)

None

Don Engerer – 100 Oak Blvd south drive in Glen Oaks – Engerer asked what the council's interest is in the German Church. Engerer expressed concern that Council planned to use town funds to repair the church. Engerer expressed a desire for a business that will generate tax revenue for the town to go into the space. Council responded that there are currently no plans to spend town funds to repair the church. The town would like to work with developers to find an appropriate use for the land. Bell stated that the Council has no problem with a revenue builder going in as long as it is within our zoning.

Mike Flynn - 504 Hickory Drive – Mr. Flynn believes using tax payer dollars to fund the church membership is a violation of the First Amendment of the US Constitution.

Carolyn Flynn – 504 Hickory Drive – Ms. Flynn expressed frustration that she has been unable to contact staff or council to get answers to her questions. Ms. Flynn does not want the town to spend any tax payer dollars on the church. Ms. Flynn does not want any new development in Hancock County. Ms. Flynn does not want the town to interfere with the sale of the church property. Ms. Flynn would “like to see this town die, suck up into Indianapolis and get of (her) life.”

Karen Lightborn – Marion County Liaison for Warren Township – The Warren Township Library is planning renovations. There will be a community meeting to discuss this on September 16th. Neighbor Power Indy is a conference and workshop with neighbor groups around the city. This conference will be held on October 17th at Marion University. The Urban Farming festival will take place September 12th at Brookside Park.

Mike Wherry – (no sign in sheet) Wherry asked what a right of first refusal means. Klinger answered the town will spend money for a first right of refusal should that deal take place. The town will pay some money to help market the property. Unigov created the challenge where land use decisions for this part of Cumberland are made in Indianapolis. The town has had conversations with developers who would like to make a mixed use development with condos and shops.

Staff Reports

Andrew Klinger, Town Manager

Klinger has accepted the Town Manager position with the Town of Plainfield. He stated that he was honored to be selected in Cumberland and work with the staff. Staff has been coming together better as a team and a lot of exciting things are in progress. Siefker thanked Klinger for his time with Cumberland. Pea also thanked Klinger and said Plainfield is lucky to have him.

Rudy Nylund, Buck Creek Fire Department

Nylund congratulated Cumberland on an excellent Cumberland Arts Goes to Market. Firefighter training 1 and 2 have started. There are 15 members in our class.

Daphne Whitmire, Marion County Prosecutor.

Whitmire brought flyers for the Community justice academy coming up first Monday of the month. Topics include mental illness, neglect of children, social media, prosecution, and hate crime.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of Ordinance 2015-09

Andrew Klinger, Town Manager

Amending the 2015 Salary Ordinance

Mr. Ben Lipps had a change in title thanks to the good work he has done. Proposing a \$5,000 increase effective immediately. This will get him to the lower end of the range for similar positions.

Motion and second to approve Ordinance 2015-09
by Bell and Gritter. **APPROVED 5-0**

Buck Creek Trail Supplemental Agreement #3

Christine Owens, Director of Planning

The Projects Plus property at the southeast corner of Carroll and 40 have requested an alternate location of the trail. This agreement will be submitted to INDOT to let us change the scope.

Motion and second to approve Ordinance Buck Creek Trail Supplemental Agreement #3
by Gritter and Bell. **APPROVED 5-0**

Public Parking Study Update

Christine Owens, Director of Planning

Staff was asked to look into establishing parking in old town. Town Manager has engaged BF&S to perform a needs analysis. Update will be ready in 30 days

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance 2015-11 Additional Appropriation to Purchase Two Police Vehicles

Mike Crooke, Chief of Police

Forfeiture funds have received just over 69k this year. Department would like to get two new vehicles before prices increase next year.

Building Inspector Agreement& Introduction

of Ordinance 2015-10 Proposing Changes to Permit Fees

Christine Owens, Director of Planning

Town's current inspector is resigning. The proposed new contractor rate is \$95 and hour. We were fortunate to pay only \$18 to the previous building inspector. This ordinance recommends an increase to inspection fees to cover part of the increased costs of inspection. Peas asked if the new contractor offered a competitive price. Owens answered yes. Owens checked with several other municipalities to verify.

Motion and second to allow Town Manager to enter into an agreement with GRW Building Inspector Agreement by Pea and Gritter. **APPROVED 5-0**

Substantial Completion of 2015 Street Projects

Ben Lipps, Streets Superintendent

and Final Invoice from Globe Asphalt

Project inspection was completed over the last few weeks. All the work is up to specifications. Lipps recommend that council accepts.

Pea raised questions about an area of Derbyshire where pavement is thin. Lipps offered to go back to the contractor for more inspection and discussion.

HOLD TO GO BACK TO CONTRACTOR RE DERBYSHIRE

Estimate for Purchase of Lawnmowers

Ben Lipps, Streets Superintendent

Lipps asked for approval of the purchase of 2 new lawnmowers. These will replace two mowers that have exceeded their useful life and require extensive maintenance and repair. The proposed mowers are similar to the mowers the town already owns and will have the same maintenance schedules, parts etc. The quote is not to exceed \$20,987.

Motion and second to approve Purchase of 2 lawnmowers not to exceed \$20,987 by Gritter and Bell. **APPROVED 5-0**

Introduction of 2015-2020

Andrew Klinger, Town Manager

Capital Improvement Plan

Staff has worked together to complete a plan for capital projects over the next five years. Possible funding sources have been identified for the projects. The Buck creek trail is taking a large percentage of spending over the next couple years. Projects planned for 2015 are either completed or on track to complete by the end of the year.

Introduction of 2016 Budget

Andrew Klinger, Town Manager

The parks budget for 2016 includes 100k for the buck creek trail. This is a one-time expense and is not sustainable. Klinger recommends that the town not jump into another big capital project soon. MVH funds are going down.

Weihnachtsmarkt Update

Renee Michael, Executive Assistant

Michael expressed a desire to continue the German Christmas Market. Michael proposed that changes be made to the format. She asked to have some time to prepare a proposal and bring it to the council at a future meeting.

Sustainability Analysis

Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Consultant

Income has dropped in Hancock County. CAGIT is a component of General Fund. Total was 18.9 gong down to 18.795. EDIT experienced a 2.1 percent drop. Public Safety LOIT was projected at 250k projected but certified at 234K. Fund balance will go down in LOIT.

Town has growing expenses that are continuing. The town is also experiencing decreases in assessed value. This will push the tax rate up. As rate goes up we will get more circuit breaker. This year the circuit breaker decreased due to restructuring of debt on school corporations. We expect it will increase next year with less AV.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Reynold – Got the app up working but noticed the Councilor’s emails are incorrect. Reynold recommend that Klinger give the press release when the app is complete. Klinger asked all the council members to download the app to look through and let us know if there are any other changes.

Gritter – Becky Weir would like to be on the parks board.

Siefker – Thanked Klinger for time with the town. Wished him luck. Council has already initiated the search committee for Klinger’s replacement. Siefker would like to set up a meeting with the whole staff. Department heads can handle what is going on in their own areas. Siefker will make himself more available over the coming weeks.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Consideration of Ordinance 2015-08 Appropriating Funds for a Twenty Seventh Payroll and Legal Expenses

Personnel Handbook Revisions

ADJOURNMENT 9:10 pm