

**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY ROOM**

PRESENT: Bill Gregory
Allen Johnson
Charlie Costanza
Paul Panther
Tom Clouser

MINUTES:

Paul Panther moved to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting. Allen Johnson requested that the Clerk-Treasurer add the word "Review" to the title of the Building Code Committee mentioned under New Business of the minutes. Tom Clouser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Paul Panther moved to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2015 Budget Adoption Meeting. Tom Clouser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Bill Gregory made the following announcements: Women's Club Arts & Craft to be held November 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Church and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Firehall; read a letter from the Portage Food Pantry thanking the residents for \$1,032.32 collected on Tag Day and donated to the Food Pantry.

Eric Kurtz, Fire Chief, along with the Chair of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, presented length-of-service recognition awards to the following members of the Ogden Dunes Volunteer Fire Department:

Tom Tittle	62 years of service
Joe Wray	44 years of service
Charles Litzkow	42 years of service
David Zakutansy	35 years of service
Mike Shendrick, Jr	34 years of service
Jack Joppek	34 years of service
Eric Kurtz	34 years of service
George Nickos	32 years of service
Larry Bornstein	31 years of service
Mike Shendrick	30 years of service

Paul Panther stated that he has been the Town Council liaison to the Fire Department for the last four years and stated that the members are very dedicated to our Town. He mentioned that he would like to be of assistance to the Fire Department after the end of his Town Council term.

Bill Gregory thanked the members of the Fire Department for making us feel safer and for their continued service.

Allen Johnson stated that the new Town Council will need to make appointments to the various boards and committees within our Town in January 2016. He urged residents to complete an application to

volunteer on one of our committees and pass this application to the Clerk-Treasurer. Allen Johnson also thanked the various department heads in Town and the volunteers of the committees and boards in our Town.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Plan Commission – Mike Falk reported that on October 29, the Plan Commission had a special meeting to discuss Ordinance 813 which they passed on to the Town Council.

ADA – Sara Anderson stated that the handicap signs are now posted on Town Hall indicating the wheelchair accessible entrance in the back of the building. She also stated that they would like to purchase a screen to enclose the handicap stall in the Community Room.

Sanitation Department – Tom Clouser stated that the Department was well funded and there will likely be a few items for the new Council to resolve.

CLAIMS

Allen Johnson moved to accept the October claims as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Tom Clouser seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Bill Gregory, yes; Allen Johnson, yes; Paul Panther, yes; Tom Clouser, yes; Charlie Costanza, no. The vote was passed four to one.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to the length of Ordinance 812, Bill Gregory read the ordinance by title only for the second reading. Paul Panther moved to approve Ordinance 812 and Allen Johnson seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Bill Gregory, yes; Allen Johnson, yes, Paul Panther, yes, Tom Clouser, yes; Charlie Costanza, no. The motion was passed four to one.

Charlie Costanza questioned the status of the outdoor emergency siren. Eric Kurtz stated that he was still trying to get the County to place the siren on the existing tower located by the Fire Department which would replace the existing 50 year old siren. This tower was inspected and it would hold the new siren which is lighter in weight than the existing siren.

NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Litzkow, Water Manager, stated that in January, 2015, the Indiana American Water Company received approval from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for a water rate increase. This increase amounts to 36 cents per 1,000 gallons of water. Most residents will see an increase of approximately \$3.09 per quarter. The Waterworks has absorbed this increase since January 2015 and will begin passing on this increase to residents as of January 1, 2016. Please note that the January 1st bill will be estimated.

The following 2016 contracts were discussed and approved by the Council and all contracts were read in their entirety by Bill Gregory:

1. 2016 Web Administrator Services Contract was increased \$100.00 per year. Allen Johnson moved to approve this contract and Paul Panther seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
2. 2016 Sanitation and Town of Ogden Dunes contract. No changes were made from the 2015 contract. Allen Johnson moved to approve this contract and Paul Panther seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. 2016 Waterworks and Town of Ogden Dunes contract. No changes were made from the 2015 contract. Tom Clouser moved to approve this contract and Paul Panther seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.
4. 2016 Sanitation and Waterworks contract. No changes were made from the 2015 contract. Allen Johnson moved to approve this contract and Paul Panther seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.
5. 2016 Fire Protection and Service Agreement with Town of Ogden Dunes. Paul Panther moved to approve this agreement and Allen Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Due to the length of Ordinance 813, Bill Gregory read this ordinance by title only. This ordinance has been available on the Town website and at Town Hall for resident inspection. Allen Johnson moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 813 and Tom Clouser seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Bill Gregory, yes; Allen Johnson, yes; Paul Panther, yes; Tom Clouser, yes; Charlie Costanza, no. The motion was passed four to one. Second reading of this ordinance will be at the December 7, 2015 Town Council meeting.

A discussion was held on the codification of Town Codes which is estimated to be \$5,500 as codification of the codes has not occurred since 2009. Charlie Costanza opposed the codification as he felt the new Council should decide on this matter. Allen Johnson moved to approve American Legal Publishing Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio to proceed with the codification of our Town Codes which will include those ordinances which the Town Council determines to be part of our Town Codes beginning with but not necessarily inclusive of Ordinance 737 through Ordinance 813. The Council directs the Clerk-Treasurer to proceed with the necessary paperwork to begin the codification process with American Legal Publishing Corporation. Tom Clouser seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Bill Gregory, yes; Allen Johnson, yes; Paul Panther, yes; Tom Clouser, yes; Charlie Costanza, no. The motion was passed four to one.

RESIDENT REMARKS

None

TOWN COUNCIL REMARKS

Bill Gregory stated that there will be no Council remarks this evening.

No further business coming before the Council, Charlie Costanza moved to adjourn the meeting. Allen Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote of the Council was as follows: Bill Gregory, yes; Allen Johnson, yes; Paul Panther, yes; Tom Clouser, yes; Charlie Costanza (not present for vote). Meeting was adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Bill Gregory, President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer