

TOWN OF MEDARYVILLE
MONTHLY MEETING
June 15, 2016

The Town of Medaryville met in regular session on June 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm with the following members present:

Robert Schultz	Council President
Suzanna Wilcoxon	Council Vice President
Raymond Saltsman Sr.	Council Member
Judy Harwood	Clerk Treasurer
Jackie Hines	Deputy Clerk
Sherri Gaillard	Assistant Chief Town Marshal
Keith Hauptli	Maintenance Supervisor
Amber Lapaich	Town Attorney

Town Issues:

Complaint of weed and grass liens

Kristie Zimmerman made a request for the Council to release two liens on 311 North George Street that she purchased February 5, 2015 on a special assessment sale. She had a 120 day redemption period before filing a new deed (approximate date of June 5, 2015), and according to the County any liens prior to February 5 would be eliminated and removed by law. She did not file for a new deed until May 12, 2016 and feels because she did not own the property the liens should be waived.

A lien was filed on February 25, 2015 for mowing's on August 7, 2014 and September 23, 2014 in the amount of \$294. On November 4, 2015 an additional lien for mowing's on May 13, 2015 and May 23, 2015 in the amount of \$382.75, that according to law follows the property because they were filed after February 5, 2015.

Town Attorney Lapaich advised because they have someone who in good faith purchased the property and have been diligent in taking care of the property the Council has the discretion to release the liens.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to release the first lien of \$294 that was filed on February 25, 2015 because the mowing was done in the year of 2014 prior to the February 5, 2015 purchase on the Special assessment sale, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to release the second lien of \$387.75 because she technically did not own the property, it died for a lack of a second, and the second lien will stand.

Handicapped parking

Council Member Wilcoxon received a request from Mackenzie Ledley, Director of the Pulaski Public Library for a handicap parking spot in front of the Medaryville West Side Center. There is a blue Jaguar parked directly in front of the West Side Center so the seniors who have recently

moved there cannot park. After a great deal of discussion it was decided that the parking space would be best used as a loading and unloading space.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to purchase the necessary sign to limit parking in front of the West Side Center, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Tree removal 304 E Maple Street

A request from Michelle Lucas was made to the Town to remove a dead maple tree from town property. Council Members Schultz and Saltsman looked at the tree prior to the meeting and confirmed it is on Town easement and needs to be removed. One quote was submitted Leroy's Tree Service to take down the tree with complete cleanup of wood, brush and removal of stump for \$2,000 or for \$1,750 leaving all firewood. Council President Schultz suggested to table the removal and would like to see more than one quote.

Council Member Wilcoxon made a motion to table the action on the removal of the tree on town easement located on Maple Street until maintenance can acquire more quotes, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Council Member Saltsman Sr. asked if maintenance can obtain the quotes quickly and the Council can call a special meeting to remove the tree.

Ordinance Violation Bureau:

Request of payment arrangements

Donna Compton requested if the Council would accept payments on the trash violation citation fine. Because she had 30 days to pay the fine, Attorney Lapaich recommended not setting up payment arrangements but advised Court will make the arrangements for payments. She advised the Council to avoid the court cost the Council could give an extension to pay the fine.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to extend the payment of \$200 for Donna Compton until June 30, 2016 but no later than 2:30 pm (EST), second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Minutes:

The public reading of the minutes was waived this month; copies of the minutes were made available for the Council and the public to read prior to the meeting and also available on the Town's website (medaryville.net). Copies are on file in the Clerk Treasurer's office.

May Council minutes

Council Member Wilcoxon made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2016 Council Meeting, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Claims:

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to approve claims as presented for May 2016, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Lagoon retainage

Application for final payment was submitted for \$37,300 from the CDBG Fund (Community Development Block Grant) retainage to Gaskill & Walton. The retainage due was withheld due to outstanding restoration issues around the project site that Maintenance Supervisor Hauptli reported, and with Councilman Schultz and Saltzman's final inspection those have been resolved.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to pay Gaskill and Walton Construction Company in the amount of \$37,300, invoice 7231-1724, town voucher 8655 from the CDBG retainage fund, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Utility Report:

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to adjust account 102701 in the amount of \$268.48 for a leak, and to adjust account 124000 in the amount of \$391.50 due to property selling, total amount to be adjusted \$659.98, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Town Marshal:

May monthly stats were submitted to the Council.

Council President Schultz stated the abandoned vehicles are not going away and more have been added. With the past Council it was understood two officers should not be on duty at the same time but Chief Galliard feels, to enforce the abandoned vehicle ordinance will require two officers. Because they will actually be entering private properties to acquire VIN numbers and tries to make contact with someone. Councilman Schultz requested a more aggressive enforcement of the ordinance and do whatever it takes to look at the whole picture and get it done as quickly as possible.

Maintenance Supervisor:

Calaboose quotes:

Last month's Council meeting the quotes for the replacement of the Calaboose roof was tabled until Maintenance Supervisor Hauptli could check with the Historical Preservation Society. He called them today and they advised it is completely up to the Town on the decision they want to make. He suggested because the calaboose was built around 1928 or 1929 asphalt shingles were

used during that time frame. He feels they would be appropriate in maintaining the integrity of the historical appearance for that time era.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to have Ray Add Services to roof the Calaboose with shingles at the price of \$2,400 to be paid from the Rainy Day Fund, second by Council Member Saltsman.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Purchase of old street signs

Maintenance Supervisor Hauptli has over the past several months been replacing the Town signs as mandated by the State. The Town no longer has a use for the property and because it is under the threshold the Town can dispose of the property without advertisement. Mr. Henry Risner requested to purchase the old street signs and gave a proposal of \$285.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion that the Town no longer has a use for the junk signs and will allow Mr. Risner to purchase them for the amount of \$285, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Complete Electric quote

Maintenance Supervisor Hauptli submitted with the Medaryville Fire Department a quote in the amount of \$360 to add an additional manual switch to the new tornado siren. Currently the siren is set through the County Dispatch with County tornado spotters and local fire department spotters who will call when a tornado is sited and the County Dispatch will activate the tornado siren. He is requesting to manually activate the siren in the possibility of Winamac or the County dispatch is destroyed.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to accept the quote from Complete Electric in the amount of \$360 to add a fire department manual switch to the existing tornado siren located at the Town Hall, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Town Attorney Lapaich announced INDOT has extended the application deadline for the matching Grant Program until Friday, July 29, 2016 at 5 p.m. EDT. The extension gives Indiana cities and towns, and counties an additional two weeks to submit projects for consideration.

McMahon Letter

John M. Sturgill, Vice President of McMahon Engineers and Architects submitted a letter of recommendation to the Town regarding the report from Pittsburg Tank that identified twenty-four (24) items of recommended repair and maintenance.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to table the discussion until next month's meeting and give the Council more time to review the report and recommendations of McMahon, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Council Member Saltsman Sr. asked about the wires that are hanging very low from the corner of the Town Hall leading to the water tower. It was explained they are from an old internet service dating back to 2005, that has not been maintained and there was never a contract or lease allowing access of service.

Council Member Saltsman Sr. made the motion to send a letter with a 15 day notice to eliminate the area of the internet system and disconnect all wires from the Town Hall, second by Council Member Wilcoxon.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Old Business:

Attorney contract

Town Attorney Lapaich requested Clerk Treasurer Harwood to obtain a confirmation of employment between Timothy J. Murray and the Town for when State Board of Accounts does an audit. A copy of the contract is on file in the Clerk Treasurer's office.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to accept the letter of employment between Attorney Timothy J. Murray to represent the Town in collection matters in Pulaski County Court, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Property owner Larry Sears requested to speak to the Council about a recent weed and grass warning letter he received on two of his properties. He has been working diligently on his properties to bring them all to compliance and wanted to confirm there are no other problems he needs to address.

Clerk Treasurer Harwood confirmed as of July 1, 2016 the Forbidding Farm Animal within Town Limits Ordinance will be in effect. The first publication of the ordinance was on June 1, 2016 and the second publication was on June 8, 2016 in the Pulaski Journal and Francesville Tribune on June 2, 2016 and June 9, 2016.

With nothing further to discuss, Council Member Wilcoxon made a motion to adjourn the June 2016 monthly Town Council meeting, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Robert Schultz, Council President

Suzanna Wilcoxon, Council Vice President

Raymond Saltsman Sr., Council Member

Attest: Clerk Treasurer, Judy Harwood