

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, April 14, 2014

Attendance:

Present:

Scott Preston, Town Council President
Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Fritz French, Town Council Member
David Reese, Town Council Member
Ted Dawson, Town Council Member
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney

Absent:

Steve Moss, Town Council Member

Others:

Richard Dickinson
John Bales
Dennis Dawson
David Fishman
Craig Baumgartner, Baumgartner Asphalt Services
Lance Brock, Baumgartner Asphalt Services

Agenda and discussion:

- 1 . S. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with three council members present.
2. S. Preston asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 10, 2014. On a motion by D. Reece, seconded by F. French, a unanimous vote approved the minutes.
3. Newly appointed Town Councilman Ted Dawson took the Oath of Office as witnessed by Clerk R. Parrin.
4. D. Reece presented his findings regarding the condition of the Town's streets. He was assisted by representatives of Baumgartner Asphalt Services. The inspection was thorough and several options were discussed including base repair, milling and adding an overlay, pot hole repair and crack filling on the newer roads. The Council thanked Baumgartner for its assistance. It was agreed that the Council would consider these options based on cash flow considerations later this year. In the meantime, the Town will proceed with hot patch of major pot holes. Crack sealing will be deferred until autumn as this is the optimum time for this process.

5. Residents John Bales, Dennis Dawson and David Fishman were present regarding the status the undeveloped, wooded, creek-side parcel #8024553 of approximately seven acres with access to High Drive. It is currently has two tenants-in-common owners, John Bales and Dennis Dawson with 50% ownership interest for each.

They informed the Council that they could not agree on partition, and, as a result, a court-ordered sale of the property will be held on May 21, 2014, at the sheriff's real estate auction. It remains to be seen if there will be a buyer who will sub-divide the property. It is expected the Council will be advised of these plans as zoning variances may be required. The Council thanked each for bringing the matter to its attention.

6. A. Kasper informed the Council that solicitor visits to Town have picked up. He encouraged all residents to report any suspicious activity immediately by calling 911. Several residents continue to report incidents hours after they happen and leave messages at the general number. Typically, there is nothing the police can do at that point.

A. Kasper also reported that the Town can add additional patrols. He will make a proposal for the Council to consider. In addition, he stated that the Town will no longer require the services of Net Motion when a new IMPD reporting system goes live April 24. He instructed R. Parrin to cancel the Net Motion service.

7. R. Parrin distributed the financial package as of March 31, 2014 to Council members. He advised of that the Town's financial position is good pending receipt of the May property tax billings.

8. E. Townsend advised that the Town of Meridian Hills is considering adding a deputy who had previously worked for the Towns. This will require a physical exam for public safety duty. On a motion by D. Reece, seconded by S. Preston, it was unanimously agreed to split the \$1200 cost with Meridian Hills.

9. F. French advised the Council on the Capital Campaign status. The recent follow up with residents brings the total to \$190k with a participation rate of about 75% of residents. We encourage residents who have not yet contributed to do so as we all will benefit from the upgrade to our Town's lighting and signage.

10. R. Parrin advised that the street signs and lighting were delivered last week. He also briefed the Council on the results of bidding the installation. The low bidder was Continental Contracting Services at \$66,558. A motion was made by D. Reece, seconded by F. French and passed unanimously to award the contract to CCS.

The installation schedule now needs to be coordinated with IPL which has been contacted to have a site visit to finalize circuit and metering locations. Installation will commence shortly thereafter. Lighting will be installed first followed by traffic signage.

11. R. Parrin reported that official town email addresses for each Council member have been established but there is still a problem with the exchange server on the host site. R. Parrin will sort it out with the site host.

12. R. Parrin reported that the Town spent \$9,000 for snow removal this winter, twice the amount the previous winter. It required some funding from the Rainy Day Fund. S. Preston spoke with the contractor about salting intersections which resulted in better street conditions in this extraordinary winter.

13. R. Parrin advised the Council that College Avenue is scheduled to be closed for bridge replacement April 22. The work should take about six months per DPW.

Concerned about safety on Town streets, the Council discussed ways to keep extraordinary traffic through Town to a minimum during construction. It was agreed that R. Parrin will contact DPW regarding a detour sign at College and 86th as well as "no through traffic" signs at Town entrances. A. Kasper will also take action to enforce speed limits through Town. The action plan will be sent to residents.

There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by D. Reece and seconded by F. French, S. Preston adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer