

Williams Creek Town Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

Notice: This meeting is being held by electronic communications due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Public Health Emergency in accordance with Indiana Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-04 and Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-3.6.

Attendance:

Present:

Craig Skelton, Town Council President
Bob Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Wernke, Town Council Member
Maureen Burger, Town Council Member
Jason Sturman, Town Council Member
Trent Sandifur, Town Attorney

Others present:

Peter SerVaas
Patty Hefner

Agenda and discussion:

1. Council president C. Skelton called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. A quorum was reached with four council members present.
2. C. Skelton introduced the main topic of this special meeting; review of the latest proposal for the construction of parking spaces in the Ridge Road Right-of-Way for the residence at 551 Forest Blvd. The homeowner, Peter SerVaas, presented the revised plan which addressed some of the concerns about the initial plan. M. Wernke advised that he worked with Mr. SerVaas to move the parking area to be adjacent to the existing driveway with a retaining wall of limestone to blend into the existing wall. There being no objection from the neighboring property owners, the Council agreed to support this proposal. It was agreed that C. Skelton will write a letter to that effect.
3. C. Skelton asked for a status report on the drafting of a road use fee for heavy construction projects in Town. R. Parrin reported that he inquired with other Clerk-Treasurers in the State and was unable to find an ordinance reflecting our needs. T. Sandifur, Town Attorney, advised that it is a complicated process to establish a road use fee per State regulations. He will investigate it further and will report at the next Council meeting other options that may be available to the Town. P. Hefner asked how the Town would determine which projects would be assessed a fee. M. Wernke responded that we have discussed this point for new construction and reconstruction. The criteria will be included in any draft to establish the fee. In the meantime, T. Sandifur pointed out that current Town Code has a provision to recover costs for construction damage to the R-O-W, although it seems to be limited to the immediate area.
4. R. Parrin asked the Council to approve a \$500 expenditure for new speed limit signs reflecting the maximum Town limit of 25 MPH. On a motion by M. Wernke, seconded by M. Burger, the purchase was approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:30 PM at Hollyhock Hill restaurant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by M. Wernke, seconded by M. Burger.

Minutes recorded by R. Parrin, Town Clerk-Treasurer