

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at the Warren County Learning Center with the following officers present – Brian Jordan, Council President and Council Members Jim Lanham and Paul Coffman. Also present were Mike Hutchison-Clerk-Treasurer, Ingrid Barce-Town Attorney, Amy Cushman, Kevin Strickler, Vickie Strickler, Ted Latoz, Dave Watkins, Wade Armes, Ryan White, Dustin Whalen, Michele Stucky, Miles Stucky, Claire Nern, Macy Smith, Steve Smith, Brian Stultz, Rachael Coleman, Mark Coleman, and Zach Pitts.

Brian Jordan called the meeting to order.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve January minutes. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve the monthly claims presented. Brian Jordan seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Council revisited the issue of newly enacted restricted parking in front of businesses south of the railroad tracks on North Monroe Street. After further review and discussion with counsel, council opted to continue with restricted parking, as it is the responsibility of the landlord to provide adequate parking for tenants, not the Town.

Warren County Youth Council members, Claire Nern, and Macy Smith, discussed the My Community My Vision Program and their goal to bring a small café to Williamsport.

Paul Coffman made a motion to commit \$10,000.00 to the My Community My Vision Program. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Michele Stucky requested permission from the town for local artist, Zack Cody, to paint a mural at the Falls. The Warren County Community Foundation will be paying artist fees. Council gave the go ahead for the mural project.

Dustin Whalen discussed obtaining SRF funding for the Town's water project and a change in the application process in which the asset management plan must be submitted with the application by the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Paul Coffman made a motion to sign the agreement for HWC to complete and submit an application on the Town's behalf for SRF funding for Williamsport's water project. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce opened the UBO hearing.

Ingrid Barce swore in Dave Watkins concerning the property located at 220 E Second Street. Dave Watkins discussed the circumstances surrounding damage to an outbuilding on his property, the reasons for the delay on fixing the outbuilding, and his plans to fix the structure.

Paul Coffman made a motion to affirm and modify the current order, allowing an additional ninety days to repair the outbuilding. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce advised Dave Watkins to return to the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and provide an update on the progress to comply with the UBO.

Mark Coleman provided an update on progress being made at 702 Warren Street. Holes have been boarded up in the structure, working on cleaning up brush, and now have a real estate attorney. Ingrid Barce requested the Coleman's return to provide another update at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jim Lanham made a motion to affirm and modify the current order on 702 Warren Street to allow an additional thirty days. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

UBO Hearing closed.

Vickie Strickler provided the Council with an update on the Safe Haven Baby Box.

Vickie Strickler asked the Council about tiering business donations for the new pool and allowing advertising based on requests from a few businesses to do so based on the donation amount. Council agreed that, based on prior discussions, they would allow this if businesses requested this.

Vickie Strickler asked the Council for permission to advertise a poker run as a pool fundraiser. A liability waiver will need to be signed by each participant on sign-up.

Jim Lanham made a motion to support the poker run as a pool fundraiser. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Vickie Strickler discussed a second pool fundraiser opportunity and requested the Town allow her to purchase an E-Z-Go golf cart from Tommy B's Powersports in the amount of \$7,950.00 out of the pool donation money, which will be replaced with the money received from the purchase of the raffle tickets. Tickets will be \$100/each. Ingrid Barce stated a gaming license will need to be obtained prior to allowing this raffle and she will look into this and get back with Vickie.

Paul Coffman made a motion to purchase the golf cart on the condition that the gaming license is obtained. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Vickie Strickler discussed pool costs and operating hours and requested Council allow her to change the operating hours to the following: Sunday-1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Monday & Wednesday-12:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m./6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday-Saturday-12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the change in pool hours and leave pool admission costs the same. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Vickie Strickler discussed funding the batting cage fence. Park Board will be giving \$500.00, the ball program will contribute \$1,500.00, and would like to request the Town pay \$2,000.00 towards the cost.

Paul Coffman made a motion for the town to contribute \$2,000.00 towards the cost of the batting cage fence. Brian Jordan seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Miles Stucky provided an update on the Park Board's progress of the five-year plan for the DNR grant. The second public meeting to present the top ten list of priorities for the parks will be March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Learning Center.

Kevin Strickler provided the Council with an update on the Community Crossing Grant. The bid opening will take place on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire Station. Winning bid will be awarded at the next regular council meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Strickler discussed a meeting he attended concerning lead service line replacement requirements.

Mark Hutson discussed the MPDS permit and increase in cost for it from \$50.00 to \$100.00.

Wade Armes stated the fire department is still waiting on additional quotes for a bathroom at the fire station.

Wade Armes stated the fire department has applied for the AFG grant, possible award is more than \$712,000.00. They are asking the county to pay the 5% match.

Brian Jordan discussed library board reappointment. Tabled until March meeting.

Brian Jordan discussed the Warren County Fair Board donation.

Paul Coffman made a motion to donate \$551.00 to the Warren County 4-H Fair Board. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Brian Jordan discussed funds being received from the opioid settlement. Sharon Hutchison requested some of the Town's funds received be pledged for a grant through Tippecanoe County that helps with mental health services.

Brian Jordan discussed the power issues for the Fair Board. Brad Thompson is going to provide a quote for a service update.

Amy Cushman presented the Council with monthly leak adjustments.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve lead adjustments as presented. Brian Jordan seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce stated she is still working on updating town property leases.

Ingrid Barce suggested the Town amend its ordinance concerning the access of public records to include an appropriate fee to do so when it is body cam recordings.

Paul Coffman made a motion to commit \$16,821.00 of the Town's opioid settlement to Tippecanoe County for mental health services grant. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Zack Pitts discussed his business in town and the possibility of the Town using his gaming license for the raffle Vickie discussed.

Paul Coffman made a motion to adjourn. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

With no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST Michael D Hutchison W. B. [Signature]  
President

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Member

James E Lanham  
Member