

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at the Warren County Learning Center with the following officers present – Randy Wurtsbaugh, Council President and Council Members Jim Lanham and Paul Coffman. Also present were Mike Hutchison, Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney, Ingrid Barce, Amy Cushman, Ted Latoz, Kevin Strickler, Vickie Strickler, Wade Armes, Mark Hutson, Melinda Story, Brian Jordan, Michele Stucky, Miles Stucky, and Ben Dispennett.

Randy Wurtsbaugh called the meeting to order and opened the 2023 Budget Hearing.

Mike Hutchison presented the 2023 Town Budget for the Council to review. There were no public comments or questions. The 2023 Budget Adoption Meeting will take place on September 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Warren County Learning Center in the Williamsport Washington Township Public Library.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to close the 2023 Budget Hearing. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

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

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve monthly claims provided. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce stated there are no UBO Hearings set for tonight.

Randy Wurtsbaugh asked Ingrid to look into the property at 702 Warren Street.

Brian Jordan presented the Council with information on Christmas lights in the Williamsport Town Park and asked if it was ok to go ahead with this again this year. The Council stated ok for Christmas lights in the park.

Brian Jordan requested additional flower boxes for downtown. The Council approved additional flower boxes for downtown.

Brian Jordan discussed the possibility of the Town purchasing a banner to place downtown that would honor local veterans for Veteran's Day. Brian will look into banner costs.

Vickie Strickler asked if the Town could once again donate \$2,000.00 for the Park Program. This donation is used to apply for a matching grant.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to donate \$2,000.00 for the Warren County Park Program. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Vickie Strickler requested a permanent fence be installed at the softball field at the park, as well as the need for a new concession stand. The ball program could cover some of the cost, but would not have the funds to pay for it all. The Council requested pricing information and asked that the Park Board get involved in the process.

Vickie Strickler discussed an accident that occurred at the pool with an off-duty lifeguard over the summer.

Ingrid Barce stated that due to the fact that the lifeguard was off duty and giving a swim lesson during her own time, accidents sustained during that time are not coverable by the Town.

Vickie Strickler discussed the possibility of changing pool hours in 2023 to allow for two night swims a week. Will discuss further closer to opening in 2023.

Vickie Strickler discussed moving forward with pool sponsor letters. The Council agreed it was ok to proceed with sending the letters out.

Ingrid Barce stated she will have a contract at the October meeting concerning Warren County's donation towards the new Warren County Community Pool.

Miles Stucky stated the park board met and discussed five and ten-year plans. Among other things, landscaping and one-way traffic around the park were discussed. The Council stated park board meetings should be advertised and a fourth member needs to be appointed.

Kevin Strickler discussed getting a quote from Bellinger's to move trees from the sewer plant to the park.

Kevin Strickler discussed Milestone paving streets in town. They will begin paving around September 26th and hope to be done by October 21st.

Kevin Strickler asked if the Council would approve an exception and sell water in bulk to Seeger to fill their pool. The Council approved the exception.

Kevin Strickler provided the Council with a quote from EJP for water meters and new meter reading equipment. The cost for 550 new water meter and the meter reading equipment is \$207,360.00. Kevin stated he would like to see the ARP funds pay for this. The Council tabled ordering water meters for further discussion.

Kevin Strickler provided the Council with a quote from Econo Signs in the amount of \$8,805.00 for three flashing school signs and \$22,828.00 for new street signs.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the purchase of three school signs in the amount of \$8,805.00. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to approve the purchase of new street signs in the amount of \$22,828.00. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Kevin Strickler asked about the contract for new linemen and raises once milestones are reached. Kevin Strickler will provide information to Ingrid so she can complete the contract.

Kevin Strickler discussed the CDL policy for the Town. Ingrid Barce stated the CDL policy can be amended to include school and exam costs.

Wade Armes stated Santa will be at the fire station Saturday, December 3rd at a time to be determined.

Wade Armes stated the pump to repair Engine 34 is still not in.

Wade Armes requested approval to put a heater in the ranger. Should not cost more than \$450.00. They will install the heater themselves.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the cost of a heater for the ranger. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Council set town Trick-or-Treat hours for Monday, October 31st, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Melinda Story stated Emily Albaugh with KIRPC has set a September 28th meeting at Mike Hutchison's office at 10:30 to discuss reasons why the Town did not receive the OCRA grant for the water project.

Melinda Story asked the Council about an employee Christmas dinner and if the Council wanted to give Christmas bonuses to employees this year. The Council requested Melinda check around locally and see who could possibly fit the Town in the evening of Friday, December 16th.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve \$100.00 gift cards for employee Christmas bonuses. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Paul Coffman suggested painting parking spots at the fire station to ensure firemen have somewhere to park when a call comes in.

Melinda Story discussed the Town's donation to Warren County for leaf vac services.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to approve a \$750.00 donation to the county for leaf vac services. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Amy Cushman discussed Ordinance 2015-2 concerning the Town's Park Board.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-0915, an ordinance amending 2015-2. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Randy Wurtsbaugh discussed a letter concerning Indiana Federal Rights Law Notices.

Randy Wurtsbaugh discussed a letter received from Steve Richie on the Deer Meadow edition.

Randy Wurtsbaugh discussed a quote received from the Warren Agency on the fireman's disability policy. The quote would increase fireman's weekly income benefit from \$290.00/week to \$1,000.00/week. The premium for the Town would increase from \$2,307.00/year to \$3,032.00/year.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to approve the quote from the Warren Agency and increase the fireman's disability policy. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ben Dispennett discussed promoting the Wabash River Greenway project.

Paul Coffman made a motion to waive the penalty not included and presented with August leak adjustments. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Amy Cushman presented September leak adjustments totaling \$1,573.87.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve September leak adjustments as presented. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Amy Cushman discussed extending summer sprinkling credit to October bills. The Council opted to not extend the credit to October bills.

Amy Cushman discussed a correction needed for leak adjustments approved in August. A penalty in the amount of \$12.13 was not included to be waived when presented.

Ingrid Barce presented the nuisance ordinance for council approval.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the nuisance ordinance as presented. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Randy Wurtsbaugh stated that IMPA is wanting to purchase land across from the cemetery for a solar farm. A hearing regarding rezoning the land from residential to commercial will be held at the courthouse at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20th.

Paul Coffman made a motion to adjourn. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

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

ATTEST Micho J. Hutchins

Randy H. Wurtsbaugh
President

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Member

James E. Lanham
Member

A Special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at the Warren County Learning Center with the following officers present – Randy Wurtsbaugh, Council President, and Council member Paul Coffman. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer, Mike Hutchison.

The purpose of this special meeting is to adopt the 2023 Budget.

Randy Wurtsbaugh called the Budget Adoption Meeting to order.

Mike Hutchison asked if there were any questions or changes needed for the 2023 Town Budget. There were no questions or changes requested.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to adopt the 2023 Town Budget as presented. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

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

ATTEST Michael D Hutchison

Randy H. Wurtsbaugh
President

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Member

James E. Lamborn
Member