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Winfield Town Council Meeting
Meeting date: Tuesday, May 12th, 2020

Call to Order: A meeting of the Winfield Town Council was held at the Winfield Government Center, 10645 Randolph Street, Winfield, Indiana on May 12th, 2020. The meeting convened at 6:51 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rick Anderson conducted roll call:

Members in attendance: Gerald Stiener, Tim Clayton, Dave Anderson, and Jon Derwinski

Members not in attendance: Zack Beaver

Also in attendance: Attorney David Austgen from Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis P.C.; Rick Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer; and Nick Bellar, Town Administrator/Planning and Zoning Administrator; Mike Duffy, Town Engineer.

SPECIAL ACTIONS:

1. *Swearing in Ceremony for Sam Steward*

Town Marshal Dan Ball stated Deputy Kovacik left the department to join the CN Railroad. His vacancy has now been filled by Sam Steward. Rick Anderson conducted the oath of office for Sam and Dan presented Deputy Steward with his badge.

2. *Award Presentation*

Dan Ball recognized Deputy Moore and Deputy Benton with Outstanding Achievement Awards after Deputy Moore responded to a call about vehicle burglary attempts in the Stoney Run subdivision. Deputy Moore enlisted the help of Officer Benton who was off duty at the time but lives in the area. Officer Benton's K9 Tank was able to lead them to the suspect's vehicle which fled the area resulting in a pursuit by Deputy Moore and Lake County Officers. The vehicle eventually crashed after several miles of pursuit in Highland, the suspects attempted to flee on foot. Officer Moore and another Officer chased the suspects down and were able to apprehend 3 of the 4 occupants. Officer Benton was able to contact several of the owners of the vehicles that had been burglarized. Charges were filed against the occupants and the driver was charged with numerous misdemeanors and felonies. Thanks to Officer Moore's quick thinking and Officer Benton's dedication these criminal actions were stopped and those responsible were held accountable.

3. *Promotion Announcement*

Dan Ball stated Officer Benton has shown exemplary dedication to the Town and its residents. He has also shown a natural ability to lead. As the department has expanded over the past few years Officer Benton has been asked to go above and beyond his duties and has done so willingly and without hesitation and with satisfactory results. In recognition of his dedication and leadership he promoted Deputy Branden Benton to the rank of Sargent as a ranking Officer of the Winfield Police Department assigning him the title of Deputy Chief giving him all power and authority to make decisions related to the operations of the Winfield Police Department in the absence of the Town Marshal effective this date May 12th, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items): None.

CITIZEN REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON AGENDA (Non-related to the Agenda): None.



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UNFINISHED/DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. *Pay Application #3, Gough Inc. Randolph Street Park Project \$16,641.90.*

Mike Duffy stated he has a meeting with Gough on Friday to go over the issues with the concrete under the pavilion. This item was deferred.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Town Council President Appointment of Plan Commission member to the BZA.*

Gerald Stiener stated he is appointing Mark Nelson to the BZA.

2. *Resolution 2020-09, Acceptance of Taser Equipment for the Winfield Police Department from Highland Police Department.*

Dave Anderson explained Highland passed a resolution approving the donation of taser equipment to the Winfield Police Department, the Town needs to pass a resolution to accept the donation. Dave then made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-09 approving the acceptance of Taser Equipment from the Highland Police Department. Jon Derwinski seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor 4-0.

3. *Consideration of Release of Maintenance Bonds for Stonegate Subdivision, Phases 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 4, 5, and 6 per DLZ Memorandum dated 5/12/2020.*

Mike Duffy stated they have been working on this with the developer over the past couple years to correct and replace portions of the curb, sidewalk, and pavement failures in these phases of the Stonegate Subdivision. Jon Derwinski made the motion to release the Maintenance Bonds for Stonegate Subdivision, Phases 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 4, 5, and 6 per DLZ Memorandum dated 5/12/2020. Tim Clayton seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor.

John Carol was present and introduced himself to the Council as the new President and CEO of Providence. He is aware of an issue over recapture fees with a secondary party and he would like to work this out with the town and believes they will be able to work something out with the other party. He appreciates the past relationship Providence has had with the town and would like to get together with the town to work out a resolution to this issue. Gerald Stiener thanked him and said he appreciated the invitation but it is their policy to not discuss legal matters at an open meeting so he does not have an answer for him at this time.

Before adjourning Nick Bellar stated there are a few outstanding board appointment matters that need to be addressed. The BZA has two vacancies. Austin Holtz has applied, is qualified, and has followed up on his application. Nick has reviewed Austin's application and would like to recommend his appointment to the BZA. The second item is the appointment of the Redevelopment Commission.

4. *Amended Agenda Item, Appointment to the BZA.*

Tim Clayton made the motion to amend the agenda to add Item number four, Appointment to the BZA. Jon Derwinski seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor 4-0. Gerald Stiener then appointed Austin Holtz to the BZA.



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5. Amended Agenda Item, Appointment of the Redevelopment Commission.

Dave Anderson made the motion to amend the agenda to add item number five, Appointment of the Redevelopment Commission members for 2020. Tim Clayton seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor 4-0. Gerald Stiener explained due to some of the projects coming up it would be best if the Town Council members were appointed to the RDC, and he then appointed the Town Council members to the RDC for 2020. Gerald asked Dave Anderson to thank the previous members and explain to them the circumstances of the improvement projects the town needs to take on this year. He does not anticipate this will always be the case.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gerald Stiener noted the various upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Gerald Stiener entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Anderson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Tim Clayton. All were in favor, the motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

 Gerald Stiener
 Town Council President

 Richard C. Anderson, Jr.
 Clerk-Treasurer

 Kim Wachowski
 Recording Secretary

Date of Approval _____