

Town of Clarks Hill

November 6, 2023

Community Building

Council Meeting

6:30pm

Present: Carla J. Stearns, President, Clark D. Whitley, Kevin J. Martin

Other Officers: Diana L Luper C/T, Scott Fisher CHPD, Andy Doke Wastewater Operator, Bruce Luper Community Building Manager

Others: Carolynn Houchens, Bev Hollday, Deanna Paris, Don Reams, Bob Davis, Michelle Davis, Vicki Graves, Jeff Graves, Denver Shipley, David Houchens, Gene Paris, Sherry Sumners, Becky Wooten, Shawn Klienpeter,

Carla opened the meeting I do not believe there are any corrections to the minutes, so I suggest that we accept the minutes as they are. Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> it

We have a new board member. It was an interesting process going through with Tracy Brown, County Commissioner. We had three people that we interviewed Kevin drew the short straw so well we gave him a set of keys we told him he was done now. I do not really have any other reports.

New business: Scott, you got anything? Scott told the board that the cameras system is down. Scott also sent the different prices to the board. So, what he was thinking about is adding to the current cameras that are working and replacing the DVR. The Board would like to know the full price to replace it all. Scott told the board it would be about \$3,300. It would include eight new cameras. We have 2 to 3 that are bad. But we will have the rest if we need them. Later we could put them up too. But we would have to make more room on the DVR. The board agreed to do the new system.

Bruce: I would like to thank Dever Shipley for all the work he has been doing on the edge of the sidewalks and so much more. The Board agreed a Big Thank you.

Andy: We are just waiting for a reply from Peerless to start the Water Plant.

Shawn Klienpeter: Stated that He will be in contact with Commonwealth on that matter. Clark, Andy has both called Peerless and have heard nothing back.

Shawn: also stated that He would like to thank the board for everything they have done.

The Commonwealth will be meeting with the board sometime soon. The Council is available to meet with them. We will secure the funds soon. Clark is wanting to wait till we have the funds in hand before we start.

Carla stated that we have been approved for the \$200,000 loan. The first payment will be December 1, 2023. This will require us to raise the water rates. Our payments will be under \$2,000 a month. For 10 years. We also got a commit from the Tippecanoe Board of Commissioners for \$66,000. This is a grant not a loan. We will not have to pay it back.

Carla, we are having the first reading of the Ordinance to raise the water rates. It will be raised to 44%. Which is \$18.79 for the first 1,000 gallons. It will increase to \$5.74 for every 1,000 after that. This is due because of the work needed on the Water Plant. And increasing cost.

New Business:

Carolyn: nothing

Bev: nothing

Deanna: nothing

Sherry: has anyone heard about the Leap Project. It is for Lebanon wanting to get Water from elsewhere to be pumped in there. They are trying to get it from the Wabash in Lafayette right now. We get ours from the Teys River. So, it is not affecting us.

Carla: We are starting the process for the Town to put the properties we own up for sale. It will be a long process.

Carla: When I talked with David Hittle of Area Plan last week. He was good with our Ordinance for the run-down properties. They will help us go forward on this.

Carla: We are getting a grant from the Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners for \$66,000. This is to help with our water plant project.

Clark: I would like to get a committee together for the park project. It needs an upgrade. We have some money. We are asking Ruby Parks for more. I will get information from the company.

Deanna: you never said the name of the new member.

Carla: His name is Kevin Martin. Yes, he lives on West St.

Carla: ask if anyone has anything else.

Hearing none. She moved to close the meeting.,

Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Meeting adjourned.

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Carla J. Stearns  
Town Board President

X

Clark D. Whitley  
Town Board

X

Kevin J Martin  
Town Board

X

Diana L Luper  
Clerk/Treasurer