

# YORKTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Monday May 19, 2014 @ 5:30 pm Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call. Present: Dan Flanagan, Lon Fox, Rich Lee, Bob Flanagan, Laura Vise, Rick Glaub, and Bob Ratchford

**Approve Claims:** Laura Vise had a question regarding amount of money for roofing repairs done by McGuff for the Fire Dept. This was held over from the 2013 budgeted money for this project. After explanation Dan Flanagan made a motion was made to approve the claims of \$831,141.07. Seconded, Bob Flanagan. All council members voted in favor.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve April 21, 2014 regular meeting minutes made by Rich Lee. Motion Seconded, Dan Flanagan. All council members voted in favor.

**Ordinance 720:** Payment of claims prior to council meeting: This ordinance was introduced at the April 21, 2014 regular council meeting. A motion was made by Dan Flanagan to approve Ordinance 720. Lon Fox seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor.

**Property Tax Abatement:** Terry Murphy from the Economic Alliance discussed the expansion of Gill Bros Furniture. Gill Bros are requesting a tax abatement of 10 years for a new warehouse facility located at Park 1. This is a distribution center that will employ 6 full time people. Phase 2 of the expansion will include construction of a second facility at which time will employ another 24 people and Gill Bros will petition the town for another tax abatement. A motion was made by Dan Flanagan to approve Resolution 2014-5. Rich Lee seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor.

**MPO & Yorktown Agreement:** An explanation of the ADA reimbursement by the Federal Government was given. A motion was made to enter into the agreement by Lon Fox. Dan Flanagan seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor.

**Residential Tax Abatement:** July is deadline for residential tax abatement. The house at 422 S Bridgewater Ln. in Irongate Addition meets all criteria. Ordinance 721 was introduced for the first reading. A motion was made by Dan Flanagan to introduce Ordinance 721. Rich Lee seconded the motion. All council voted in favor of the motion.

**Gateway sign concept:** Information was presented regarding the sign at I-69 and exit 241. Approval has been granted from INDOT to place signage and landscaping to denote the Yorktown exit. Cost estimates of \$65,000 to \$90,000 were given but stressed they are only estimates. Laura Vise would like the sign changed to reflect a look more like the signs we have. Rick Glaub would like a price narrowed down for the signage. At this time continued support from all council members was given to move forward.

**Department Heads:**

Marshal St. John indicated that Sept 12-13 they would be offering another gun safety class for women. He would like to have a gun range in Yorktown.

**Public Comment:** More comments and clarification on the signage at I-69 project. Material has already been purchased for the sign project at CR 600 but since that has taken a back seat to the I-69 signage there was questions as to if that material could be used for some of this project.

There was a question from the audience as to why the siding that was removed from the demolished gun shop was taken by a council member for use on his own personal outbuilding. The town had contracted with a company to destroy and remove the building. After assigning the job to a company it is out of the town's hands. Much discussion as to why that wasn't advertised that maybe someone else was interested in acquiring the siding, etc. It was explained that said council member has done business with the assigned company many times and he was asked if he wanted to remove and have the siding. It is much easier to tear down the building when the siding has been removed.

Next regular scheduled meeting will be on June 16, 2014 @ 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm.