

Minutes of the Yorktown Town Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.
Yorktown Town Hall

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call:

Nanci Sears Perry	Rick Glaub	Lon Fox	Rich Lee	Daniel Flanagan	Robert Ratchford	Marta Guinn
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

Approval of Claims-Daniel Flanagan motioned to approve claims totaling \$2,460,643.39. Marta Guinn seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Approval of July 19, 2021, Meeting Minutes and July 27, 2021, Study Session Minutes-Daniel Flanagan motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Marta Guinn seconded and the motioned passed with no objections.

Old Business-None

New Business: Resolution 2021-11 Transfer of Funds-The resolution is to transfer appropriations within the Rainy Day Fund from Improvements Other Than Buildings to Professional Services to cover Butler Fairman & Seufert engineering costs for the Nebo and River Road roundabout and Nebo Road sidewalk. Lon Fox moved to adopt the resolution. Daniel Flanagan seconded and the motion passed with uncontested approval.

Resolution 2021-12 Declaration of an Economic Revitalization Area-Brad Bookout, Municipal Advisor to Delaware County, introduced Rex Millspaugh, Operations Manager, and Kathy White, Chief Financial Officer, from Muncie Power Products. Muncie Power Products purchased the building formerly owned by the Brevini Company in Park 1, plans on investing \$5 million in equipment with an overall investment totaling nearly \$25 million, and has requested a tax abatement. Based on calculations by Baker Tilly, the personal property abatement savings for equipment over ten years equals \$136,030 with anticipated new tax revenue in equipment totaling \$163,420. Similarly, tax abatement savings for real property, the new building and improvements would be \$782,600 with anticipated tax revenue of \$977,000. Since the taxes paid would exceed the abatement amount it would result in a revenue positive abatement. The Town would advertise and hold a Public Hearing at the September Council Meeting and consider passing a ten-year tax abatement for personal property (Resolution 2021-13) and real property (Resolution 2021-14). Robert Ratchford motioned to pass the resolution declaring an economic revitalization area. Daniel Flanagan seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

LED Streetlight Conversion-Indiana Michigan Power would like to enter into a service agreement to switch mercury vapor and high-pressure sodium streetlights to LED fixtures. No additional costs were required and the possibility exists that the IURC would lower the rates for streetlights. Rick Glaub moved to approve the agreement. Daniel Flanagan seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

Gift of Service Weapon and Retired ID to Former Marshal St John-Nanci Sears Perry motioned to approve the presentation of the weapon, retired ID, and a badge. Marta Guinn seconded and the motion passed without opposition.

Resolution 2021-15 Interlocal Agreement-The Delaware County Commissioners, the Delaware County Redevelopment Commission, and the Yorktown Redevelopment Commission are agreeing to jointly undertake an economic development project to include improvements to 600W between SR 32 and SR 67. Daniel Flanagan moved to approve the agreement. Robert Ratchford seconded and the motion passed without dissent.

Water/Waste Water/ Storm Water-No new business.

Departmental Reports-Town Manager Olson reported on upcoming weekend events in the Civic Green and Morrows Meadows. Chief Boone stated that new self-contained breathing apparatus would need to be purchased costing between \$350,000 and \$375,000 to be in compliance. A price increase of 8% was expected to take place September 1 and the Chief requested a price freeze from one of the two vendors. Chief Boone also reported that the department had gone on twenty-five runs in five days, had five to six more applicants, and was currently operating with twenty-five volunteers.

Co-Interim Marshal Greene reported that Officer Rodriguez was expected to be released from the hospital this week, Officer Ginn was expected to complete the Police Academy next month, and that the police department was being assisted by two part time officers- Caleb Smith of the Elwood Police Department and Matt Thompson of the Middletown Police Department. Officer Greene stated that call volume had increased by 75% since the co-marshals had started. Clerk Treasurer Turner requested a minimum amount to be implemented in an inventory policy, reported that the American Rescue Plan Act money had been deposited and that the next step would be finalizing the spending plan. The Clerk Treasurer updated the council on the budget process and requested a special meeting to review the budget before September. Town Manager Olson announced that the Marshal position was posted with resumes due on the 13th, estimated that the sewer treatment plant upgrades were nearly 7/8ths completed, and that The Oliver building construction project was stalled due to a supply chain issue but was still on schedule.

Comments were made from the Floor and by Town Council Members.

Adjournment: 6:13 p.m.

President

**Prepared by/Attest
Clerk Treasurer-Lance Turner**