Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Edgewood Town Council Town of Edgewood, Madison County, Indiana 1-21-2019

The Meeting of the Edgewood Town Council was held January 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Edgewood Town Hall, 3405 Nichol Avenue, Anderson, Indiana 46011. The following persons were present:

Patricia Farran, Member Jodi Norrick, Member Dale Vanderbur, EFD Steve Servies, Town Eng. Paul Hensley, Guest Thomas Brewer, Super. Joseph Cook, Member John Gunter, Member Marshal Ellingwood, EPD Dottie Smith, Guest John Longmaker, Attny. Julie Armington, Member Sherrie Johnson, Guest Mike Austin, Town Atty. Michael Widing, Guest Keith Olson, Guest

Katherine Tanner, Clerk-Treasurer

Ms. Farran called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll call was initiated after the pledge of allegiance. All members were present except for Mr Leak.

Election of Town of Edgewood Town Council President

Ms. Farran opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Mrs. Armington made a motion to nominate Ms. Farran for Edgewood Town Council President. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried. Mr. Cook made a motion to close the nominations. Mrs. Armington seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried. Ms. Farran was elected Town Council President for 2019.

Hearing for 36 Colony Road

Mr. Widing presented the report of unsafe buildings and/or premises finding of facts by the building commissioner. Discussion followed. Mr. John Longmaker, Attorney for Kay Thompson, property owner of 36 Colony Road presented her case. Discussion followed. Mrs Norrick made a motion to have the vacate order continued to February 18, 2019 and for Mrs. Thompson to present a repair plan and financial reporting to support the repairs. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

Fire Department

Chief Vanderbur, Edgewood Fire Department reported on the fire and EMS runs during the month of December. There were a total of 214 runs in 2018. The Fire Department and Police Department participated in an active shooter exercise. Discussion followed.

Police Department Report

Marshal Ellingwood reported that there were 185 incident/case reports in the month of December. There were 27 arrests/citations broken down as follows: Captain Briggs 4; Office Taylor 20; and Officer Robertson 3. The reserve officers, Officer Robertson worked 21 hours and Officer Lehman worked 29 hours; Part-time Officers worked 0 hours.

Water Operator's Report

Mr. Thomas Brewer, Edgewood Water reported on the various activity for the Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Brewer informed the council that there would be a change in the chemical company that we are presently using and reminded the council that salt is not usually placed on the straight roads but at intersections and on the hills around the Valley and Old Edgewood. Discussion followed.

Member Reports

Mr. Cook commended the Fire and Police Departments for their dedication to the safety of the town.

Mrs. Armington did not have a report.

Mr. Gunter did not have a report.

Ms. Farran did not have a report.

Mr. Leak was not present and therefore did not have a report.

Mrs. Norrick did not have a report.

Town Attorney Report

Mr. Austin stated that he did have the Drainage Utility Fee Ordinance with all the changes the council had requested and would bring it up under Old Business.

Town Engineer's Report

Mr. Servies reported that he had begun the paperwork for getting bids for the paving job and wanted the council's approval for him to do so along with getting a bid for the manhole repair. Mrs. Armington made a motion to approve for Mr. Services to obtain bids for street paving and manhole repair. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Ms. Tanner that the Edgewood Court for the year 2018 had a loss of \$31,468.20. Ms. Tanner also reminded the council and guests that 2018 was a year in which Debbie Condon, Fines Clerk had retired mid-year and spent five months training her replacement. The Profit from January 2014 – December 2018 was \$6,205.91. Discussion followed.

Old Business

Ms. Farran presented a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Association of Indiana Counties Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System. As discussed last month, this is a program that would enable the Town of Edgewood to place collections with the Indiana Department of Revenue and receive collections via an outstanding debtor's tax return. Mrs. Norrick made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Mrs. Armington seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

Ms. Farran presented Ordinance Number 1-21-2019, "An Ordinance Imposing a Drainage Utility Fee." Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 1-21-19. Mrs. Norrick seconded the motion. 'All members voting aye, motion carried. Mrs. Norrick made January 21, 2019

a motion to have the second reading by title only. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried. Ms. Farran read the second reading of Ordinance Number 1-21-19 by title only. Mrs. Norrick made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 1-21-19. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried. Mrs. Norrick made a motion to suspend the rules and have the third reading of Ordinance Number 1-21-19 by title only. Mrs. Armington seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried. Ms. Farran read the third reading of Ordinance Number 1-21-19 by title only. Mrs. Norrick made a motion to approve the third reading of Ordinance Number 1-21-19. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

New Business

Ms. Farran presented the Agreement to Furnish Police Protection for 2019 between the Town of Edgewood and the Town of River Forest. Discussion followed. Mrs. Norrick made a motion to approve the agreement but to increase the fee from \$500 for 2019 to \$750 for 2020. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

Ms. Tanner presented the 2019 Salary Ordinance and asked the council to approve language pertaining to how the Volunteer Fire Members would be paid for their runs, clothing, car allowance, and annual pay. Discussion followed. The following would be add after members designated by the Fire Chief "and are active as of December 1, 2019, and in good standing." Mrs. Norrick made a motion to approve the language for the 2019 Salary Ordinance. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

Comments & Questions

Paul Hensley, 3401 Nichol Avenue, asked if the town was going to install a fence on the property between his Barber Shop and the Town Hall. Discussion followed. Mrs. Armington stated that she would help with planning for the fence and notify him.

Approval of the Minutes from the December 17, 2018 Council Meeting

Mrs. Norrick made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2018 Town Council Meeting. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

Register of Claims

Mrs. Norrick made a motion to approve the December Register of Claims. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

With no further business, upon a motion made by Mr. Gunter and seconded by Mrs. Norrick with all members voting aye, the Council was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Patricia A. Farran, President

Joseph Cook Member

John W. Gunter, Member

Arthur J. Leak, Member

Jodi L. Norrick, Membe

ATTEST: Katherine Tanner, Clerk-Treasurer

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