TOWN OF NASHVILLE

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022 AT 6:30PM

IN PERSON AT NASHVILLE TOWN HALL AND VIDEO CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE – Council members present in person - President Nancy Crocker, Vice-President Anna Hofstetter, and Councilmember Jane Gore. Councilmembers Absent - Councilmember Tyra Miller, and Councilmember David Rudd. Also, in attendance – Chief Administrator Phyllis Carr, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Ferry, and Records Clerk Sandie Jones, Town Attorney Wanda Jones and Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young.

- 1. OPENING THE MEETING by President Crocker at 6:30 pm.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call by Clerk-Treasurer Young.
 - **C. Approval of the Agenda** President Crocker asked to add the USB report to the agenda. Vice-President Hofstetter motioned to approve the amended agenda. Councilmember Gore seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.
- **2. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA** Councilmember Gore motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. President Crocker seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.
 - A. Consider Approval of Claims (Accounts Payable Vouchers)
 - B. Resolution 2022-06 A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Transfers to Depleted Funds
 - C. 2nd Round Service Bids Recommendations
 - D. Spring Blossom Parade and Rotary Right of Way Request May 7, 2022
 - E. Approval of Minutes
- 3. CLERK-TREASURER REPORT -
 - A. Fund Balance Report C/T Young advised that the Council had received their monthly financial reports. She also advised that the Council needed to approve the USDA Annual Reports for the year 2021 for Water and Sewer. Councilmember Gore motioned to approve the USDA reports for 2021. Vice-President Hofstetter seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion. She also presented the Town Council certification for acknowledgement of receipt and approval of the financial reports.

4. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Department – President Crocker advised that we have had 2 Town Hall meetings that were well attended and with good discussion. She then advised that the Council met with the Police Merit Commission regarding the Police Department. Police Merit Commission Member Jim Hays advised that the Commission will be meeting to work on the process of hiring a Police Chief. There were 2 new Reserve Officers sworn in.

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B. Town Administration

- Consider Approval of Tree Removals Chief Administrator Carr spoke about the 2 tree removal quotes that were received. The third company did not respond. She asked for permission to hire Treedom to remove 4 trees for a total of \$8,075.00 to come out of MVH and Economic Development funds. The removal of the 4 trees was already approved by the Tree Board. Vice-President Hofstetter motioned to approve the 4 tree removals. President Crocker seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.
- Sidewalk Replacement 50/50 request at the Old Bartley House The total estimate is \$4,930.00 and the town will be paying ½ if approved. Councilmember Gore motioned to approve the 50/50 sidewalk replacement to come out of the MVH funds. Vice-President Hofstetter seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.
- Village Green Restrooms Roof Replacement Estimates Chief Administrator Carr had sent out request for quotes for the roof replacement. She is waiting to hear from the Insurance Company regarding possible solar roofing. Vice-President Hofstetter motioned to table this discussion until we can find out more information about the solar panels. Councilmember Gore seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.
- Town Park Commission request Chief Administrator Carr advised that the Town Park
 Commission is going to look into taking down the Lincoln Pinch Cabin as it is in bad shape and
 needs to be removed. Discussion.
- Robin Willey Chief Administrator Carr advised that Robin Willey won the 2022 Wastewater Systems Operational Specialists of the Year. A round of applause was given. The award was given by the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water.
- Consultant Dax Norton Consultant Norton joined the meeting via Zoom to give his report. He advised the USB had been very active and they have recommended that the Council begin the process to increase the water and sewer rates to meet the budgets. Pam Gould a member of the USB, spoke about their 2 ½ hour work session discussing changes to the water leak adjustment process. She advised the USB is reviewing all expenses and areas where there could be reductions. She is proud of their team.

Consultant Norton spoke about the meeting with IFA about some additional funding for water and sewer projects.

President Crocker motioned to authorize (the team of Town Attorney and the Financial Advisors) moving forward on the Sanitary Sewer Rate Increase. Councilmember Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Consultant Norton then announced that the Food & Beverage enabling Act has been extended for 20 years. He noted that in addition to the uses we now have the ability to start grant programs that positively affect the Village District. He complimented the Team of Taft for working on our behalf and would suggest the funding be allocated in the 2023 budget.

Town Attorney Wanda Jones – President Crocker thanked Attorney Jones for the work that she has already done for the Town.

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5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2022-01 An Ordinance to Amend Water Rates Charges First Reading Discussion. Vice-President Hofstetter motioned to have the first reading by title only of Ordinance 2022-01. President Crocker seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion. Vice-President Hofstetter read aloud Ordinance 2022-01 by title only. President Crocker explained the timeline for publishing the ordinance and having a public hearing regarding this ordinance.
- B. Consider Waiving Market Event Fees Through April 2022 President Crocker advised there is a small group working on suggestions for streamlining the process for these types of events. President Crocker motioned that we continue waiving the Market Event Fees through April 2022. Councilmember Gore seconded the motion. President Crocker and Councilmember Gore were in favor of the motion. Vice-President Hofstetter was opposed. Vice-President Hofstetter would like us to be very careful when considering our budgets when making decisions.
- **6. ADJOURN** President Crocker asked the Councilmembers if they had anything else to discuss. Nothing further was brought before the Council. President Crocker adjourned the meeting at 7:11pm.

Clerk-Treasurer Brenda K. Young

Councilmember Jane Gore

Councilmember Anna Hofstetter

Councilmember Tyra Miller

Councilmember David Rudd