

The Oldenburg Town Council met June 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. After being called to order by President Dennis Moeller, the minutes of the May meeting were read and Councilman Greg Struewing made a motion to approve, and Councilman Dave Wahman seconded.

Oldenburg Police Department officer Bill Dramann introduced new Reserve Officer John Roberts and town attorney John Kellerman conducted his swearing in.

Next President Moeller invited the town members to discuss their reasons for attending the meeting and several townspeople discussed their grievances of noise complaints regarding a particular neighbor. Several people mentioned fireworks, verbal assault, loud music, loud car exhaust, loud ATV and animal (chicken, dog) smells and noises. A request was made to instill either a noise ordinance for the town, or perhaps a fine for the owner of the home who is renting the property. In addition, the process for filing a written complaint with the Franklin county zoning board was discussed. A concern was also voiced regarding the upcoming 4th of July holiday and police presence was requested.

President Moeller summarized and reviewed the town's action items to be completed: Officer Dramann will speak with the Indiana State Police and request a detective be assigned. The townspeople will file their complaints with the zoning board. John Kellerman will speak with the Franklin county prosecutor. Complaint letters can be sent to the homeowner in question. President Moeller will reach out to a point-person who volunteered to report to the other community members.

Jeff Paul discussed his work with Gary Munchel to request the possibility of updating the towns walking fliers and introducing QR codes which would be displayed in windows of agreeable homeowners of historic buildings. The QR code would link to a short video snip that would explain the building's history. Jeff further explained there would be no cost to the town. Councilmembers agreed that Jeff and Gary should move forward with this project.

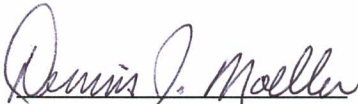
Jeff also discussed the possibility of obtaining a portion of the \$200 million Lily grant that was recently approved, with an allocated \$65 million to be split between the states 11 regions, focusing on culture and art. An idea was mentioned about a shelter/pavillion near the future walking trails that could be used for small concerts. Councilmembers agreed Jeff and Gary should move forward with this project.

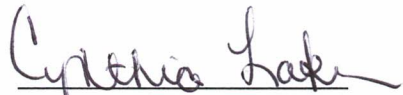
A town member discussed zoning questions regarding a notice she received regarding unmowed grass on her property.

Old business, Jeff Paul reported the latest update with the sewer plant problem and confirmed it is still ongoing and being worked on. The Federal Grant update was discussed and the next working meeting

will be held Wednesday, June 12th at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. Town treasurer Cindy Laker will continue training her replacement, Kate Hunter until her official start date September 1, 2024. President Moeller provided an update regarding Carole Blake's property on Averdick Street; he confirmed her garage cannot be turned into an additional house on the same lot. New business was discussed: Short-term rentals (Airbnb's) were discussed and John Kellerman is working on an accompany ordinance regarding length of allowable stay. President Moeller further updated: Summerbash founders had previously requested help in paying for insurance for the day and the town will be adding a \$250 insurance rider to cover for this year only. Further, the boundary between the Municipal building and neighboring property was discussed. The homeowner does not wish to sell any additional property, so a variance will need to be obtained.

Next month's meeting will be held on Monday, July 1st as it does not interfere with the July 4th holiday, and the September meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th.


Dennis Moeller, President


Cynthia Laker, Clerk Treasurer