

The Oldenburg Town Council met Monday, November 4th, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. After being called to order by President Dennis Moeller, the minutes of the October meeting were brought forth and Councilman Dave Wahman made a motion to approve, Councilman Struewing seconded the motion.

Jim Meyer requested to close the Pearl Street for Holiday Under the Spires (December 7th) from Main Street to Vine Street and requested the closure begin Friday afternoon, after the school bus goes through. Council approved and facilitated coordination with Officer Dramann.

Tim Hunt with HWC Engineering provided an update regarding the Water Street project. INDOT Field Checks were completed in October. Representatives from gas, electric, and project leads walked the project from start to finish to identify conflicts. Subcontractor Matrix has filed their final cultural resource approval report with 4 different options on the culvert replacement. Tim anticipates hearing an answer from the historical folks regarding which of the 4 options they will approve within the coming weeks and will provide public meeting information regarding their findings.

Greg Ronnebaum with the Eagle Fire Department provided annual lease to be signed, and paid \$1.00 for the lease.

President Moeller provided information regarding \$7,500 received from Geenex Solar to be used to resurface the bridge; a grant that was previously applied for that the town did not receive. Bidding for this project will begin soon.

Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) roundtable is being hosted at the Brau Haus on November 20th, all council members and clerk treasurer plan to attend.

Bids for the handrail to be installed at the municipal building retaining wall were received from Red Forge, Inc., K-Fab, Inc., Aesthetic Metal Studio and Vinyl Solutions. Red Forge: hot dip galvanized \$10,448, or black powder coating \$15,803. Aesthetic Metal Studio powder coating \$19,000, K Fab: hot dip galvanized \$18,503, powder coating \$20,303. And an installation fee of \$4,250.00. And Vinyl Solutions quoted an aluminum handrail at \$12,400. Greg Struewing made a motion to approve the Aesthetic Metal Studio, Councilman Wahman seconded. President Moeller did not vote in support.

Town insurance went up \$2,000.00 est. President Moeller has reached out to two other companies and is awaiting their quotes.

Duke Energy reached out regarding an audit they had completed upon which 11 receptacles that the town hasn't been paying for. Council will review the increase again next month.

President Moeller discussed a complaint letter he received from an owner of a property on Water street who is against the upcoming project. A copy of their letter to Senator Leising was also included. President Moeller plans to respond to the homeowner individually.

There was a discussion regarding a petition for signatures on Water Street Project.

Kate Hunter requested the town consider purchasing an additional software license for Boyce Systems, a financial accounting system currently being used by the Utility Board. Additional information is needed and the matter will be reviewed again next month.

Christine Hazelwood/Dennis Murphy want to build a garage on their property with Fitzpatrick doing the construction and the garage will be approximately 22x24. Ms. Hazelwood was unsure where the garage would be located on the property and President Moeller advised her to contact the Franklin County Area Planning Commission.

Town member Brian Clagg presented a question regarding odor from sewer plant. Jeff Paul responded with a mistake was made by wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Clagg also questioned the status of the Sister's housing project. OurDoor should know by the 21st of the month if they are receiving the tax credit or not. Mr. Clagg further questioned the ditch in front of his house and Gary Cox's house. The ditch can be rectified at owner's expense and a permit is required.

Steve Stahely, a member of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, announced an upcoming meet-and-greet for local business owners Wednesday at 5:30 at Creekbottom.

Jeff Paul reviewed the final numbers regarding closing of the Oldenburg Wastewater project – savings discussed. Included some street repairs, water main breaks at no additional cost to the town, due to the savings from this project.

Old Business: – Regarding the Walking Trail, DNR has approved the construction plans which must be completed by October 2025. They plan to begin after Freudenfest 2025.

The Municipal building wall is being torn out, and should be finished with the next couple of days. Footers should be poured Thursday and the project is anticipated to be completed in approximately two weeks.

The six-month trial period to remove the skateboard ordinance has completed with no issues. The ordinance is therefore nullified.

The stop sign at Water and Washington Street was discussed. President Moeller contacted DNR and confirmed the stop signs should be between 6-12 feet from the edge of the crosswalk. Therefore, the existing stop sign is too far back, so it will be moved.

Discussion continued regarding the delay in minutes being posted online. President Moeller contacted a member of the Department of Local Government and Finance who confirmed that the minutes can be posted, prior to being signed with a note "tentative to be approved at the next meeting."

Posting the Town Ordinances online are not yet finished. Attorney John Kellerman will finish this month, to be reviewed again at next month's meeting.

Councilman Wahman made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Struewing seconded.

**These minutes are considered tentative, to be approved at December Town Council Meeting.