The Oldenburg Town Council met August 8, 2022 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. After being called to order by Pres. Dennis Moeller the minutes of the regular July meeting were read. Greg made a motion to accept minutes as read. Dave seconded with an exception.

Dave said he had changed his mind about selling the Municipal Building. He had several people call him about why we were selling. After giving it a lot of thought about all the work we did to it and where to relocate the police, he would like to keep it as is. Greg also said he had several people call being concerned about selling it, and after giving it more thought he would like to keep it. Denny expressed he still thinks we should sell. Dave made a motion to keep the Municipal Building, Greg seconded. Denny voted to sell. John will make a notice to put in the paper taking it off the market. Denny made a motion to reimburse Steve Stahley for the second appraisal fee since we were using it for one of our appraisals and since we are no longer selling the building it is only fair. Dave & Greg agreed to reimburse Steve Stahley for his appraisal. Denny will have Steve get us a copy of his appraisal bill.

Dave and Greg also expressed since we were not selling the Municipal Building then we should not try to buy St. Theresa Hall. The cost and the unknown of getting everything up to code and self-sufficient. Dave made a motion not to purchase St Theresa Hall. Greg and Denny seconded. Denny will let the Sister's know.

Seth Shields asked the council about fixing up the upstairs in the Town Hall for a meeting room, dances, museum. He said that is one thing the Town lapses compared to Germany. There is a committee that would help look into funding. Councils big concern is bringing it up to code with an elevator. John will check into. Historical renovations only since it is a historical building.

Derek Towle from USI was just updating the council on the procedures for the Federal Grant on Water Street. He also said he wanted to let the Council know that the cost of everything has gone up greatly. We need a consultant signed by September 1<sup>st</sup>. His firm should have a contract to go over by Friday.

Doug report that the Police truck is in and they are delivering it on Thursday. The cost of \$29,186.00. Doug will be putting all the accessories on. It will not be decaled for a while. Cindy will do an additional appropriation for this. General \$21,283 (Cares) Public Safety \$7903.00. John read Ordinance 6-2022 Regulating the Mowing of Lawns in the Town of Oldenburg, Indiana. Written warning 7 days – fail to respond fine of \$50. Two or more times fine \$50. Greg made a motion to pass Ordinance 6-2022. Dave and Denny seconded. Attached is Ordinance 6-2022.

Dave reported Ben Wahman was done with cleaning up the trees on Indiana Ave \$1,700.00 and repaired the storm sewer on water street for \$2865.00

Denny asked about the drain problem outside the Municipal Building, Dave said since we are not selling the building, he will get ahold of Laker's to fix it.

Jeff said the Sister's have stuff in their archives on the History of Oldenburg and would like to donate them to the town if there was a place to display them. Jeff will talk to the Sister's. Denny may ask to see them also.

Denny reported that Ashley Meyer decided not to represent the Town on the BZA Board. The council discussed a few other people. Denny will contact and see if anyone is interested. Bill said he know that the council last meeting agreed to a 3% raise for the police, he would like to see 10% for the Deputy \$823.29 and 2% for the Marshal \$471.26. Greg made a motion to approve the raises, and not to be given another until 2025. Denny and Dave seconded. Cindy will make the changes before her budget meeting Weds.

Denny will talk to Creek Bottom Brew about renewing their lease. The council approved a 3year lease at \$625.00 a month.

The next council meeting will be September 12, 2022 at 7:00PM

After the claims were read and approved the meeting was adjourned.

Dennis Moeller, President

Cynthia Laker, Clerk Treasure

Special Public Meeting Regarding Federal Grant – August 21, 2022 – 10:00 AM – Town Hall

Denny called the meeting 48 hours in advance. Meeting notification was posted. Denny explained the various options the council had regarding the federal grant for the Water Street renovation. USI, the engineering firm chosen for the project had provided their proposal for the engineering of the project at just above \$798,000 which was over \$300,000 more than in our grant application. With the help of Kathy Eaton-McKalip from INDOT, the council had to decide on three options:

- 1. Accept the USI bid which would cost the town an additional \$60,000 plus for the town's 20% match.
- 2. Disengage with USI, resubmit a new RFP and most likely engage with HWC to provide the engineering.
- 3. Kill the federal project and pursue CCMG Grants to do the work.

After an hour discussion, Greg made a motion to move forward with Option 2, Dave seconded, vote was unanimous. Denny will contact USI, Tom Wilson and Larry Smith from Franklin County, Kathy from INDOT and Tim Hunt from HWC.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dennis Moeller, President

Cynthia Laker, Clerk Treasurer