

BROWNSBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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- 01. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER** – Town Council President Travis Tschaenn called the meeting of the Brownsburg Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 27, 2020 in the Brownsburg Town Hall, 61 N. Green Street.
- 02. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 03. ROLL CALL** – Members of the Council present were Travis Tschaenn, Dennis Dawes, Matt Simpson, Brian Jessen and Jeff Gracey. Also present were Ann Hathaway, Clerk Treasurer; Jeff Eder, Town Manager; Al Geans, Assistant Town Manager; and Tricia Leminger, Town Attorney.
- 04. CITIZENS COMMENTS RELATING TO AUGUST 27, 2020 AGENDA**
 - 04.01** A Proclamation Recognizing September 17, 2020 – September 23, 2020 as Constitution Week – National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Wa-Pe-Key-Way Chapter was read by Council President Travis Tschaenn.
- 05. CONSENT ITEMS**
 - 05.01.** August 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes were considered. Dennis Dawes made a motion to approve and Jeff Gracey seconded. Passed 5-0.
 - 05.02.** July 15, 2020 Executive Session Memorandum was considered.
 - 05.03.** July 23, 2020 Working Session Memorandum was considered.

Matt Simpson motioned to approve both the Executive Session Memorandum and the Working Session Memorandum. Dennis Dawes seconded. Passed 5-0.
 - 05.04.** Civil Town and Fire Territory Claim Dockets – August 14, 2020 through August 27, 2020 in the amount of \$1,181,035.45. Dennis Dawes made a motion to approve the docket. Jeff Gracey seconded. Passed 5-0.
- 06. BID OPENING AND/OR AWARD** - None
- 07. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS**
 - 07.01.** Police Report – Major Watts presented the report for the Brownsburg Police Department and asked if there were any questions.
 - 07.02.** Fire Territory Report – Deputy Chief Ryan Miller presented the Fire Territory Report and asked if there were any questions.

Jeff Gracey asked for consent to move item 13.01 forward. All consented. Jeff Gracey gave an update on the budget process of the Brownsburg Fire Territory Executive Board. The 2021 Proposed Budget was an item on the agenda at Tuesday’s Executive Board meeting. There were two proposed budgets presented. Copies of the proposals were provided. One of the proposals included a 2% pay increase across the board. He, as the Council Representative on the Board, voted against the 2% pay increase proposal while the other two members of the Executive

Board voted to pass, therefore, it was not approved. He then made a motion to approve the alternative proposal that had a 0% pay increase and voted to approve while the other members voted no, therefore, the second proposal did not pass. No agreement achieved regarding the 2021 budget. Attorney Tricia Leminger discussed the actions the Town Council could take. Discussion ensued. Jeff Gracey stated he did not believe there would be an agreement achieved with the Brownsburg Fire Territory Executive Board and recommended the Council declare an emergency in order to decide on the budget. A consensus was taken between the 2% pay increase budget proposal and the 0% pay increase proposal resulting in the following: Jeff Gracey 0%, Matt Simpson 0%, Travis Tschaenn 0%, Brian Jessen 0% and Dennis Dawes 0%. The Council will officially declare an emergency at the next meeting of the Town Council if there is no resolution by the BFT Executive Board before then.

08. TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

08.01. Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce – Rhonda Wiles, Executive Director – Presented her report. There were 9 new members added in August. Forty-two (42) new members have been added in 2020. There are a total 265 members. She also mentioned the 38th Annual Chamber Golf outing that will take place on September 16th at West Chase Golf Course.

09. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED ITEMS

09.01 Ordinance 2020-17 – An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation (Phillips Property, Located At the Northeast Corner of the Intersection of CR 625 and US 136) - Proposed 3rd Reading, and Final Adoption. Jeff Eder stated that there are no changes since 2nd reading

Matt Simpson made a motion to approve and Brian Jessen seconded. Passed 5-0.

09.02. Ordinance #2020-18 - An Ordinance to amend The Official Zoning Map | Silverthorne Homes (Phillips Manor) Rezone to R3: A request for a zoning map amendment, to amend the zoning on approximately 41.54 acres of real estate, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of West Main Street (US Hwy. 136) and Co. Rd. 625 East, from General Agriculture (AG) District to High Density Single-family Residential (R3) District, for the purpose of developing a single-family residential subdivision. – Proposed 2nd Reading, 3rd Reading and Final Adoption. – Jeff Eder stated that there have been no changes since the 1st reading.

Dennis Dawes made a motion to approve on 2nd and 3rd reading and final adoption. Jeff Gracey seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

10. NEW FOR CONSIDERATION

10.01. A Motion to Approve Declaration of the Brownsburg Town Council as Fiscal Body for the Brownsburg Public Library for the Purposes of Annual Budget Review and Binding Budget Adoption. Jeff Eder stated the reason for this declaration.

Dennis Dawes motioned to approve and Matt Simpson seconded. Passed 5-0.

10.02. A Motion to Approve Waiver of Fees for Sign Permit and Temporary Use Permit for a Town Event at Williams Park by the B & O Trail Association for Their 28th Annual Bicycle Tour. Jeff Eder described the request. Travis Tranbarger stated that the fee being waived would be \$100 event fee and shelter fees.

Dennis Dawes made a motion to approve and Matt Simpson seconded. Passed 5-0.

10.03. Ordinance #2020-19 – An Ordinance to Approve the Salaries and Salary Ranges for the Year 2020 - Al Geans discussed the reason for the change in the salary ordinance.

Brian Jessen motioned to approve Ordinance #2020-19. Matt Simpson seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

11. TOWN MANAGER ITEMS – Jeff Eder presented an update on the Non-Profit organizations for example the Farmers Market. He also discussed the Covid-19 protocols. The budget process is moving forward well.

12. CLERK-TREASURER ITEMS

12.01. Acknowledgement of Uniform Conflict of Interest Statements were presented for consent. All Council Members consented. Travis asked if there was any update on the summer sewer rate project. There will be preliminary information at the next meeting for further discussion.

13. TOWN COUNCIL ITEMS

Jeff Gracey commended the Parks Department for help in the process of the event he organized on town property. He also thanked all those who attended.

Matt Simpson stated that the Brownsburg High School football team’s game will be on ESPN 2 this Saturday night.

Dennis Dawes thanked Councilman Gracey for organizing the “Back the Blue” event.

Brian Jessen had nothing further to add.

Travis Tschaenn also thanked Jeff Gracey for organizing the “Back the Blue” event. He added a thanks to the Street and Utility departments.

13.01. Discussion of Brownsburg Fire Territory Budget – see above.

14. TOWN ATTORNEY ITEMS - None

15. CITIZENS COMMENTS –


David Weyant – 7721 Shagbark Court

Ray Kotarski – 648 Hummingbird Drive

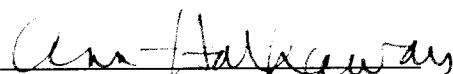
16. ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn is made by Matt Simpson at 7:47.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Brownsburg Town Council meetings. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at <http://brownsburgin.swagit.com/play/08282020-539> for as long as this media is supported.

Brownsburg Town Council

By: 
Travis Tschaenn, President

ATTEST:

By: 
Ann Hathaway, Clerk-Treasurer