

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA

MAY 28, 2008

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in regular session on the above date. All members were present except Martz. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Michael Cooper. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Bonham to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2008 meeting. Those voting: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Nays: No one.

SRF MONIES: Addendums need prepared for additional projects that will be paid for with SRF monies. Triad as prepared the appropriate paperwork and Cooper has signed.

PAVING: At this time only one quote has been received for paving in town. Due to the delay in monies from tax draws, there is not sufficient revenue to do the paving. The price for a ton of asphalt has gone up \$175.00 per ton and will continue to increase. There was a motion by Romine seconded by Bonham to borrow a short term loan for \$100,000.00 for paving to be paid back when tax draw money is received. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine. Nays: No one.

DRAINAGE BOARD: Long reported that he had been to the Drainage Board meeting on May 27th. Mick Carmin from the Methodist Church also attended about drainage on 600 S. where the new church is to be built. It was tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting on Tuesday, June 10th.

BARKING DOGS: A resident on Anson St. was at the meeting to see what can be done about barking dogs in the neighborhood. Council cited an ordinance that deals with disturbance of the peace by barking dogs. Jagers commented that our ordinances are not put in place to fine people but to get a problem resolved. It was the consensus of the Council to send a letter and copy of the ordinance to the named residents of the barking dogs as a first step to resolve the problem.

REDUCTION OF OPERATING BUDGET: Bonham recommended that the Council ask Town Manager, Town Marshal, Clerk-Treasurer and Fire Chief to reduce their operating budgets by 10%. We are in unsure times with economic issues and operational monies need to be reduced. The Council will seek every possible solution and only reduce work force as a last resort. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Romine to have all town department heads seek to reduce their 08 and 09 operating budgets. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine. Nays: No one.

UMBAUGH: Bonham has talked with Jeff Rowe from Umbaugh about how other communities are working to meet their money shortfalls. He expressed that some communities are trying to increase revenue by charging for services, reduce their budgets, and creating a storm water utility. Bonham suggested that the town start considering a plan for the future.

WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE: Motion by Bonham seconded by Jagers to have Jeff Rowe at Umbaugh draft an ordinance raising the water rate 9.5% and the sewage rate 21.4% and then phase in a an approximate 2% increase in the year 2009 and 2010. The ordinance will also include capacity fees that have been adopted and to start charging an outside the town limit user fee of an additional 25%. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine. Nays: No one.

LONG RANGE PLAN: Cooper and Bonham will meet with Town Manager on Monday, June 2nd at 10 a.m. to discuss a 5 to 10 year long range plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST _____ SIGNED: _____
JANE E. ROCKWELL COUNCIL PRESIDENT
CLERK-TREASURER