

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in regular session on the above date. All members were present. A Public Hearing on the Library Budget was at 7:00 p.m. There was a motion by Schwartz seconded by Bonham to open the Public Hearing. President of the Library Board Pam Stump spoke on behalf of the Library. It was determined by the newspaper ad that the Public Hearing was in fact to be conducted on September 17th. There was then a motion by Bonham seconded by Carmin to close the Public Hearing. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Schwartz seconded by Ross to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2013 meeting. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

UPLAND PUPLAND: Diann Wellmann gave a report on the Grand Opening of the Pupland Dog Park. She said that although the weather didn't fully cooperate, about thirty people and their dogs attended. Several dogs were micro-chipped by the Hometown Animal Hospital. A King and Queen dog were crowned. She felt like it had been an overall success. They have a facebook page and Diann said that in the first week there had been several hundred visitors.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: Long reported that Mr. Michael with Swing of Faith has ordered the equipment for the park. There will be a work day on Saturday, September 14th to clean up and repair equipment already at the park.

DEFIBRILLATOR: The County Commissioners approved and ordered the defibrillators. The Town will be getting 4 at a cost of \$5676.00.

SECOND ST. BRIDGE: Long has been in contact with the Supervisor of the Second St. bridge construction. They had to order more material and it should be here in 4-6 weeks.

DITCHES: Carmin asked Long about the progress of the ditches on East St. and North St. Long reported that East St. had been cleaned out and after the last rain no water showed up. He is still waiting on Triad for drawings on how to fix the problem. North St. the road has been cut and we are waiting on contractor.

SWEEPING OF CURBS: Carmin asked if the curbed streets had been swept. Long said that the cost is \$2500.00 and he was short money with the cost of street salt and paving. Council would like to see if there was a way that we can fit that into the budget. Possibly we could partner with Taylor University in the spring when they have it done.

POLICE REPORT: Marshal Parker reported that all officers have shot and are carrying their new weapons. The all attended a firearms training last week with Gas City and Jonesboro police departments.

RESIGNATION OF TOWN EMPLOYEE: Rockwell reported that she had received verbally the resignation of Utility Clerk Connie Sutton at the end of the year. Applications are being accepted for the position until September 20th.

SKATEBOARDING: The Council is concerned about the damage being done to town property by skateboards. Is there currently an ordinance prohibiting skateboarding in certain areas? Clerk-Treasurer to research and let Mr. Forcum know. He will draft an ordinance to be adopted by the Council. We still need to look into purchasing security cameras.

BACK-HOE: The town back-hoe is needing to be replaced. Long getting quotes on purchasing or leasing a new one.

DOG PARK: Ross followed up with the report on the dog park grand opening. They had an excellent turn out. He wanted to thank all the volunteers, people who have given donations, those who have worked on grants and to Diann Wellman for her leadership.

SUMMER HELP: Ross commented on how well the summer help has worked out this summer. He wanted to publicly thank Mike Parker, Jr. for his work this summer.

FIRE CHIEF: Brian Holtzleiter has resigned as the Fire Chief. Mike Howard has been voted to replace him.

PROGRESS ON PLANNING GRANT: Jagers is making contacts with companies for Basic Qualifications for Planning Grant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Public Hearing on the Library and Town Budget at 7:00 p.m. before the regular meeting convenes. There will be an Administrative meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. and an Executive session for personnel immediately following the 7:00 public meeting.

ATTEST:  SIGNED: _____
CLERK-TREASURER COUNCIL PRESIDENT