

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, DECEMBER 17, 2013

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President John Bonham in the absence of Chip Jagers. There was a motion by Schwartz seconded by Ross to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2013 meeting with those voting aye: Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

PLANNING GRANT: The Planning Grant has been applied for, however the application for the INDOT grant did not get submitted due to missing information that there was not sufficient time to get together. There is another round in May 2014 that the Town is planning on submitting an application.

SIDEWALKS: Bonham reported that representatives from Council, Our Town Upland, Cardinal Greenway, and Engineers had a positive meeting concerning sidewalk work in the town. The plan is to look into how much we can commit to do on a year to year basis. Possibly come up with a plan to do in phases over a three year period. The Council will commit to making application with INDOT in May of 2014. Still need to hire an Engineering firm for the Master Plan.

COMPUTERS: Marshal Chambers reported that two new computers have been ordered to be used in the Upland Police Department.

POLICE APPLICATIONS: Applications have been narrowed down to 11. A written and physical agility test will be given on Saturday, December 21st. Interviews will be conducted in the near future.

SALARY ORDINANCE: Motion by Ross seconded by Schwartz to approve with correction of .45 cent increase to .75 cent increase for Bruce Long effective December 14, 2013. Those voting aye: Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one. This increase is due to employee completing 15 years of employment.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE: Motion by Schwartz seconded by Ross to accept employee health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield as presented. The employee contribution will stay at \$1.00 per year. Those voting aye: Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-12: Motion by Ross seconded by Carmin to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-12 modifying section 32.05 sick leave and personal days. The ordinance states that an employee that retires, resigns, or dies and has fifteen or more years of service to the town shall be paid for one-third of their accumulated sick and personal days and any employee who shall retire, resign or die and has twenty or more years of service to the town shall be paid for one-half of their accumulated sick and personal days. Those voting aye: Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

TRAFFIC LIGHT REQUEST: It was the consensus of the Council to have Bonham and Jagers draft a letter to INDOT requesting a stop light at the intersection of Main and Washington and Main and Berry St.

VANDALISM: Schwartz reported that about 50 Christmas lights had been stolen from the Second St. bridge. He suggested that a presence of an Officer after school might be helpful.

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING: Ross thanked all the Town guys and organizations involved in making the tree lighting a success. He also thanked the work done to keep our streets clean during the snow.

PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: There will be a Park Advisory Board meeting on Monday January 6th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall. There will be an Executive meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel.

ATTEST:  SIGNED: _____
CLERK-TREASURER COUNCIL PRESIDENT