

## MINUTES TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, OCTOBER 4, 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met on the above date in regular session. All members were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Slain to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2016 meeting. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

**STORMWATER ISSUE:** Larry Stump 120 W. Washington St. approached the Council again about the issue of standing water on First St. that runs in front of his home. The Council said they were aware of the problem and were trying to combine a number of storm water issues into a grant proposal. They now realize that some cannot wait until we can apply and receive a grant. Some need immediate attention. There is a meeting scheduled on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. with our Engineers to discuss these issues.

**JUNK CARS:** Mr. Stump also commented on some junk cars in his neighborhood. He said Marshal Wolf had tagged them and told the residents they need to be removed. He is hoping that we stay on top of this and get the cars removed. Jagers commented that he appreciated the spirit and tone that Mr. Stump brought his concerns to the Council.

**AREA PLAN:** Larry Strange, Executive Director of the Area Plan Commission was at the meeting to introduce himself and share with the Council some of his short and long term development goals. They want to keep properties safe and more valuable by being more efficient with technology uses. They will also be working on a comprehensive plan in 2017 due to Indiana Code changes.

**CHICKENS:** A resident was at the meeting hoping to hear a discussion for allowing chickens in town. The Council replied that it was not on their agenda for this meeting but would put it on the agenda for the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**BEN WEHLING:** Mr. Wehling of 592 S. Fifth St. was at the meeting to gather facts about shared boundaries with Dan and Janet Smith. The vacation of the alley never was finished and there was never an agreement between the landowners concerning the unapproved portion of Fifth St. He will be meeting with the Smith's later this evening hoping to get some resolution to the matter.

**2017 BUDGET:** There was a motion by Slain seconded by Jagers to approve the 2017 Budget as advertised. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

**FIRE CONTRACT:** Motion by Ross seconded by Jagers to approve the fire contract with Jefferson Township as presented. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

**HALLOWEEN HOURS:** Trick or Treat hours have been set for the Town of Upland for Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-8 p.m.

**CREDIT CARDS:** It was the consensus of the Council to require all employees to turn charge receipts signed to the Clerk-Treasurer.

**CALLING SYSTEM:** A quote was given to the Council for review for an alarm system in the amount of \$15,500.00 from Covalen.

**WATER LINE REPAIR:** Motion by Crouch seconded by Bonham to approve repairs to water lines by Keith Sullivan Excavating. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham., Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

**QUOTES FOR DEMOLITION:** Two quotes were received for demolition of building on Main St. They were \$16,500 from Sullivan Excavating and \$29,256.00 from Dick Bragg Excavating.

**GREEN THREE GRANT:** Motion by Jagers seconded by Slain to approve applying for a Safe Route for School Grant. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

**POLICE RPORT:** Marshal Wolf will be interviewing candidates for Police on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**1986 FIRE TRUCK:** Consensus of the Council to take sealed bids with a \$1000.00 minimum on the 1986 Fire Truck until 4 p.m. December 13<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be opened at the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the same date.

**HEROES BREAKFAST:** Women's Life Chapter will be hosting a breakfast on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station. Proceeds will be split between the Fire Dept. and the EMS.

**CERTIFIED LETTER:** A certified letter will be sent to Matt McDaniels the owner of the building next to the old General Electronics building that is set for demolition. There is a wall in question that the town is offering to take down with demolition upon his approval. The was a motion by Bonham seconded by Crouch to approve Mr. Forcum sending the letter. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

**SOUTH WAY GATE SIGN:** Jagers reported that the architects are still working on plans for the south way gate sign.

**HEAVING SIDEWALK:** Jagers commented that the sidewalk in front of door at Town Hall is heaving. He suggested that it be marked with yellow paint to alert patrons.


**NEW HIRES:** Motion by Jagers seconded by Ross to have a hiring practice of advertising for open positions. The policy will maintain confidence of the public showing fair and open hiring. Positions will be posted both internally and publicly. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

**DECEMBER MEETING:** The meeting in December will be changed from December 6<sup>th</sup> until the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:** Ross reported that the new playground equipment will be installed on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help. We have received a \$20,000 grant and a \$3000 matching grant from the Community Foundation for the purchase of the equipment.

**UNSAFE BUILDING UPDATE:** Bonham reported he had done a follow-up on both properties that had unsafe building issues. The Lakeview property is better on the front side but the back side still needs some work. The Half St. property there is a fence put up on one side and he is taking action to get the property cleaned up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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