

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

January 9, 2022; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 9, 2022. Town Attorney, Kyle Persinger called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk Treasurer J. Treon called the roll: Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, present; Steve Hedrick, present; Angie Armstrong, absent; David Broyles, absent. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Jo Ann Treon and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

CLAIMS:

Motion made by Hedrick to approve the claims and order warrants on same. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with two ayes and one nay.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Pollen to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on December 27, 2022. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with three ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick reported Stewart Signs advised the digital sign will be tested then shipped to Fort Wayne this week.

Hedrick advised bids are being taken for the removal of the Matter Park Dam in Marion.

President Hedrick thanked Kyle Persinger for chairing this evening's meeting.

STREETS & PARK:

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported the Street Department has been researching new street sweepers.

Hamilton advised the Street and Park Departments are continuing winter maintenance.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported the trees at 8th and Buckeye Streets have been removed and clean up will resume tomorrow. Regular tree trimming will begin soon.

Hamilton reported installation of the new furnace for the Street Barn is complete.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar presented the December Charge Summary for the Council to review.

Marshal Dollar reported the pursuit policy changed as of January 1, 2023. Dollar recommended replacing the current pursuit policy with the policy adopted by the Indiana State Police.

Motion made by E. Treon to adopt the State Police policy. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with three ayes.

Marshal Dollar reported Officer Metzger began training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Dollar requested permission for Officer Seward to attend Field Sobriety Training beginning March 6, 2023. This is a free course.

Motion made by E. Treon to send Officer Seward to the training. Seconded by Hedrick; motion carries with three ayes.

Marshal Dollar requested permission for Officer Vincent to attend Breathe Test Operator course at a cost \$300.00; the date has not been set at this time.

Motion made by E. Treon to send Officer Vincent to the course. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with three ayes.

Dollar advised the K-9 program has been delayed due lack of a handler. Von Liche Kennel advised training is available in March and May; no issues delaying the canine.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Superintendent Deal advised the first draft of an updated meter stand operating procedure and water leak adjustment application and leak ordinance has been sent to the Council, Water Clerk and Clerk and Deputy Clerk Treasurers for review.

Deal reported a new residence is being developed at Fairmount Avenue and Adams Street. The sewer for the residence will need to begin at Penn Street. Due to the size of the project, Bragg Excavation and Watson's Excavating have been contacted for bids. Assistant Superintendent Shelton is contacting a third excavating company for a bid. A start date for the sewer has not been determined to date.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk Treasurer J. Treon and the Council agreed to contact Dynamite to add Tuesdays and Thursdays to the cleaning schedule to maintain the hallway floor.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon reported the Town insurance has been paid; \$86,766.00 for all departments and \$26,633.00 for worker's compensation.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised Republic Services notified the Town of a billing error for the monthly invoice for trash services.

Republic Services reported they had invoiced the Town of Fairmount in error for two years totaling \$8,584.00.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised she did not agree with their figures. Town Attorney, Kyle Persinger advised he would review the notification and contract.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

Councilman Broyles is attending the Area Plan meeting this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

With no further business to come before the Council, Hedrick made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Treon; meeting adjourned with three ayes.

Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer