

***FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL***

***Regular Meeting***

***March 27, 2023; 7:00 P.M.***

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 27, 2023. President Hedrick 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, present; David Broyles, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Jo Ann Treon and attorney, Phil Stephenson.

**PURCHASE ORDER:**

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented purchase order 3648 to Flock Group Inc. in the amount of \$5,700.00 for the police department.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the purchase order as presented. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

**CLAIMS:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting March 13, 2023, Special Meeting March 13, 2023 and Special Meeting March 20, 2023. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with three ayes and two abstaining from each Special Meeting.

***REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:***

**PRESIDENT:**

President Hedrick reminded everyone that Spring Break is this week. Also, remember to renew Golf Cart registrations at the police department. The fee remains \$25.00 for the registration.

**STREETS & PARK:**

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported Josh Gibson's last day with the department was March 15, 2023.

Hamilton advised the Purdue Road School was educational. The three Street and Park employees attended a total of 16 classes including basic plan reading and excise fuel tax credit.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported the Street Department opted out of the State Bid for sand.

Hamilton advised they had a meeting with Kirby Risk and Halophan Lighting.

**POLICE & FIRE:**

Marshal Dollar requested permission to send Deputy Jeremy Street to ARIDE, an advanced course in field test sobriety.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the course. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Dollar reported officer training will be held at the end of the month.

Dollar advised a computer was replaced in the department. Grant County Sheriff's Office installed software which he uses to compile the monthly summary. Dollar presented the February charge summary for the Council to review.

**WATER & WASTEWATER:**

Superintendent Deal reported the sanitary survey has been completed by IDEM. Deficiencies have been addressed and changes are in place.

Deal advised CSO meters have been ordered and should arrive mid-May.

Superintendent Deal reported the weather siren located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is inoperable due to a bird's nest in the siren mechanism. The nest will be removed from the siren and the area sealed to prevent further debris in the mechanism. The sirens located on Washington Street and Factory Street remain operational.

Deal reported the new raw sewage pumps are completely functional.

Superintendent Deal announced the Utility Department is hiring for Utility Workers. The job description may be reviewed on the Town's website: [www.fairmount-in.com](http://www.fairmount-in.com). Applications and job description are available in the Clerk's Office.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon reported the hallway restroom will be locked over the weekends due to vandalism.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:**

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon provided the February Bank Reconciliation and Fund Report for the Council to review.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised the Clerk's Office received a call from the owner of Horner's Market requesting information about adding a gas station to the property. The owner will need to speak with Grant County Area Plan and the Fairmount Town Council to determine if the addition is possible.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

Councilman Broyles reported the Area Plan Commission discussed grading permits, an attorney for the commission, restrictions on streams, issues with the solar discussion and renewing the comprehensive plan.

Broyles advised there is an opening for a Building Inspector.

An audience member questioned if the residence on Tyler Street destroyed by fire will be boarded off for safety.

Marshal Dollar advised the property does have signage posted; the area is too open to cordon off.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Hedrick and Assistant Superintendent Hamilton discussed the road separation near the intersection of Main Street and State Road 26. Hamilton advised he has not received a response to the email sent to INDOT.

Marshal Dollar advised he received notification of interstate on/off ramp closures on State Road 26; closure will be on or after April 3, 2023 and reopen at the end of April.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Jim Havens revisited the idea of a Disk Golf Course at the Park. Assistant Superintendent Hamilton and Havens discussed websites for the equipment needed for the sport.

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

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Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

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Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer