

***FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL***  
***Regular Meeting***  
***June 13, 2022; 7:00 P.M.***

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 13, 2022. President Hedrick called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk Treasurer 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 Town Attorney, Phil Stephenson.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Fairmount Historical Museum requested the annual road closures for Museum Days, September 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The museum thanked the Street and Park Departments for all their work in 2021.

The museum has requested quotes from refuse companies for trash pickup during Museum Days.

The Main Street location was discussed with the Council. The museum's goal is to have the location open for the 50<sup>th</sup> James Dean Run in 2023.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the annual road closures to accommodate Museum Days/James Dean Run. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

Commonwealth Engineers presented the preliminary design for the Main Street Project from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Streets. The design allows for 12' rather than 11' lanes.

Community Crossing grant application process opens July 1, 2022. The grant will be awarded in November.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon advised the Town will need a cost estimate prior to the opening of the grant application.

Assistant Street Superintendent Hamilton and Superintendent Deal discussed a timeframe for completion and continuous curb height. The engineer advised there will be a 3-4" continuous curb for the project. No timeframe has been received from INDOT.

Clerk-Treasurer Treon advised the grant allows 18 months for completion. The project would begin in 2023.

The project includes conduit, but no the lighting.

Motion made by Armstrong to take the design under advisement and to schedule a Special Meeting with the Street Department. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

**PURCHASE ORDERS:**

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented the following purchase orders for approval:

#3385 to Elite K-9 in the amount of \$670.02 for the purchase of an alarm for the K-9 vehicle. The alarm is to alert the officer if the air conditioning/heat fails.

#3661 to RCS Contractor Supplies in the amount of \$1,630.80 for the purchase of stake nails to secure the fireworks racks.

#3636 to Kingston Construction in the amount of \$11,568.20 for the sidewalk at the back of the Municipal Building.

#3390 to Inc. Drug Disposal in the amount of \$5,584.00 for the purchase of an incinerator to dispose of narcotics.

Fairmount Fire Chief Payne explained the need for the racks and stakes for the fireworks. Insurance does not cover injury for reload of the tubes previously used for fireworks. The racks are safer for the firemen and require no reloading of fireworks. The racks will be staked to the ground. Payne advised he would like to build a second display for a total of 30 racks.

Payne provided further detail for the sidewalk replacement.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the purchase orders as presented. Seconded by E. Treon; 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 four ayes and one nay.

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on May 23, 2022. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

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

**PRESIDENT:**

President Hedrick read a letter to the Council from the David Lohr regarding the James Dean information sign being blocked by the new James Dean sign on State Road 26. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed the sign is in the State right-of-way and they are not seeing an obstruction.

Mr. Lohr will need to petition the State to move the sign.

President Hedrick thanked the Council for all of the support for his family during this time.

Hedrick advised he had spoken with the Stewart Sign representative. The installer is in Fort Wayne. The Town is required to ensure electricity is installed; Stewart Sign will complete the rest of the project.

**STREETS & PARK:**

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton reported two properties were mowed by the Street Department.

Hamilton advised the fencing around the handicap accessible swing has been removed due to poor condition. The sandbox was also removed from the park.

Hamilton reported E & B Paving will pave the walkway in the park the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton advised the next State Road 26 progress meeting with INDOT will be June 16, 2022.

Vice President Armstrong advised a parent had reported an issue with the merry-go-round being difficult to push.

Hamilton advised they are aware of the problem. The grease zerks are bad and will be replaced or repaired as soon as possible.

Councilman Broyles thanked the Street Department for addressing the alley behind his store; however, he would like the gravel removed to pavement.

Hamilton and Broyles briefly discussed potential causes for rainwater entering the building.

Councilman Broyles stated the property is commercial and taxed as such.

Councilman E. Treon and Councilman Broyles discussed the possibility that Broyles should be on the agenda to discuss an issue with his property. President Hedrick ended further discussion between the Councilmen.

Hamilton advised he would meet with Councilman Broyles and another council member to inspect the alley. Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised the Highway Fund may not be used for alley ways.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton requested the Council's opinion concerning the yard waste policy of picking up residential yard waste Monday and Friday. Considering fuel costs; should the Street Department reduce the pickup or possibly use one truck rather than two trucks. The Council advised Hamilton to use in own discretion. Also, the policy states one truck load of yard waste (trimmings of trees, shrubs). Does this mean one truck load per year?

Clerk-Treasurer Treon and Hamilton agreed to add more detail to the policy.

**POLICE AND FIRE:**

Marshal Dollar further explained the usage for an incinerator. Councilman Broyles asked about location, residual smoke.

Dollar explained the incinerator will be located behind the police garage. It produces no smoke and very little ash. Incinerating is the most efficient disposal for narcotics.

Marshal Dollar reported Crime Stoppers, Brice Corea, is looking for a liaison to attend monthly meetings.

Dollar advised due to fuel cost; a mileage restriction is in place for the officers. The officers will remain proactive.

Marshal Dollar requested former FPD officer, Jeremy Street, receive pay at his last pay rate for attending court for Fairmount Police Department.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the request to pay Officer Street for the court appearance. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

Marshal Dollar reported he has assigned one officer to tag abandoned vehicles.

Dollar requested the Council consider adding department heads or delegates to the insurance committee.

**WATER & WASTEWATER:**

Superintendent Deal advised the water main on Tyler Street is complete. Tyler Street is open and paving is complete.

Two leaks near 3<sup>rd</sup> and Rush Streets were repaired last week.

Deal reported quotes have been requested to rebuild the pressure filters in the water plant. The last rebuild on the filters was 18 years ago. At this time, Ortman's has provided a quote of \$83,655.00

Superintendent Deal advised the raw sewage pump is still in the shop for repair.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:**

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented the May Fund Report for the Council to review.

J. Treon advised the brick wall at the James Dean Park on Main Street was damaged by a vehicle. The Town's insurance has paid the claim and will pursue the vehicle owner's insurance for reimbursement.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

No meeting this month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

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

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Steven Hedrick, President

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Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer