

# AVON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2018

7:00pm

Avon Town Hall

6570 E US Hwy 36, Avon, Indiana

Call to Order was made by Council President Aaron Tevebaugh.

Roll Call was taken by Clerk-Treasurer, Sharon Howell. Council members present were Marcus Turner, Steve Eisenbarth and Aaron Tevebaugh. Tom Klein, Town Manager and Dan Taylor, Town Attorney, were also present.

## Consent Agenda

2/08/18 Town Council Meeting Minutes

2/22/18 Check Register

Approving INDOT Trail Maintenance Agreement for White Lick Creek Trail Phase 4.

Council member Turner made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Council member Eisenbarth seconded the motion.

M. Turner-for, S. Eisenbarth-for, A. Tevebaugh-for, B. Stafford-absent, G. Zusan-absent  
3-for, 0-against, Motion carried 3-0.

## Public Comment

Rian Wathen, 1480 Laurel Oak Drive, spoke about the upcoming Settlement West PUD. He distributed excerpts from Plan Commission minutes from 12/18/17 and 1/22/18 and stated his concerns. He encouraged Council to vote "No" on March 8, 2017.

Robert Culler, 1483 Laurel Oak Avenue, spoke about an article in the Indianapolis Star on 2/4/18 by Dr. Michael Hicks from Ball State University. The article was titled Economic Growth Not A Necessity for all Counties. He commented that the National Citizens Survey indicated that our focus should be on mobility. He also commented that until we get an approved thoroughfare study completed, we need to consider the impact that new developments and rezoning will have on our thoroughfare structure.

Joe Gray whom resides at 6685 Karen Drive distributed MIBOR listing as of 2/22/18 showing two-bedroom homes and pricing. He discussed the M/I home project and their \$250,000 average price homes. He is concerned that the market numbers do not support the M/I home pricing.

## Council Comment/Liaison Reports

Melissa Lubbert was elected to serve on the West Central Conservancy District Board.

K9 Officer Steve Kasprzyk and Eric Hollingsworth and their K9's will complete their initial patrol K9 meeting tomorrow. The training focuses on narcotic detection tracking and obedience. Retired K9 Hunter was recently hospitalized and underwent surgery to correct issues with his pancreas. He responded well to surgery.

The tenth Annual Citizens Academy registration was filled in 24 minutes. The course will begin on 4/18/18.

The Hendricks Flyer had an excellent article highlighting several of our staff.

Thoroughfare plan meeting was rescheduled.

## New Business

### Approving Supplement 1: Avon Avenue/150 South Roundabout

Additional right of way services will be needed for three additional parcels impacted by trail construction on the north limits of the future roundabout at Avon Avenue and CR 150S. Council

member Eisenbarth made a motion to approve Supplemental #1 fee proposal not to exceed \$209,135. Council member Turner seconded the motion.

M. Turner-for, S. Eisenbarth-for, A. Tevebaugh-for, B. Stafford-absent, G. Zusan-absent 3-for, 0-against, Motion carried 3-0.

#### Awarding Tree Clearing Quote

The Town Council approved the bid for White Lick Creek Phase 4 at a previous Town Council meeting. Due to the timing of the letting of this project and a requirement to not cut down trees after April 1<sup>st</sup> (to protect the Indiana bat) staff sent out a request to contractors to provide quotes for this tree clearing project. Staff requested authorization to accept the low quote.

Council member Turner made a motion to authorize a contract with Artistic Touch Trees not to exceed \$53,450.00. Council member Eisenbarth seconded the motion.

M. Turner-for, S. Eisenbarth-for, A. Tevebaugh-for, B. Stafford-absent, G. Zusan-absent 3-for, 0-against, Motion carried 3-0.

#### Requesting Authorization to Burn House: AFD

Avon Fire Department requested authorization to burn a house located at 6961 E. U.S. Hwy 36. The house was donated by the property owners and will be used for firefighter training. Council member Turner made a motion to approve the request from the Avon Fire Department. Council member Eisenbarth seconded the motion.

M. Turner-for, S. Eisenbarth-for, A. Tevebaugh-for, B. Stafford-absent, G. Zusan-absent 3-for, 0-against, Motion carried 3-0.

#### HCEDP Annual Report

Jeff Pipkin presented the 2017 Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership Report and summarized economic development activities in Avon some of which included:

- Hosting a Deep Dive to focus on workforce development
- 3 in depth business retention and expansion (BRE) meetings
- Developed the first BRE workshop for all Washington Township taxing districts
- Assisted with annual incentive compliance reporting
- Provided local job posting option at HendricksJobs.com
- Assisted the Avon High School JAG program

#### Chamber Annual Report

Tom Downard presented 2017 In Review for the Greater Avon Chamber of Commerce.

Some of the information/activities presented in the power point included:

- Unique website visits 46,347
- Website direct referrals 589,346
- Top 50 business categories searched
- Information on social media followers
- 43 new Chamber members
- Rib-Fest and Balloon Glow

#### Town of Avon Annual Report

Tom Klein presented the 2017 Town of Avon Annual Report.

Highlights included:

- Approving payment to speed up the Avon Avenue Project
- Adopting Comprehension Plan
- Established Economic Development Staff Position
- Established Storm Water Utility and fee
- Authorized update to Thoroughfare Plan
- Approved Avon Landing
- Approved Star Properties Commercial Rezoning

- Approved purchase of 28 acres of park land
- Adopted new rate for recreation impact fee
- Authorized update to town hall park site plan
- Annexed Crossbridge and Parkside Churches
- Annexed 160 acres of farm land in northwest area
- Dedicated historical marker for Adrian Parsons
- Dedicated memorial for Trooper Robert J Lather II

Chief Stoops presented for the Avon Police Department. Information presented included:

- Calls for service increased in 2017 (15,694)
- Reviewed Reactive vs Proactive Policing
- Provided breakdown of police reports (1,784) by type
- Decrease in traffic crashes for 2017 (921)
- Trends show DUI arrests, citations, traffic stops, calls for service are up
- Trends show case reports, crash reports, and violent crime down

**Resolution**

**Resolution 2018-05: Authorizing Reclassification for Officer Owens**

Chief Stoops requested that the Council grant the request to reclassify Officer Tom Owen’s position with the Avon Police Department to the rank of Sergeant effective March 12, 2018. Officer Owens has demonstrated the skills and experience to fulfill this position and has successfully completed the Avon Police Department promotional process.

Council member Turner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-05. Council member Eisenbarth seconded the motion.

M. Turner-for, S. Eisenbarth-for, A. Tevebaugh-for, B. Stafford-absent, G. Zusan-absent 3-for, 0-against, Motion carried 3-0.

**Resolution 2018-06: 2018 Community Enrichment Grants**

Council member Eisenbarth made a motion to adopt the 2018 Community Enrichment Grants as presented:

Hendricks County Symphonic Society	\$ 9,000
Avon Community Heritage Festival	\$ 7,500 for Heritage Festival and \$ 2,000 for Tree Lighting
Avon/Washington Township Library	\$ 2,500 for Celebrating Avon Event
Avon Chamber of Commerce	\$11,000 for Rib Fest

Council member Turner seconded the motion.

M. Turner-for, S. Eisenbarth-for, A. Tevebaugh-for, B. Stafford-absent, G. Zusan-absent 3-for, 0-against, Motion carried 3-0.

**Resolution 2018-07: Declaring Certain Property to be Worthless and Authorizing Disposal**

Council member Eisenbarth made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-07. Council member Turner seconded the motion.

M. Turner-for, S. Eisenbarth-for, A. Tevebaugh-for, B. Stafford-absent, G. Zusan-absent 3-for, 0-against, Motion carried 3-0.

**Ordinance**

**Introduction: Ordinance 2018-03: Business License Fees**

Federal law requires the waiving of fees for veterans and businesses whose owners have income below a certain threshold.

**Introduction: Ordinance 2018-04: Determining Political Affiliation for Appointments**

New state law outlines how the town determines political affiliation for appointments to board and commissions.

**Introduction: Ordinance 2018-05: FMLA Amendment**

Amends FMLA policy to have minimum leave time equal in paid and unpaid leave.

**Legal Counsel Report**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Calendar**

2/26/18 - AIM Legislative meeting

3/08/18 – Next Council meeting

4/14/18 – Chamber dinner

4/21/18 – Hendricks County Dancing with the Stars

4/28/18 – Library Artscape

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.