

# AVON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 9, 2009

Avon Town Hall Council Chamber

**Call to Order** was given by Council President Greg Zusan.

**Invocation** was led by John Lilly of Harmony Baptist Church

**Roll Call** was taken by Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Howell. Council members present were Greg Zusan, Beverley Austin, Charlie Dorton, Nikki Gordy, and Michael Rogers. Town Manager, Tom Klein and Darrin Chadd, Town Attorney were also present.

## **Consent Agenda**

Minutes were not available from March 31, 2009 council meeting.

Councilmember Austin motioned to approve the consent agenda of March 31, 2009 Check Register and Introduction: Ordinance 2009-07: Annexation of Certain Properties into the Town of Avon. Councilmember Gordy seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

C. Dorton-for, N. Gordy-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-for, M. Rogers-for  
Motion passed 5-0.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Council Comment**

Councilmember Zusan initiated discussion regarding writing policy for handling selection of design and construction (inspection) engineers for federally funded road projects. Tom Klein proposed need for clarification so that contractors are aware that the same company cannot design and do construction on the project. This is needed so that "another set of eyes" can aid in safeguarding the expected resolution of the project. This would also include subcontractors. All companies should be notified up front regarding this policy. A consensus was reached that further research was needed and that this would be added to the agenda for the next council meeting. Any additional information obtained will be forwarded before the next meeting so that resolution can be made due to current projects in various stages of completion.

## **Reports**

Councilmember Rogers asked for update on 200 S Project and who will pay. The party that is building the project is responsible for the initial payment of the project. Centex has merged with Pulte. Ryan Cannon is meeting with Centex on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to further resolve the existing problems. Centex has requested that payment be pushed back until the start of their next fiscal year.

Councilmember Dorton has asked Mr. Klein for the name of the violators on all code enforcement cases.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Opticon Grant Agreement for Avon Fire Department – Installation of emergency vehicle preemption equipment at traffic signals on various state highways in and near the town of Avon, Hendricks County, Indiana. Steve Eisenbarth provided information regarding new contract that needs to be signed by Avon Town Council.

Contract is written under the standard state guidelines of INDOT and is between the town and INDOT. Cost per engineer's estimate is approximately \$10,000 for equipment and installation per intersection. Project must have an INDOT engineer as overseer. Liability is reduced due to maintenance records confirming that equipment was installed and working properly. Police Department cannot use equipment without purchasing it. We have written confirmation that the state has accepted our plans. No work can commence before agreement has been signed off by Attorney General's office. Plainfield has installed compatible equipment and could provide costs associated with maintaining this equipment. A second contract needs to be drafted stating that the town will assume full liability for the operation and maintenance of this equipment. Insurance company needs to be notified of the additional liability town will be responsible for with this equipment upgrade.

Message board at SR 267 indicating when a train is on the track is still with INDOT-they will make the determination of when to install this equipment.

## **Ordinance**

**Public Hearing-Ordinance 2009-07: Annexation of Certain Properties in to the Town of Avon**

No one came forward during public hearing.

**Ordinance 2009-10: Political Signs**

Mr. Chadd reviewed the need to clarify restrictions on signs as to how long they can be displayed (30 days before election/4 days after election), size of signs-must be consistent with other types of signs displayed, number of signs that can be displayed per lot (2). Based on positive feedback on this proposal Councilmember Dorton made motion to pass this ordinance.

Council member Rogers seconded the motion. Roll call vote.

C. Dorton-for, N. Gordy-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-for, M. Rogers-for  
Motion passed 5-0.

## **Sustainability Analysis**

Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group presented.

2009 Budget has not been approved yet. Estimated projections for 2009-2012 based on property tax. Sustainability Analysis gives cost breakdown by fund. There are additional areas that some further cuts can be made. There will be significant increases in health insurance.

**Legal Counsel Report**

Mr. Chadd had nothing to report at this time.

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Calendar**

4/11/09 8:30 a.m. Legislative Meeting

4/14/09 7:00 a.m. Recommendation Meeting

4/23/09 7:00 p.m Next Council Meeting

4/29/09 Pyramid Mediation Preparation

5/05/09 Pyramid Mediation