

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF SPRING GROVE

June 14, 2016

Held at Quaker Hill

7:00 p.m.

Board members present included Adolph Werner, Norma Wright, Ben Lukacek, Murlin Clark and Ernest Hendricks. Also in attendance were A.J. Sickmann, Joe Kaiser, Carol Polver and Darrell Honaker.

At 7:04 pm, Mr. Hendricks called the meeting to order. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as read, with Mr. Lukacek moving acceptance, seconded by Mr. Werner. Unanimous.

Mr. Sickmann has met with the county auditor and sheriff and reported that the county accounting system will be made to comply with any deposits or expenditures on behalf of Spring Grove.

President Hendricks brought to the attention of the board the immediate renewal of the fire contract and the costs to do so. The county auditor has provided Spring Grove with an accounting of tax-exempt properties within the town and their ratios of taxable to non-taxable parcels. The gross assessed value of Spring Grove is \$11,144,000 with \$7,917,760 being tax exempt, leaving the 29% of the existing property owners responsible for all taxes levied for the Town of Spring Grove.

The question of signage at the intersection of Sim Hodgin and US 27 was brought to the attention of the board by Dr. Hendricks, who explained that the property in question is being advertised for sale as a commercial parcel. The seller realtor will be asked to remove the word "commercial" from the sign's wording.

Mr. Lukacek brought to the Board's attention two other signage issues. One being the need for a dead end sign to be placed on Bon Aire and the other need for additional signage on Waterfall Road. The sign would warn drivers of the presence of pedestrians. Dr. Hendricks said he will consult the sign book.

A discussion was then held regarding Mr. Lukacek's protests. In light of the 3-1 favorable vote taken at the May 10th meeting, upon the recommendation by Mr. Sickmann that the Spring Grove Board be allowed to continue as the legitimate representative of the citizens of Spring Grove, Mr. Lukacek withdrew all complaints, accusations, grievances, claims and charges. This included, on his part, the cancellation of a charge made to the State of Indiana that a member of the Spring Grove Board had identified Mr. Lukacek as a descendent of a particular ethnicity as well as being a member of certain (not named) religious denomination or religious group.

Mr. Lukacek explained that an interview conducted on a local radio station was made at the request of the station itself and not initiated by Mr. Lukacek.

President Hendricks questions Mr. Lukacek about his contacting the Indiana State Police about the Spring Grove Board and then held an open discussion on the effectiveness the Board has had in overseeing the business of the Town of Spring Grove. Mrs. Wright offered a synopsis of the general tenor of the Spring Grove Board, adding that her hope that it could prevail with fairness and harmonious behavior without interruption.

At 7:56 pm. Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to adjourn. Unanimous.

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