

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF SPRING GROVE

January 9, 2018

HELD AT QUAKER HILL CONFERENCE CENTER

7:00PM

Board members present included Dr. Ernie Hendricks, Doug Brenneke, Ben Lukacek and Murlin Clark. Also present were Counsel A.J. Sickmann and citizens of Spring Grove.

The minutes of the December 12th meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve as submitted was made by Mr. Lukacek and seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously approved.

Payment vouchers were circulated for approval and signature.

Legal Counsel Report:

Counsel reported on the status of the current fire contract.

Current and New Business:

The board unanimously approved the appointment of Annemarie Chasteen as a board member and was sworn in to office by Mr. Sickmann.

There was further discussion of the fire contract and the board agreed to have Mr. Sickmann approach the Richmond Board of Works to discuss the Spring Grove concerns. An update will be provided at the next board meeting.

Dr. Hendricks reported that the annual Boundary and Annexation Survey would be completed and submitted with no changes to report.

Dr. Hendricks discussed the need for additional board members to achieve bonding given anticipated departures on the board. Mr. Brenneke agreed to pursue that step as needed. Dr. Hendricks also advised the board that updated bonding paid and completed for Dr. Hendricks and Mr. Clark. The necessary application forms would be obtained from Julie Garrett of RMD/Patti Insurance to move forward on this step.

There was discussion of a citizen complaint regarding the discharge of a firearm within town limits. Dr. Hendricks agreed to reach out to Sheriff Cappa to review the current county ordinances around that topic. An update will be provided in subsequent meetings.

An update was provided with regard to the Spring Grove flood plain submission. There would be no change from previous submissions.

Members of the Planning Commission participated in a workshop with Steve Higgenbotham on January 8th to continue the process of updating the Spring Grove land use, building and zoning ordinances to align with Indiana and local codes as a result of the approval and adoption of the updated Comprehensive Plan. Continuation sessions are planned monthly to complete the work and scheduling of those follow-up sessions is in process, with the next scheduled session being April 9, 2018.

Given the departures of Mr. Werner and Mr. Lukacek from the Board, Dr. Hendricks expressed his willingness to continue as Board President for a limited period of time until the board is fully seated and new officers elected. The board thanked Dr. Hendricks for his willingness to continue to serve and agreed that it would be much appreciated given the current membership circumstances.

Further discussion occurred on the open positions on the Planning Commission, BZA, and Town Board with input requested.

The board will discuss further in the April board meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lukacek and seconded by Mr. Clark.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Brenneke



Handwritten signatures of Doug Brenneke, Murlin L. Clark, and Robert Erbe.