

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF SPRING GROVE

August 13, 2019

HELD AT QUAKER HILL CONFERENCE CENTER

7:00 P.M.

Board members present included Dr. Ernest Hendricks, Doug Brenneke and Robert Erbse.

Absent were Annemarie Chasteen and Murlin Clark.

Also present was A.J. Sickmann, Tammy Glenn, Penn Ansorg and, representing East Indiana Recovery, Stevie Duncan and Shelly Barnhart.

Dr. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes were previously distributed for review. Doug Brenneke made a motion for approval. Bob Erbse seconded. All in favor.

Payment vouchers were reviewed. Among them were the 1st payment for the contractor Bordon Masonry who was contracted with to perform the continued work on the retaining wall at the entrance to the Heights. The work should continue during the third week of August. The contractor will provide traffic control during the project.

Also, the 1st half of the Fire Protection Contract with the City of Richmond was paid.

Clerk Report. Tammy Glenn reminded the Board that there would be a pre-budget meeting with a representative of the State Board of Accounts on August 15th at 9:15 a.m. at the County Annex Building.

Dr. Hendricks introduced the representatives of East Indiana Recovery, Stevie Duncan and Shelly Barnhart. They had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss their drug addiction recovery practice that is located in Spring Grove at 1044 Oak Drive. There was a concern that their practice may not meet the criteria for the zoning in that area.

Ms. Duncan described the practice as an outpatient program for addiction recovery that currently has about 100 patients, 2 doctors and, 3 physician assistants. They do not distribute medication on site. The doctors counsel the patients and prescribe the needed medications. They have been practicing at this location for approximately two years without issue.

Dr. Hendricks questioned how they were able to locate their business in the Spring Grove district without requesting zoning clearance. They had taken over the previous physician practice at that location and wasn't aware that permission was needed. There was additional

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discussion. Further investigation will be done by the Town attorney to determine if the practice complies with the zoning rules.

Plan Commission report. No new developments at this time. The Unsafe Building Commission discussion will be presented at a future meeting.

Dr. Hendricks gave further description of the project at the entrance of Spring Grove Heights. There was citizen concern about if the trees at that location are going to be taken down. Dr. Hendricks stated that the roots of the trees would be cut back but the trees would be maintained for erosion control.

Dr. Hendricks stated that he had called Scott Hester with Milestone. He shared with him that there is interest in adding a third speed hump on Waterfall road. Further discussion will come to a future meeting.

Citizen Penn Ansorg was introduced. She shared her concern with the possible re-use of the Old Reid Hospital property. There had been article in the Palladium-Item that a possible development would be for a casino or a convention center. She has concerns that these uses of the property would not be favorable for the Town of Spring Grove. She volunteered to be an advocate for Spring Grove if needed in future discussions.

Dr. Hendricks shared with the Board that the Mayor of the City of Richmond requested a meeting with him to discuss the possibility of the City of Richmond annexing the area of Spring Grove or that the two entities could have a reorganization that effectively does the same as annexing with fewer statutory requirements and mutual agreement between the entities. This was simply a conversation to determine what the process was and what the pros and cons would be to both the City and Spring Grove. There is concern about the autonomy of Spring Grove about decisions effecting its citizens, as well as, the possible increased tax rates if the City of Richmond levied the taxes for the services in Spring Grove. This was an exchange of ideas only. Future developments would be brought to the Board for discussion and consideration.

With no other business to discuss, Doug Brenneke made a motion for adjournment. Robert Erbse^{2nd}. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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